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A capacity crowd of close to 550 attended the Gibsons Elementary School Christmas concert Thursday night in the school auditorium, and were treated to a trip around the world in Christmas carols.

Selections in the hour and a half long program ranged from Jingle Bells March and Jazz in a Mellow Mood by the senior band through the Huron Carol, German and Spanish carols, and a somewhat modified version of The Twelve Days of Christmas, including such things as 10 tons of toenails, six T.V. dinners, two flat tires, and a cuckoo in a lemon tree.

The program closed with the Grade sevens singing the Mexican Pinata Song in honor of their planned trip to Mexico in the spring and Divisions 6 and 7 with an enthusiastic version of We Wish you a Merry Christmas.

The students made presentations in appreciation of their work to band leader Mr. Epp, Pianist Mrs. Peters, stage director Mrs. Elson and Mrs. Page, in charge of properties and decorations. Dave Rempel, principal, thanked the parents of children involved for their co-operation in making costumes and promised that in future they would be given a little more notice as to the type of costumes needed.

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One hundred and ten grade 5 6 and 7 students took part in a pantomime Christmas pageant Tuesday and Wednesday night at Sechelt Elementary School. The theme of the pageant was Christmas in a medieval court, complete with royalty, minstrels, tumblers, mummers and jugglers.

Garbage collection activities become prime news event

Sechelt's council has decided that 166% increase in garbage collection services is too much.

Kelly and Sharpe Disposal to whom the village has been contracted notified council Wednesday night that collection rates would increase from $300 to $800 per month.

Council discussed operating its own garbage services as opposed to contracting with a private disposal service but decided that it would cost too much at the present time.

A new contract was given to Sunshine Coast Disposal Services with a bid of $400 per month.

Gibsons council is also deliberating their garbage service increase which went from $67 to $90 per month. The Gibsons contract with Kelly and Sharpe provides only regular and container pick-ups at the village office, parks and the wharf, and loes not include services to private residences.

Lloyd Sharpe, of Kelly and Sharpe Disposal said later he was glad he wasn't awarded the new contract for Sechelt because "we couldn't even buy gas for that much."

He said the price increases were justified because the price of gas and labour had practically doubled.

Sharpe said residential pick-ups would increase from $3 to $4 per month in the new year.

Kelly and Sharpe Garbage Disposal of Gibsons would like to see the Gibsons garbage dump closed to the public because people are throwing their garbage indiscriminately over the dump making it difficult for trucks and other equipment to maneuver.

Robert Kelly, representing Kelly and Sharpe, told the Regional board Thursday night the mess at the dump makes it hard to get into with a truck. He suggested that the gate be closed and opened to the public only at certain times when a maintainance man is present.

"The public that go up there with cars are not paying anything," Kelly complained.

Chairman Frank West told Kelly that the board realized the problems "but if we lock it up people will dump their garbage outside the fence."

"It would be nice if tax payers would make proper use of the dump because maintainance costs more and more," West said. "The pollution board sets up standards and if people don't cooperate it's going to cost them."

The matter will be further discussed in a garbage commitee meeting.

B.C. can get 5 federal seats

The Redistribution Bill, C-36 received final reading in the House of Commons Monday, Dec. 16. B.C. members expected four new seats but an extra seat came about during the final two days in committee.

Holding out for that fifth seat, B.C. members, headed by Coast Chilcotin MP Jack Pearsall, won their point.

The bill now goes to the senate for final approval. In all Canada 15 seats will be added. B.C. gets five.

In closing the debate Mr. Pearsall said that "As a new member serving on the committee that brought this bill forward, I should like to go on record as paying tribute to members on both sides of the House as they piloted through a somewhat difficult bill. Although it is not satisfactory to all, I feel it is nevertheless a step in the right direction. As a newcomer to committee work, I must say that I found members on both sides of the House most helpful. Some with many years seniority were most helpful on a non-political basis."

Hon. Mitchell Sharp informed the house that "We are hoping that on the basis of the new distribution of seats, or whatever proposals may be forthcoming as a result of discussions in the committee, there will at least be a better opportunity for the representation of the Canadian people.

Ferry change

The Sunshine Coast Queen will be going in for refit January 15, to be replaced by the Queen of Sidney. The carrying capacity of the Queen of Sidney is 138 vehicles, as opposed to 175 vehicles on the Sunshine Coast Queen. No problems are anticipated at this time of the year, particularly as the Queen of Sidney is a much faster vessel.

Board offers deal on water

The Regional board has made an official offer to Gibsons council to purchase the water system on Pratt and Veterans Roads for $4 per foot or book value of the system, whichever is higher.

"We won't give you a loss on the thing," chairman Frank West told Director Kurt Hoehne who will take the offer back to council, "but we won't negotiate on the $10 or $11 per foot."

In recent negotiations over the Pratt and Veterans Road waterlines outside village boundaries, Gibsons council, quoted engineers Dayton and Knight saying that replacement of the lines would cost $11 per foot at today's prices.

West said the $4 per foot was estimated by Regional works superintendent Gordon Dixon and "under no circumstances should the village have any book loses."

"If you can show us the book value is higher, which it is likely to be, we don't begrudge the village a small windfall," West told Hoehne.

Book value refers to the original capital costs the village paid to install the water lines concerned.

West said if the village made a large profit on this deal it would be the taxpayer that would have to bear the burden.

Asked if the Regional board's offer sounded reasonable Director Hoehne said, "No, it doesn't."

Directors seek pay boost

Regional board directors passed a bylaw Thursday night that will give them a 100% pay increase effective January 1.

Bylaw No. 98 provides that each director or alternate director will be paid $50 for each Regional board meeting, and $50 for each committee meeting, and that the chairman will receive $100 per meeting.

The previous remuneration was $25 per meeting for directors and alternates, and $50 for the chairman.

Chairman Frank West said that the increase is the first in nine years and that it amounts to 6½% a year. He said that the bylaw provides for two restraints. First, the remuneration is subject to limitations set by the annual budget, and second, only the directors of a duly appointed committee and those members by invitation whose presence is deemed necessary will receive remuneration.

Alternate Director Dennis Shuttleworth, filling in for Norm Watson, suggested that the board should forego the raise because "it's not the right time for politicians to be giving themselves an increase."

"In view of what's happening in Ottawa," Shuttleworth said, referring to the recent bill that would have given federal MPs a 50% pay hike, "there's a feeling that somebody must tighten their belt."

He said that if inflation was going to be stopped, somebody has to set the example.

Director Peter Hoemberg said that the money was not excessive and that according to the time a director has to spend attending meetings and gathering background information it was still not 'worthwhile' financially, if it was ever thought of in those terms. He added that "the public eyebrows are always raised when we, as members of the board, give ourselves a raise."

Outgoing director Harry Almond, who was defeated by Jim Ironside in last November's election, said that he would abstain from voting on the bylaw "since I won't be here to take the flack from the taxpayers."

Board given lots for school

Sechelt council has given the school board somewhat of a Christmas present. The school board was given preferred lots numbered 1 and 2 for the site of the proposed high school.

The school board had initially requested lots 1 and 2 but council decided that they would keep those themselves for recreational purposes. Lots 1 and 2 are adjacent to the new Sunshine Coast arena.

Council told the school board it could have two similar lots numbered 11 and 12 in the arena but that application would have to be made to the provincial government to get those lots out of the land freeze.

The school board informed council last week that it didn't want to contradict the land freeze policy and that it still desired lots 1 and 2.

Museum require drapes

Gibsons museum society has decided it wants drapes to match their rug and display cases to house the perishable articles.

In a letter written to Gibsons council last week, Joan Mahlman, society secretary stated that all the windows in the new museum building should have drapes of the same material and quality as those in the school board offices.

"It is our understanding council has agreed to replace the drapes which were made and donated to the museum when it was housed in the municipal building basement."

The letter also asks council to supply display cases to preserve perishable articles and an annual grant to assist in preparing and preservation of the perishable articles.

Mayor Larry Labonte, in response to the museum society's requests, said the drape problem should be solved in the near future. As for the cases, council noted that it would run into thousands of dollars.

"We have just built them a new building, what they going to do in return?," Mayor Labonte asked.

The Mayor said he and Alderman Stuart Metcalfe will meet with the museum society to discuss the problems "Maybe there will be some grant we can apply for in the new year."

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Another tomorrow!

It was a less troublesome world that greeted 1875 which saw the famous Opera House of Paris opened after 11 years of labor. The startling news which seeped through to news channels somewhat slowly revealed that the Emperor of China, aged 19, died under suspicious circumstances.

One of the foremost artists of that period, Jean Francois Millet died. His famed picture The Man with the Hoe drew later from poet Edwin Markham his famed lines:

"Bowed by the weight of centuries he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world."

Today the "man with the hoe" eyes his modern machinery but still on his back "is the burden of the world." Times change but situations somehow remain the same between 1875 and 1975.

A friend of the Coast News who has travelled the world over and reaches informants in higher places than does this publication, in his greeting to the editor, wrote:

"Christmas is the moment when we clean our lenses and face that light steadfastly, knowing that we do not walk toward it alone.

"For us Christmas is a time of joining hands, feeling the security of each other. It is a quiet period of remembering as well as an hour for singing ancient carols that are dedicated to 'forever.' We bid you joyfully to make this chain of determination and greet the New Year in Faith and in kinship, fellowship and comradeship. This is a force which cannot be computed.

"The world's vocabulary resounds with violent words and urgent needs: drought, famine, energy shortage. We save more lives than ever then fail to find use for them. The politicians promise cure-alls and go into bewildering double-talk. The leaders in religions quote unblemished texts to solve everything. Great teachers and orators pronounce positive panaceas.

"We might well turn our faces to the wall and join in a rising moan that all is lost, all is without hope and in any case it will all cost too much!

"So... let us face these evils and plunge through these fogs of depression, inflation and human malice to say nothing of human failures in administration.

"Turn on the bright light of courage. Before anything else let us take a true posture. Each problem can be met one at a time. That we yet talk of dire crisis, shows we have already survived many and have the equipment to pass through others. The family of man comes up against these negative walls then goes over or through them.

"Next year, 1975, is just another tomorrow raising an incandescent light of hope."

5 to 25 years ago

Five Years Ago

Forecasting Christmas weather the forecaster maintained it would be green based on his conclusion the previous winter was the opposite.

Coast Cable Vision reports work on the Gibsons and Sechelt towers has started.

The school board announces split shifts will end on Jan.26.

Ten Years Ago

Toll free phoning between Gibsons and Sechelt is announced as soon as the lines are ready.

Joe Benner won a seat on Sechelt's council as the result of a close vote involving Mr. Benner and Louis Hansen.

Snow started falling on West Howe Sound area Dec. 17 and at press time Dec. 22 about 17 inches had covered the ground.

15 Years Ago

Hon. Phil Gaglardi announce his department has under consideratons a ferry from Powell River to Vancouver Island.

Gibsons council sets up a fire call system which links up telephones of volunteer fire force members

A freak windstorm in Pender Harbor area felled a number of fair-sized trees.

20 Years Ago

Someone at phone number 124H Gibsons advertised a Santa Claus suit for sale.

Liquor plebiscites were advertised to take place in 10 regions of the Sunshine Coast area.

Jack Nelson was re-elected Noble Grand at the Sunshine Coast 100F Lolge 76 first annual meeting.

25 Years Ago

Snow and freezing cold covered the Sunshine Coast area as Christmas closed in.

Lloyd Davis announces Pender Harbor will have a daily air service to Vancouver.

Wakefield Coffee shop announces its opening under management of Mrs. J.B. Boyd.

Residence closing surprises

Gerard Peters writing in the current issue of Nesika, the Voice of B.C. Indians, published by the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs reports on the chelt Residence school on Sechelt Reserve, sometime next impending closure of the Sesummer. Here is the article he wrote:

The Sechelt students residence, in various capacities has served to further the education of Indian children for a time spanning nearly three-quarters of a century.

Chief Henry Paull of the Sechelt band was notified in a letter dated Nov. 21 that, "From time to time we have been discussing the closure of the Sechelt Student Residence and it was decided yesterday that the Residence would close on June 30th, 1975." It was signed by district supervisor W.J. Easton, Fraser District.

Despite the mention of discussion of closure the band claims, however, that they were not notified of an impending decision to close the former school.

In fact, says Teddy Joe, who serves as education co-ordinator and is on the band council, the decision was reached without consultation with the Sechelt band.

Echoes fellow councillor Gilber Joe, "We suddely got this as a surprise."

The band says that the word was given first to band manager Clarence Joe at a meeting attended by the higher-ups in Indian Affairs. Clarence Joe was given no inkling of the closure decision prior to this.

Closure would have far reaching implications for the Sechelt band. Twenty band members realize an income of 130 to 140 thousand dollars from the residence.

The local school district will also feel the bite. With perhaps 75 or 80 students removed from the district their budget will be cut by nearly $1000 per pupil.

It is estimated that 75 percent of the students in the residence are from Mount Currie and Sliammon. Teddy Joe suspected that these bands might have had consultation with Indian Affairs about the decision to close.

Boyce Banner, head of education for Fraser district, however has said that his office has had no formal indication from either band except that Mount Currie was possibly leaning toward taking over its entire education programme.

He added that he had heard the figure of $5000 maintenance per pupil per year mentioned and a figure of $1 million which would be required to bring the residence up to standard. He was not consulted about the decision and he was called in because he was given the duty of notifying the administrator and the school District.

He said it was a management decision, meaning the Region office of the Department of Indian Affairs. We were unable to contact Al Friesen, head of education in the regional offices by press time.

Sechelt says they have been getting good input from the bands whose children live in the residence and none had mentioned pulling out entirely.

They point out that they've received no monies from Indian Affairs for the use of their reserve land first for a scooi then as a residence. The property is prime economic development land.

Their administration offices are located in a former day school which was built in 1952 after the Sechelt band agreed to pull their students from the more isolated bands to send their children to school.

Characteristically they,re now looking for the best use to make of their property.

They point out that former residences have been put to good use. Port Alberni now provides offices for the West Coast District Council. Alert Bay is now a marine school.

The former residential school turned student's residence may one day house the elderly or the handicapped.

279 collective agreements

Although the information is preliminary and subject to change as late settlements are brought to the atttention of the department, provincial minister of labor W. S. King noted there were 279 major collective agreements settled over the past four quarters, covering a total of 157,308 employees.

Increases in hourly earnings provided by these settlements averaged 16.0% or 87 cents per hour. Skilled employees received a wage increase of 16.9% or $1.03 per hour, while the unskilled job classes averaged increases of 14.8% or 68 cents per hour.

The minister explained that the average wage increases seemed to reflect the high rate of inflation, now 12% for the Vancouver area, and also, that many contracts included catch up increases as settlements of a year or two ago had not been large enough to keep pace with inflation.

During the third quarter of 1974, there were 58 settlements covering a total of 38,885 employees. Average annual increases in hourly earnings of 20.5% or $1.04 per hour were provided for in the contracts.

Breast cancer aid sought

The British Columbia Medical Association, the central association of doctors, and the B.C. and Yukon Division of the Canadian Cancer Society have joined in urging the provincial government to finance a proposed breast screening program

The controlled screening study would be launched in three phases: Setting up clinics in Vancouver and Victoria in the first phase, expanding clinics to five or six larger B.C. communities in the second year, and finally, equipping travelling vans to carry clinic service to smaller communities.

The pilot screening project earlier won support from Health Minister Dennis Cocke but was turned down by the provincial cabinet because there appeared to be no public support for such a program

At a news conference in Vancouver, both Dr. Hector S. Gillespie, president of the BCMA, and Adrian Carrick, executive director of the B.C. and Yukon Division of the Canadian Cancer Society, urged the public to support the proposed program.

They said citizens and organizations should write to the health minister urging that such a program be undertaken in the interests of the continuing fight against cancer.

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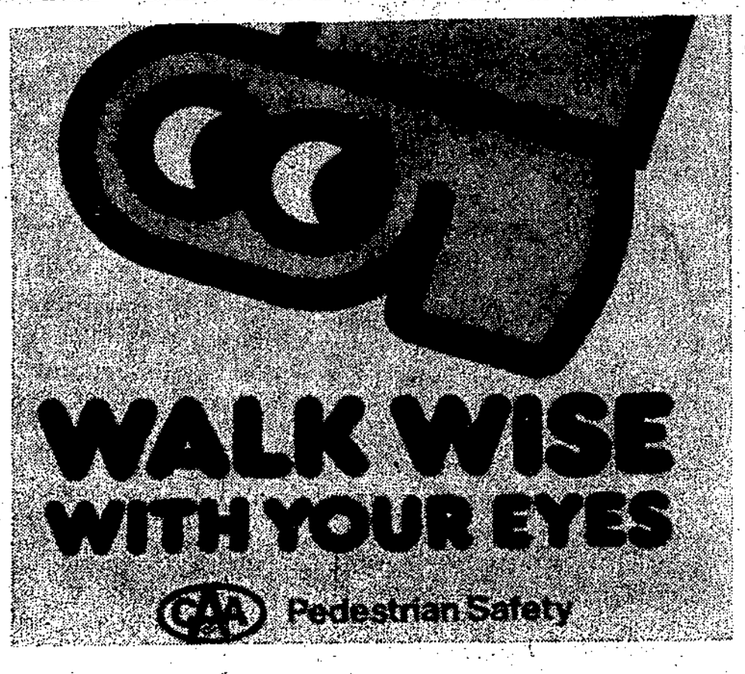

Madeira Park shots in court

A Madeira Park man was given a conditional discharge and a two year probation in Provincial Court Thursday when he pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance by discharging a firearm in a public place.

Donald A. Westersund was told by Judge J. S. P Johnson that he was given the conditional discharge because "you are a young man, you operate your own business and a criminal conviction may impair your activities."

According to a witness, James P. Murray, also of Madeira Park, Westersund fired nine shots from a lever-action rifle early on October 12.

Murray, who lives across the alley from Westersund, told police he was asleep and about 2 a.m. heard the noise of a sports car and shots being fired.

"I looked out and saw Westersund holding a lever-action rifle in the back alley."

Murray called RCMP and when they went to the rear door of Westersund's premises one of the officers heard a rifle being loaded. Police told the accused to come out with his hands up.

Westersund opened the door and police found a 30-30 rifle on the floor loaded and cocked.

Defence lawyer for the accused told the court that his client's drug store was a prime target for vandals and that Westersund had fired shots in the air because he had heard a noise in the bushes behind the store.

Westersund said later that his store had already been broken into last summer.

Defense said that Westersund fired the shots into the air not with the intention of harming but only scaring somebody. "I have explained to my client that he can't go around shooting off a firearm, even if he is entitled to protection of his property," the defense stated.

He also said that there was a personal dispute between Murray and Westersund resulting from accusations made by Westersund that Murray's store was selling certain drugs.

It was revealed to the court that inquiries had been made by the college of pharmacists and Mr. Murray was subsequently directed not to sell those drugs.

Judge J. S. P Johnson told Westersund that he didn't like the idea of guns and asked him why he hadn't phoned the police.

"I phoned the police in Sechelt," Westersund said, "but you either get a recording or no answer."

Westersund said that when the police came to his door he invited them inside and "I submit that the gun was empty, not loaded."

Crown prosecutor Hugh McCallum told the judge that he was quite concerned over the "dangerous mentality" involved.

In handing down his decision Judge Johnson told the accused that his actions were "unusual and eccentric" and that the terms of his conditional discharge would not allow him to possess a firearm for two years "for the protection of the community and yourself."

Westersund is also being charged with pointing a firearm and was remanded on that charge until January 9.

What is it now—I washed my hands, didn't I?

Boating spills most dangerous

A Red Cross study of drowning statistics from every province except Nova Scotia, found boating accidents have replaced swimming as the largest cause of drownings in Canada. They now account for 32 percent of all drownings, as compared to 24 percent ten years ago.

Swimming accidents account for 23 percent, and falls from stationary objects, such as docks or river banks, account for 27 percent. A surprising 9.4 percent of drownings result from non-aquatic vehicle accidents, most of which occur when passengers are trapped in a vehicle which has driven off a bridge or into a ditch.

In breaking down the boating accidents, the researchers found that 50 percent of them are caused by capsized boats and 32 percent from falling overboard. Most occur in small unpowered boats, such as canoes.

BETTER HOSPITAL FOOD

A new system of food preparation developed by Agriculture Canada scientists at Summerland, B.C., and staff at the Penticton Regional Hospital is providing tasty, nutritious meals for patients. Whole meals are prepared in the hospital kitchen and frozen. Tests show the food stays hot enough after heating in forced air convection ovens to reach the meal table at optimum temperature.

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Recent changes to the Canada Pension Plan will result in substantially increased benefits for 1975 and subsequent years. **There are other important changes, too.** Some affect people over 65 or approaching that age. Others provide equality for the spouses and dependent children of male and female contributors. These changes may require prompt action or getting advice. So we suggest you read this message very carefully.

1. Retirement Pensions Have you contributed to the Plan at any time since January 1, 1966?

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Apply now and start receiving your monthly CPP retirement pension. No more need to retire to collect benefits. (Once you start receiving your pension, however, you can't make further contributions to the Plan.)

OR

Continue to contribute to the CPP and possibly build up a larger retirement pension to commence at a later date. Continuing to contribute is also a way to qualify survivors for benefits if you have not already done so. (When approaching age 70, you should consider applying for your retirement pension because after 70 you may no longer contribute to the Canada Pension Plan.)

NOTE: Before making your choice you may wish to seek advice from the nearest CPP office. The staff will be pleased to help you.

Are you approaching age 65?

If you have made your choice and want your CPP retirement pension to commence as early as possible, you should apply two or three months before your 65th birthday.

NOTE: There is no provision for retroactive payment of retirement pensions between the ages of 65 and 69. So if you're in that age group or approaching it, get advice as soon as possible.

Do you now receive a CPP retirement pension?

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2. Equal Protection for Males and Females.

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Benefits for Surviving Spouses

A monthly pension payable to the widower who at the time of the death of the contributor is over 35 years of age, **or** under 35 years of age but is disabled or has dependent children; that is, a benefit similar to that which has always existed for widows.

Benefits for Orphans

A monthly benefit payable to unmarried dependent children under 18 and to unmarried dependent children between 18 and 25 attending school or university on a full-time basis.

In order for survivors to qualify, the contributor must have died in January 1968 or later and must have contributed for the minimum contributory period, which is three years for deaths occurring before January 1, 1975.

Benefits for Children of Disabled Contributors

A monthly benefit payable to unmarried dependent children under 18 and to unmarried dependent children between 18 and 25 attending school or university on a full-time basis, where the contributor concerned is in receipt of a CPP Disability Pension.

NOTE: In all cases, it is necessary to make application for benefits. If such applications are approved, payments can only be made currently—that is, from January 1, 1975. No payment can be made for any period prior to that date.

Other Changes:

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GREETINGS

In lieu of Christmas cards a donation has been sent to the Save the Children's Fund.
—J. HIND-SMITH.

To all my friends go wishes for a warm, old-fashioned, family-filled holiday. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Gifts have been sent to the Mission to Seamen.
—MRS. F. A. JONES

To the residents of the Sunshine Coast, the Kinette Club of Gibsons would like to thank you all for the support given throughout the year. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Merry Christmas to all our friends on the Sunshine Coast. In lieu of cards, we are giving a donation to the Retarded Children's Fund.
—Evelyn and Don MacKay and family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the family, friends, merchants and all at St. Mary's.
—Hugh and Viola Mowatt.

Season's Greetings to friends and neighbors. Donation of card money to Central City Mission as usual.
—MADGE NEWMAN

BIRTHS

PRICE — Born on Friday, December 13, 1974 to Bill and Kim (nee Crosby) at St. Mary's Hospital, a daughter, Stacey Lee, 7 lbs., 5½ oz.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for the many kind thoughts, cards and visits that we have received in the hospital. We also sincerely appreciate the thoughtfulness of many people who have kept us in their prayers. Merry Christmas and all our best wishes for the New Year.
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USE CHRISTMAS SEALS

Man's best friend . . . or a "growing irritation"?

Dogs back in news again

Local politicians are getting dog tired. Of the dog problem that is.

Two weeks ago Gibsons Alderman Metcalfe brought up the problem to council and asked RCMP to enforce the laws of the Domestic Animal Protection Act.

Last week the same problem was placed before the Regional Board. Malcolm Mactavish, principal of Roberts Creek Elementary School, wrote a letter to the board stating that his school was having a problem with stray dogs and asking them to handle this "growing irritation."

Mr. Mactavish suggested the Regional board undertake the function of controlling stray doys and set up a dog pound.

"It's a little bit hard for us to look after this problem in such a large area," said Chairman Frank West. "To deal with the dog problem properly means a pound which is going to cost us $40,000 to $50,000 a year."

When Director Tim Frizzell mentioned that two school children had been bitten by dogs at Davis Bay school, West stressed that parents must be educated to keep their dogs at home.

He said that the Regional board did not have the money to budget for dog control and if there was $40,000 left it would be put to much better use such improved garbage disposal.

West said that dog control must be initiated by the people who live in the community and that the best place to start was Gibsons because "it's a great dog convention town."

IN COURT

Verne C. Berger, 21, was fined $50 in Provincial court Thursday for driving without due care and attention.

Police reported that Berger was driving on highway 101 north of Powell River when he lost control of his car and smashed into a power pole.

Clifford Johnson was fined $350 and prohibited from driving for 3 months when he pleaded guilty to driving while his driver's license was under suspension.

Johnson had been stopped by police in Port Moody September 15 and given a roadside suspension and was later found driving again.

Johnson complained to Judge J.S.P. Johnson that he needed his license to go to work and would probably lose his job without it. "It would have been a lot worse if you had killed somebody on the highway," Judge Johnson told the accused.

Auxiliary names 1975 officers

Port Mellon Hospital Auxiliary's Dec. 11 meeting at the home of Mrs. Rita Hincks in Langdale was attended by 15 members.

Committee reports showed that, although the group is small, they hold up their end at the hospital gift shop and the thrift shop.

The 1975 officers are: Mrs. Rita Hincks, president; Mrs. Margaret Barton, vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Gill, secretary; Mrs. Edith Ross, treasurer; Mrs. Wilma Sim, publicity.

The draw for the petit point stool, donated by Mr. Ken Barton, was won by D. Redshaw.

Christmas gifts were exchanged during a delicious luncheon.

Letters to Editor

The following is a copy of a letter sent to School Board Chairman Mrs. A. Labonte:

Dear Mrs. Labonte:

The bus driver that turned his vehicle around and ordered four students off because one of them lit a cigarette should be commended. If the bus management had reported the incident to the school authorities the matter would have been ignored or lost in red tape. Do our School Trustees not realize that this driver is responsible for the safety of our children? I can't see how he can safely drive a bus and discipline the students at the same time. The Bus management, like our teachers, should be given full authority to discipline our children while they are under their control.

This so-called discipline, or lack of it, in our schools goes far beyond the bus issue. Discipline must start in the home and must be enforced by our teachers. The students themselves in a recent Vancouver survey voted for more discipline, even to the point of reimposing the strap.

Come on, Agnes and Joe, let's co-operate with our teachers and bus drivers and give them teeth to enforce the rules.

—J. P. PERRY, DVM.

Baptists hold carol service plus pageant

At Calvary Baptist Church, Gibsons, a full Christmas program was enjoyed on Sunday evening, Dec. 15. The program was arranged and directed by Mrs. Esther Anderson, with Ted Peters assisting. Arlys Peters and Nancy Miller were at the piano and organ. A children's choir, along with an adult choir rendered the beautiful Christmas music.

Practices began in October and each Sunday following. A Friday evening was given to full dress rehearsal and a social time for all participants.

The program began with the singing of carols. This was followed by the pre-school children's part in sharing the story of the Good News, then young and old took part in drama and song to portray the coming of the King of Peace.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel was sung as the choir appeared in the foyer and in procession to the stage. This carol drew our attention to the age-long deep conscious need for deliverance from sin. Men costumed as Isaiah, Malachi and Micah read prophecies of those men of old.

A narrator, and the Magnificat by the choir, told about the angel's message to Joseph, and of Mary's outburst in joyous song.

Then came the thrill of the announcement of the coming Prince of Peace and the greatest event in the littlest town.

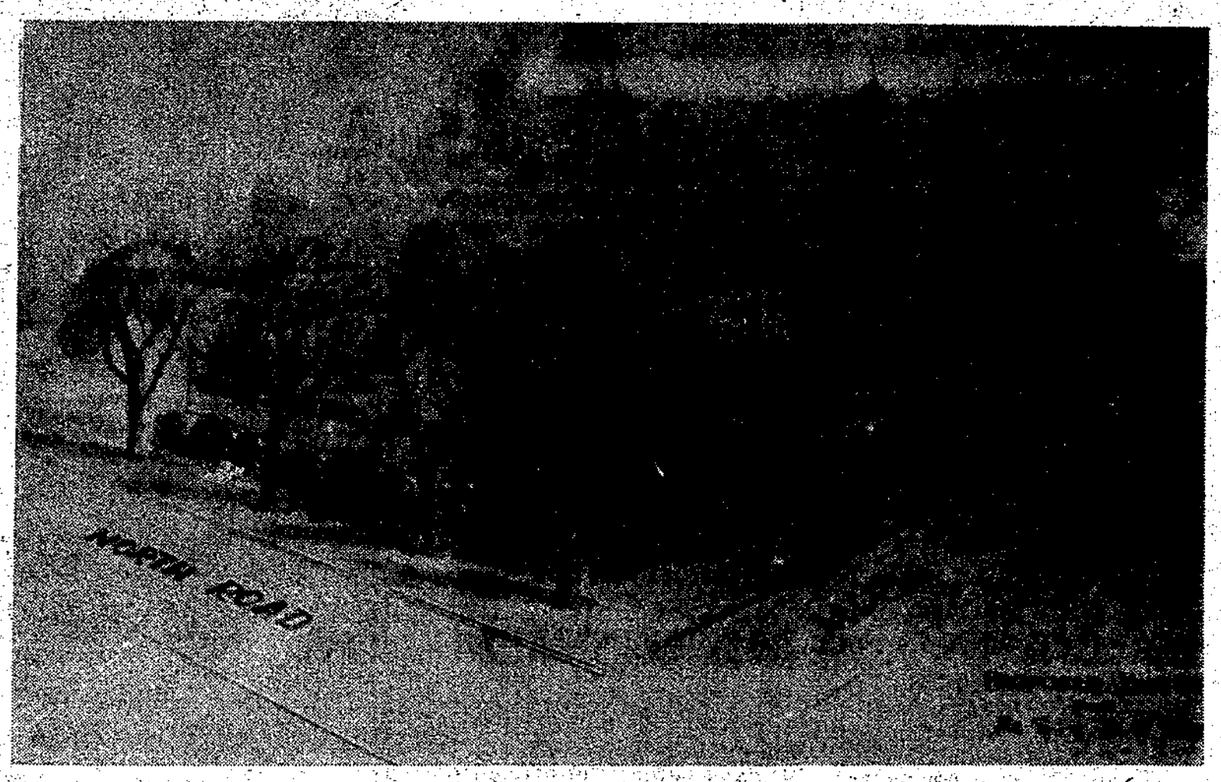
As spot lights focused on the angel image, four youngsters played the part of the startled shepherds, giving the message of joy in heaven and on earth. Three men arrayed as kings represented the search for the young child who was born King of the Jews.

The need for personal concern was told in a beautiful solo rendition of I Wonder as I Wander by Mrs. Sylvia Spain.

In turn an old rugged cross, with an appropriate choir selection as musical background, revealed the earthly ministry and suffering of Jesus as well as the appeal for personal dedication and devotion to the One who came to seek and to save a people lost in sin.

A closing comment expressed hope. The shepherds out on the Judean hills on that noteable night certainly had a great and thrilling experience.

PRESIDENT of Gibsons Hospital Auxiliary Jean Longley draws the winning tickets for five baby dolls. Winners of the dolls were: Michelle Whiting, Kelora Schroers, Mrs. Macey, Oney DeCamp and Mrs. P. Warn. The dolls were dressed by Mrs. A. Whiting. Proceeds of the raffle go towards the memorial fund



An application for a proposed catering complex was placed before council last week by Mr. S. and Mr. W. Youdell of Gibsons.

The complex will initially provide a take-home food service and an off premises catering service with later addition of a catering hall (in rear of sketch).

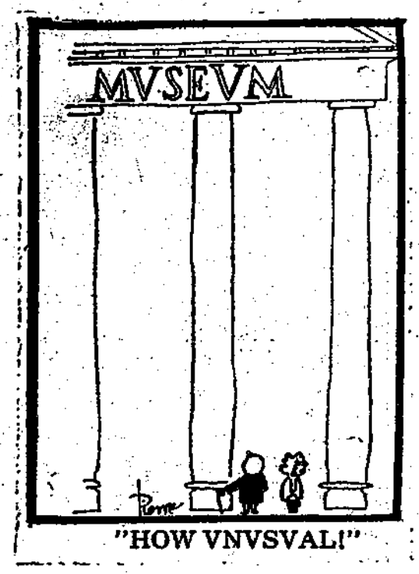
The building, to be located on North Road in Gibsons has been approved in principle by council. The owners hope to open for business this spring.

Movie news

That's Entertainment! takes a fond look at the cream of the musical crop and comes up with scenes from almost 100 MGM classics made between 1929 and 1958. It opens Thur. 26 at the Twilight Theatre for 6 days

Among the oldest pictures represnted in That's Entertainment are The Broadway Melody, Free and Easy from 1930, with Robert Montgomery singing; The Dancing Lady from 1933, featuring topbilled Joan Crawford dancing with Fred Astaire; The Hollywood Revue, again with Miss Crawford doing a dance which must have shocked 1929 audiences; Speak Easily from 1932, with Jimmy Durante vocalizing Singin, In The Rain.

Three of the top talents who previously collaborated on the classic Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, are reunited in this comedy of the 30's. Paul Newman, Robert Redford and director George Roy Hill give a new look to an old con game. The Sting, last years academy award winner, concerns the efforts of a couple of con artists to swindle a racketeer out of a small fortune. The Sting will be at the Twilight Theatre Jan. 1 to 7 inclusive and class ified mature.



"HOW VNVSVAL!"

Consumers organized

By DEBBIE RHODES
Consumer Affairs

A group of residents from Gibsons and Sechelt have formed a local consumers affairs group and they invite everyone from Port Mellon to Pender Harbour to join them.

In a recent press release th group asks: do you think the consumers on theSunshine Coast are getting a fair deal from their local merchants?

The consumer group is under taking four research projects. Number one is the price of food on the Sunshine Coast as compared to Vancouver, Powell River, and other rural areas similar to our own. Other questions being asked in relation to food concern the lack of variety and selection and the fact that advertised specials are often unavailable.

Project number two involves a thorough enquiry into freight rates as they apply to Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Campbell River and other areas similar to our own. Does the cost of shipping really account for price differences here.

The third area the group is looking into is fuel prices, both gasoline and home heating oil. Do you know you're paying up to 20c per gallon more than Vancouver residents for your gasoline?

The fourth project is a comparison look at the cost of repair service calls and services, and the high cost of replacement parts. These range from automotive needs to replacement parts for electrical appliances.

The new consumer group has attacked these questions with enthusiasm. One suggestion which will be discussed in the new year will be the possibility of establishing a permanent consumer counselling service on the Sunshine Coast perhaps in co-operation with the Sunshine Coast Community Resource Society.

The next meeting will be January 9th, 1975 at the Elphinstone library at 8:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

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The food basket

From Food Advisory Services, Agriculture Canada come some helpful suggestions to make the most of your leftover turkey meat.

Turkey French Toast: Sandwich a turkey salad between 2 slices of bread, dip in an egg mixture and fry in butter until golden brown. Superb with a crisp green salad.

Turkey Dip: Combine leftover turkey with grated cheese, sour cream and seasoning. Serve to company with chips or crackers along with a sparkling cranberry punch.

Turkey Burgers: Mix ground crumbs, onion and seasonings and serve on a hamburger bun with cranberry sauce. Kids love them, not to mention grownups.

Turkey Casserole: Mix small turkey pieces with gravy and vegetabes, cover with mashed potatoes and bake until brown. A great way to use up all the leftovers.

Turkey a la King: Combine turkey with a thick cream sauce, green peas, celery and mushrooms and serve piping hot on toast or patty shells. Ac company with a tossed salad for a perfect luncheon.

We have all made soups, stews, hot and cold sandwiches or casseroles with leftover turkey. But how about a salad? For a quick, light lunch on Boxing Day, Food Advisory Services, Agriculture Canada, suggest a Turkey Rice Salad. It combines leftover turkey, cooked rice, seasonings and dressing in an economical, yet flavorful salad.

Turkey Rice Salad

2 cups diced cooked turkey
¾ cup cooked rice
¼ cup chopped onion
½ cup diced celery
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
¼ cup salad dressing or mayonnaise

Combine all ingredients except dressing. Add dressing and toss. Chill. May be served on lettuce. 4 servings. This salad is also good made with cooked chicken in place of turkey.

Keep it cool; keep it clean; keep it covered. Follow these simple rules for the handling and the storage of meat, and you'll be sure of wholesome food with maximum flavor.

Refrigerate meat as soon as possible after purchasing.

Remove store paper and tranparent wrappings from meat before storing.

Fresh roasts should be wiped with a damp cloth, placed on a dry plate and covered loosely with waxed paper. They will keep two or three days.

Ground meat should be used within two days of purchase while smoked or cured meats such as ham or bacon should be used within one week.

Poultry should be covered loosely with waxed paper and cooked within two or three days. If giblets are enclosed in the neck or body cavity, remove them and store separately as they spoil more rapidly than the rest of the bird.

Unopened vacuum-packed meats such as frankfurters, bologna, salami and ham will keep safely 5 to 7 days in the refrigerator. Once the package is opened, use immediately.

Steaks and chops will keep two to three days while variety meats such as liver, heart, kidney and tongue should be used within a day. Jellied meats should be kept no longer than two days.

Cooked meats should be cooled, then tightly covered to prevent drying out and absorpion of odors. They will keep three to four days.

Cooked poultry may be stored in a covered container, a plastic bag or aluminum foil in the refrigerator for three to four days. Remove the stuffing from the bird and store it separately.

Church man on postage stamp

A postage stamp honoring Reverend Samuel Dwight Chown is to be issued May 30, 10 days before the official observance of The United Church of Canada's fiftieth anniversary.

Dr. Chown was general superintendent of The Methodist Church in 1925. Its total membership came into The United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925. About 71% of Presbyterian members entered into the union along with members of the Congregational Churches of Canada.

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Council donates Canuck books

The Canada Council has purchased 141,400 books by Canadian authors worth a total of $630,000 under its program of aid to publication.

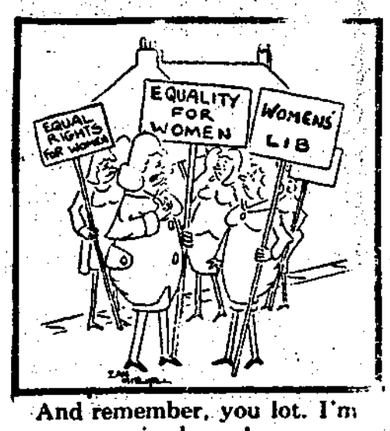
The books were chosen from the recent publications of 79 English and 39 French publishing houses. They include a total of 736 titles, 359 in English and 377 in French. The books will be used for free distribution in Canada and abroad.

The list of titles chosen by the selection committee includes literary works such as novels and short stories, collections of poetry, essays and other genres, and work of general interest in fields such as music and the art. Only textbooks are excluded. Works by eminent authors such as Pierre Berton, Margaret Laurence, Irving Layton, Hubert Aquin and Yves Theriault are included in the selection.

The books will be packaged in kits of 200 volumes each, and approximately two-thirds of the kits will be sent abroad where they will be distributed to universities, cultural centres and other institutions through the Department of External Affairs. The remaining kits will be given to Canadian associations, institutions and and groups which lack funds for the purchase of books. Certain kits will be made up exclusively of English titles or of French titles, while others will contain 100 volumes in each language.

The council invites groups and organizations interested in obtaining book kits to contact its Writing and Publication Section in Ottawa for application forms. These forms must be returned by next Jan. 31. Those who have received book kits in the past may reapply.

Last year, the Canada Council bought and distributed 132,800 books worth a total of $523,000. Its program of aid to publication also includes grants for the publication and translation of Canadian books.



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Wharf centre of protest

Residents of Williamson's Landing are upset because one of their neighbours is operating a commercial business on a wharf constructed in front of his property.

Gorden Stevens, representing residents who live on 11 of the 13 lots that make up Williamsons Landing, complained to the Regional board Thursday that property owned by B.W. Larson is a commercial venture which contravenes regional board policy.

Stevens said if there was any doubt in the board's mind as to whether the property was commercial or not he had the opinion of several officials including a land agent and an assistant deputy land minister, who deemed it commercial. He told the board there were log salvage boats moored at the wharf, commercial equipment, commercial gas in 45 gallon drums, and that repairs and maintainance had gone on.

The Regional board had earlier sent a letter to Larson telling him that his dock was a commercial operation and "is not condoned by the Regional district." The board similtaneously advised the Department of Lands that Larson was trespassing on crown foreshore by operating a commercial business on his wharf.

Larson, who was also present at Thursday night's meeting, told the board the use of his wharf did constitute commercial use of crown foreshore. "This wharf has been used for all of the recreational purposes any of the other residents of Williamsons Landing have used their wharves or floats for."

Larson admits that some of the boats tied to the wharf could have been used commercially "but there is no way they can be used commercially while they are tied up to this wharf."

Larson said there were two residents living in a trailer on his property who have access to his boats for pleasure, transportation, and for a commercial application but "I don't believe that their use of my boats should necessarily make my property or my wharf a base for a log salvage operation."

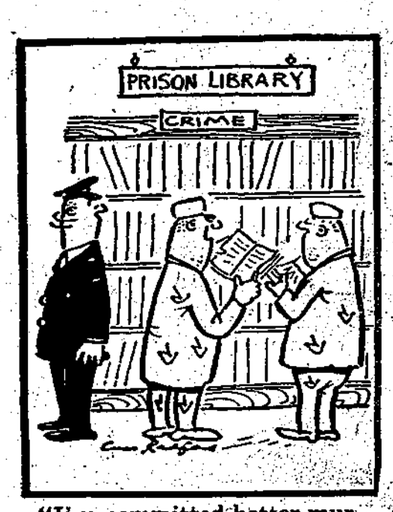
Larson listed the boats he owned which included three motor boats "sometimes used commercially" for log salvage towing or film props.

After listening to Stevens and Larson, Chairman Frank West said he wouldn't say who was right or wrong but that the matter would definitely be brought up at the next planning meeting

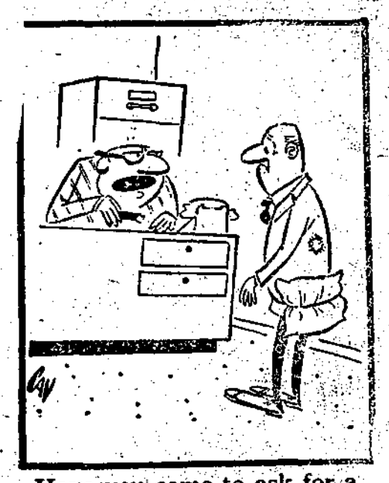
John McNevin, newly elected director for area F (Langdale) said he had looked at the property and "whether it's commercial or not I don't know, but it's extremely ugly."

LIONS 400 WINNER

Winner of last week's Lions 400 draw for $100 was Jack Boundy of Sechelt. Ticket was drawn by Bill Youdell.



"I've committed better murders than this, myself!"



Have you come to ask for a raise again, Ponkle?"

"It looks like one of those days!"

THE ARRIVAL of the minibus on the Sunshine Coast was quite an event last week and cameras weren't allowed to click before the new vehicle was in top form.

In what might be called an 'unofficial' photo of the minibus arrival an unidentified lady uses a Kleenex to remove a little mud from the bottom of the bus.

You have to keep things clean in this business.

Students help within SWEEP

The B.C. Department of Labor will once again participate in SWEEP (students working on environmental enhancement projects) this summer.

The program provides money to municipalities and regional districts to employ students for summer work. Last year 25 students worked in Gibsons projects such as Dougal and Brothers parks.

The Department of Labor states the name will be changed to SWIM (Students Working in Municipalities) and that post-secondary students will be hired this year to act as co-ordinaters and supervisors.

Gibsons Mayor Larry Labonte said that last year's program was worthwhile and the village will participate again this year. He suggested that some of the projects this summer could involve the government wharf and the Gibsons Athletic Association.

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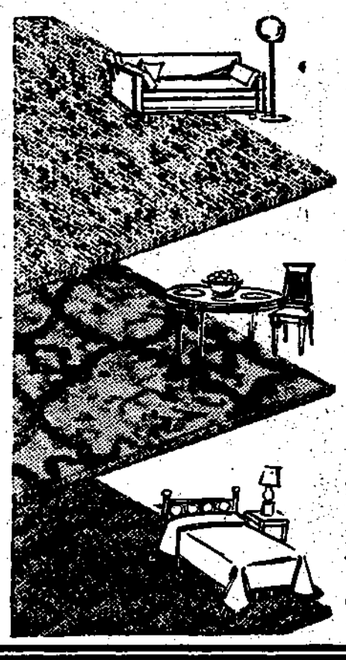

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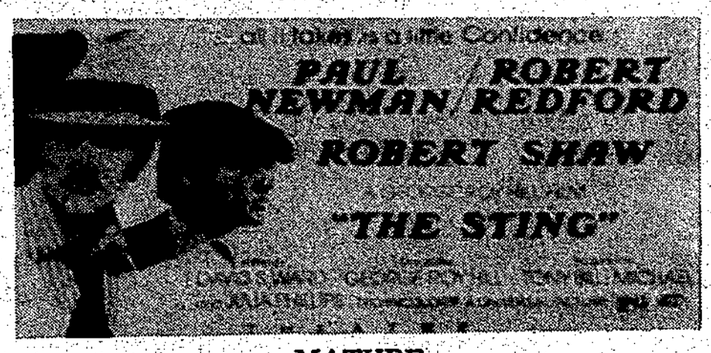

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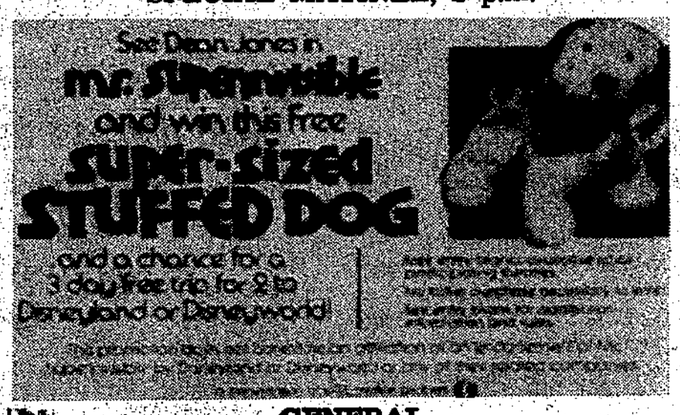

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18. Hackneyed phrase
20. Roman poet
21. Reverberate
22. Scene of action
23. Stitch
24. Lawyer (abbr.)
25. Alaska-Canada highway
27. Sidelong glance
29. Thai monetary unit
30. Verdi's "Don ——"
32. Black cuckoo (var.)
33. Guided
34. Mrs. Cantor
35. Crossed home plate
37. —— Stephen
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19. Swindler
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25. Disconcert
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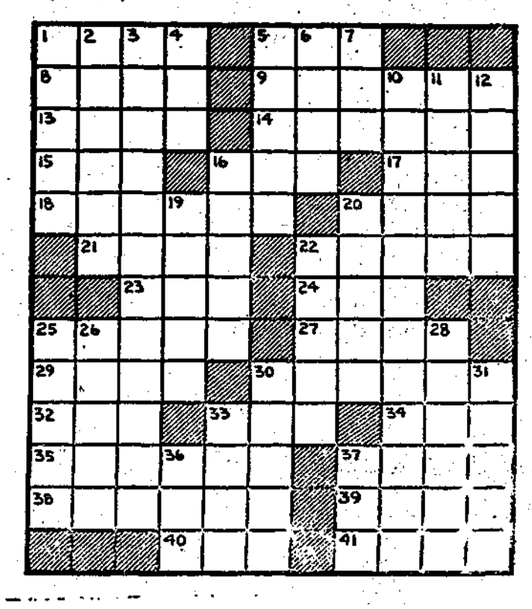

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Merry Christmas

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Helpful hints about laws!

By Cpl. D.K. Price

This will b the last of the series that was started some time ago. It is hoped some of you have a better understanding of some of the laws and some of the procedures that we the police must follow. I also hope that you have enjoyed this short series.

I would like to point out that copies of all statues are available to you by writing to the Queen's Printer in Victoria. There is a fee for the statues. This being the last of the series I do not intend to quote and explain any law this time. I would just like to repeat briefly what I have been saying for the past couple of weeks.

At this time of year, road-blocks have been in place since Dec. 13. Up to time of writing Gibsons Detachment has charged five persons with drinking and driving offences and suspened three drivers for 24 hours. The road checks will continue until after the New Year and I would be pleased if the number of charges would decrease, however it doesn't look like it will.

As I have pointed out before, any conviction for drinking and driving offences causes a financial burden on any family especially around the festive season. However, I would rather be responsible for arresting you for impaired driving before you become involved in an accident than investigating an accident in which some innocent person is killed and the cause was because you were drinking.

The loss of a loved one at any time of the year is a very traumatic expierence, however at this time of year it seems to have more of an impact than ever. You have bought their Christmas present for them, and then all of a sudden, they are gone, now what do you do, with their present? Please don't drive when you have been drinking, take a taxi or have a sober friend drive you home. In closing, I wish you, on behalf of the Gibsons RCMP detachment a happy and accident free holiday season.

We wish all our Sunshine Coast friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of local Christmas cards these families have donated to the Gibsons Kiwanis Senior Citizens Building Fund.

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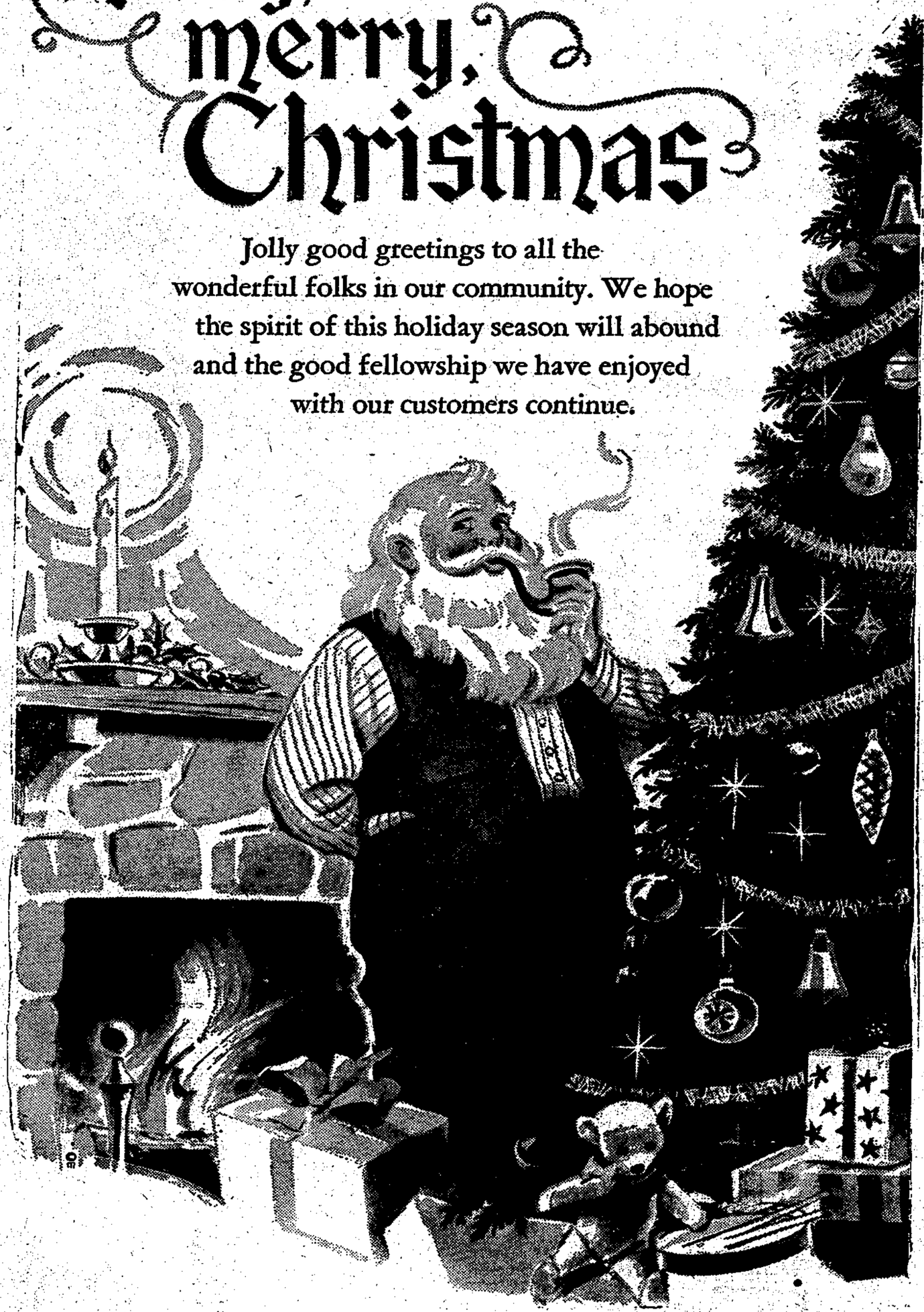

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who we are and why we're here.

Let's not forget what Christmas means,
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He who lived and died to show us the way
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We haven't done so good thus far,
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But we can try to right our wrongs,
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Christmas in B.C., 1866

British Columbians are readying for another Christmas — but few of them can expect a celebration to compare with that observed more than a century ago at Bulkley House on the north end of Takla Lake.

The story appeared in The British Columbian, New Westminster's newspaper on April 11, 1866. It had taken about four months to travel down from the northwest corner of the province.

The writer, identified only by the initial Q.M., was with an exploration party for the Collins Overland Telegraph. This line was being built from the United States through B.C. into Russian-owned Alaska and thence across Russian Asia to Europe. The project was abandoned, however, when a cable laid across the Atlantic, went into operation, making all the work futile.

Q.M. wrote that Bulkley House, a Hudson's Bay Company outpost, was being used as winter quarter by Maj. F. H. Pope until a good freeze permitted dog teams to probe further north. He added:

"That eventful and welcome season, Christmas, was fast approaching, suggesting always of the usual merry festivities. To us it showed most forcibly that we were far away from the luxuries of civilization and that out of bacon, flour and beans, we had not much to feast upon.

But two hunting parties were sent out in the blowing weather and came back with "..a noble fat beaver, some rabbits, a splendid bag of mountain grouse and ptarmigan."

A group of Indians came to Bulkley House to join the festivities and joined in an impromptu program of sports. There were shooting matches at short ranges "to give our savage friends a fair show with their antiquated weapons." Even so, they were "no where" in the results.

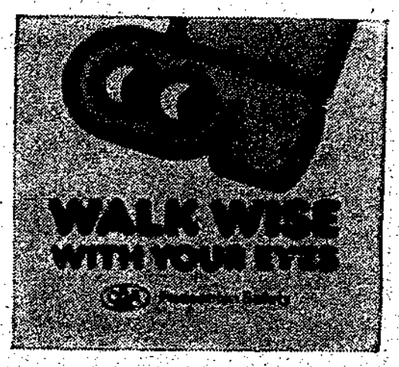
Then because it was chilly, there were foot races including one for the Indian women, of 500 yards over two feet of unbroken snow, with a red "'mouchoir" or handkerchief as prize The six entrants ranged from a girl of 12 to a grandmother of about 85 and "much tobacco changed hands among the bettors."

Evergreen pine boughs decorated the hall and the table was laden with grouse pie, roast beaver, apple and bread sauce, plum pudding, cheese and mince pies. And there were speeches and toasts and readings and carols and then a space was cleared for dancing. The Indian girls "their tresses greased and their faces rosy with rouge" were partners for the explorers while a volunteer played a fiddle and an Indian kept time beating on an old tin pan.

The explorers had no spirits, but a keg of rum was brought in by one of the Indians and a vote was taken as whether it should be broached "public opinion siding in his favor."

The star of the frolic was an old chief who was "in a state of ecstasy — the more he was pleased, the deeper he drank." Finally his wife tripped him up and sat on him, shoving a blanket into his mouth whenever he became noisy.

The evening did much to cement a friendship between the explorers and the natives, Q.M. reported He said the guests finally departed to their lodges "after protestations of unbounded love, the last to depart being our friend the chief on his wife's back."



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Players win provincial fame

It is more than five years now since Driftwood Players had their inaugural meeting at the home of Mrs. Eileen Glassford in September 1969. In that time the club has three times represented the area in the Showcase Festival held each June to which the top five percent best provincial amateur drama groups presents their work.

Twice the club has come back with the Best Actress award, 1970 when Miss Colleen Johnson won the award for her role in Harold Pinter's The Lovers and in 1972 at Dawson Creek by Miss Barbara Williams.

In the qualifying zone competition on Vanco ver Island, in addition to representing that zone in three of the five years, idividual awards have been won by Miss Johnson, Miss Nest Lewis, Miss Barbara Williams, Mr. Pat Baker, and in 1972 the club won the Dept. of Education's Silver Cup presented to Mr. John Burnside.

The club's chief pride lies not in it's provincial fame, but in the way it has been received and taken to the heart of other local communities. A varied repertoire of modern playwrights including Pinter, George Bernard Shaw, Jean Anouilh and as well as light-hearted farces such as the club has just presented this month.

High on the list of the club's achievements has been the highly successful program of children's theatre for elementary school children, the enthusiasm of the teaching staffs and at a great saving to the school board which no longer has to pay between $1,500 and $2000 for the same services to touring professionals.

This year promises to be the busiest and most productive so far. Besides the successful Pool's Paradise just completed, the club's at work on another original pantomime along the lines of the successful Sunshine Kingdom presented last February. This one will have a Far East locale featuring Aladdin and his Magic Lamp and is being co-directed by local men Mike Willis and Bruce Wilson. The club hopes to be able to present it to the elementary schools this year again. A school board decision is being awaitel.

In addition to the pantomime a bumper crop of one act plays, featuring writers Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw and pos sibly an adaptation of T.S. Eliot is being planned for Easter.

One sour note is the poor quality of facilities available for live entertainment.This area is richly endowed with talented and creative people who have much to offer the community. In fact this could be and probably is fated to be one of the most creative community centres in the province. Summer programs of drama, folk, classical and modern music could be presented for summer guests if an adequate facility were available to present and prepare these attractions.

Flickering candlelight . . . a scent of Christmas greens . . . the nearness of dear ones make the holidays bright. We hope to continue serving you in the future.

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May you be greatly blessed by the joyous spirit of the Christmas celebration.
Sincere thanks to all.

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Christmas and New Year Greetings

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COAST CABLE VISION

YOUR Horoscope

By Trent Varro

Horoscope for the next week

ARIES- March 21 to April 20
Jupiter, the planet of good luck should be marking a period of optimism, cheer,, generosity and goodwill in your solar chart at this time. Much gain is indicated if you handle things carefully.

TAURUS- April 21 to May 21
The amber caution light is flashing violently in the chart for Taurus at this time. If this warning to slow down and take things easy is not heeded,astrology may have a bad jolt for you.

GEMINI- May 22 to June 21
A completely surprising turn of events could quite easily bring you unexpected benefit in the next couple of weeks. Be ready to accept this wisely, and don't fritter it away in aimless enjoyment.

CANCER- June 22 to July 22
Your chart reveals that you should be "riding the crest of a wave" at this time. Clear thinking and wise judgement will be at your fingertips. Much gain can come in one of these cycles.

LEO- Julyy 23 to August 23
Be careful, be catious in business deals at this time, but above all don't be afraid. Astrology is preparing a very smooth path for you in your future life.

VIRGO- August 24 to Sept. 22
All Virgo persons will probably find themselves swirling around in a whirlpool of activity at this time. Things may seem a little "upsidedown" but this is nothing to worry about.

LIBRA-Sept. 23 to Oct.23-
An exceptional line-up of planets is favouring the sign of Libra at the present time. This may be used to furher your aim in life; or converesly, you may possibly just day-dream this chance away.

SCORPIO- Oct 24 to Nov.22
Read the chart for the sign Taurus, and be guided by it, as it applies to you now in a much more lasting form. Be extremely cautious about "kicking over the traces.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23 Dec.21
If everything isn't all rosy now in your life, it means that there were some unusual aspects in your horoscope at the time of your birth. Consult a good astrologer.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 Jan.20
You may find it had to believe, but things have changed so much for the better in your sign hat you may tend to shrug this off as just a fluke. This isn't so, the luck is all with you.

AQUARIUS Jan. 21 to Feb.18
The transit of the planets in the zodiac at the present time may tend to make you feel slightly tired both physically and mentally. This is to be expected, as there are new changes coming up.

PISCES- Feb. 19 to March 20
This is an exceptional time for some remarkable results. The only warning that astrology voices at this time is DON'T GAMBLE. Benefit will come to you in a different way.

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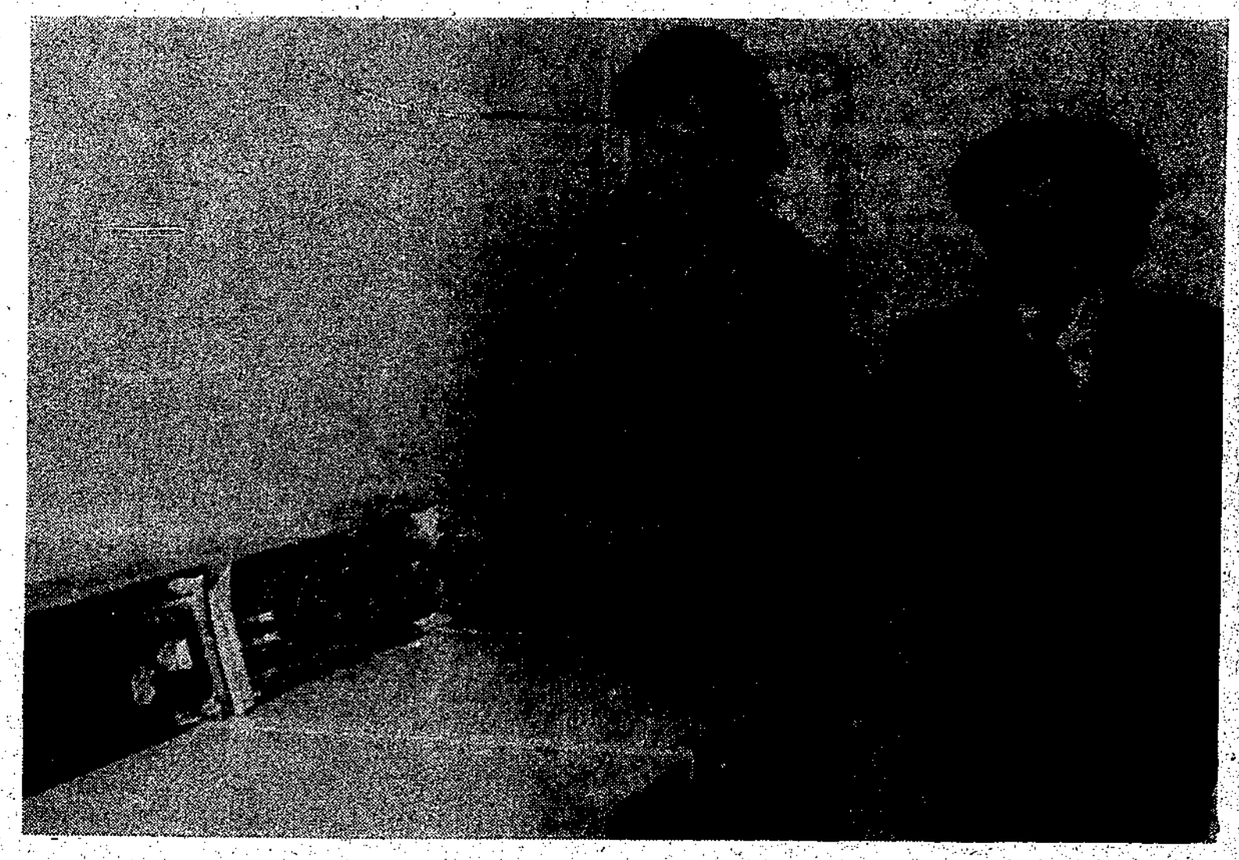

KEN GODDARD, left, president of the Sunshine Coast Kiwanis Village Society, admires a washer and dryer set donated by the Gibsons Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Stan Verhulst, president of Legion Branch 109, made the presentation Saturday at the Kiwanis Village senior citizens home.

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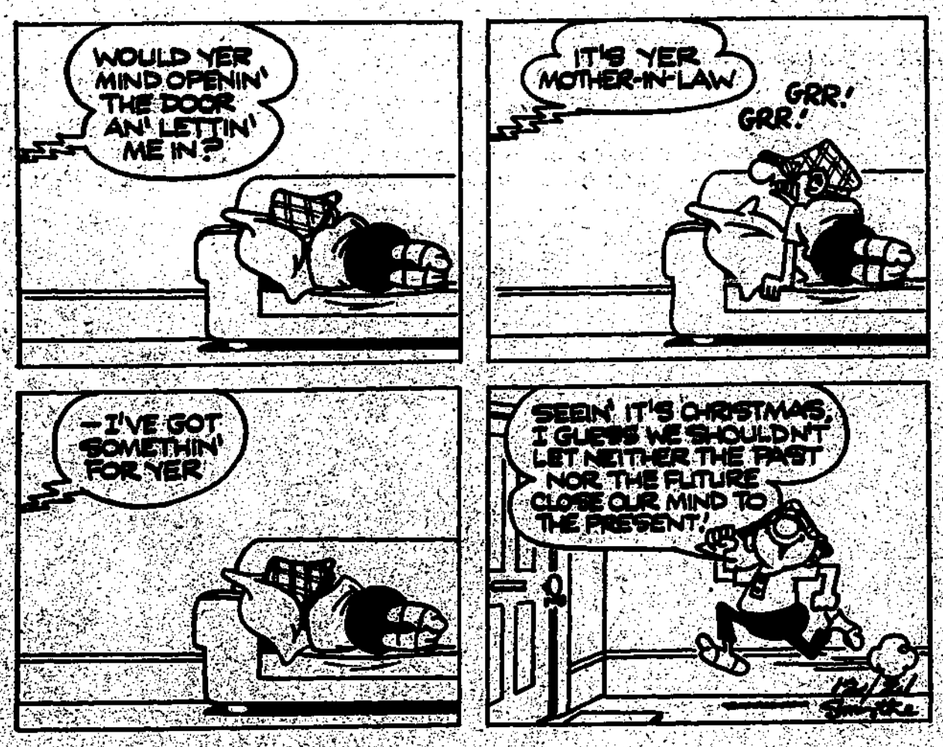

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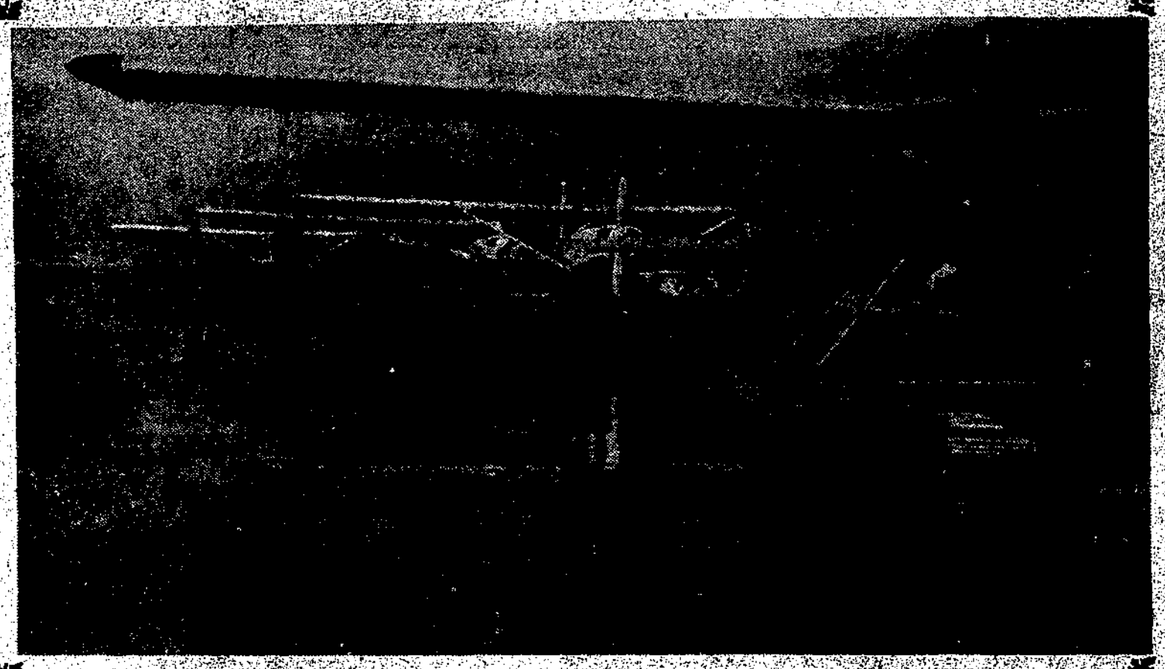

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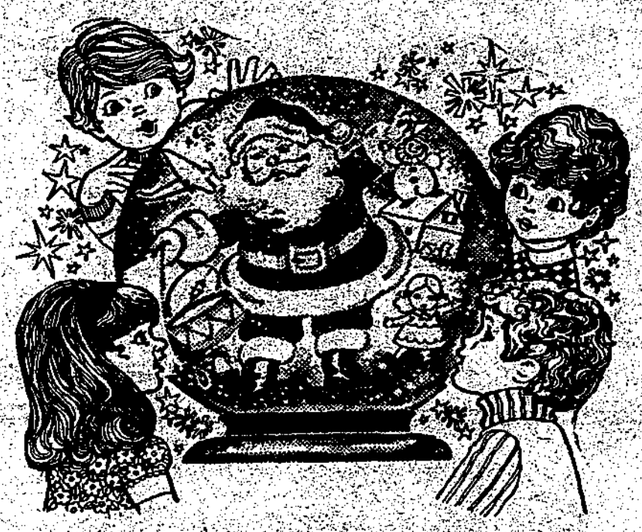

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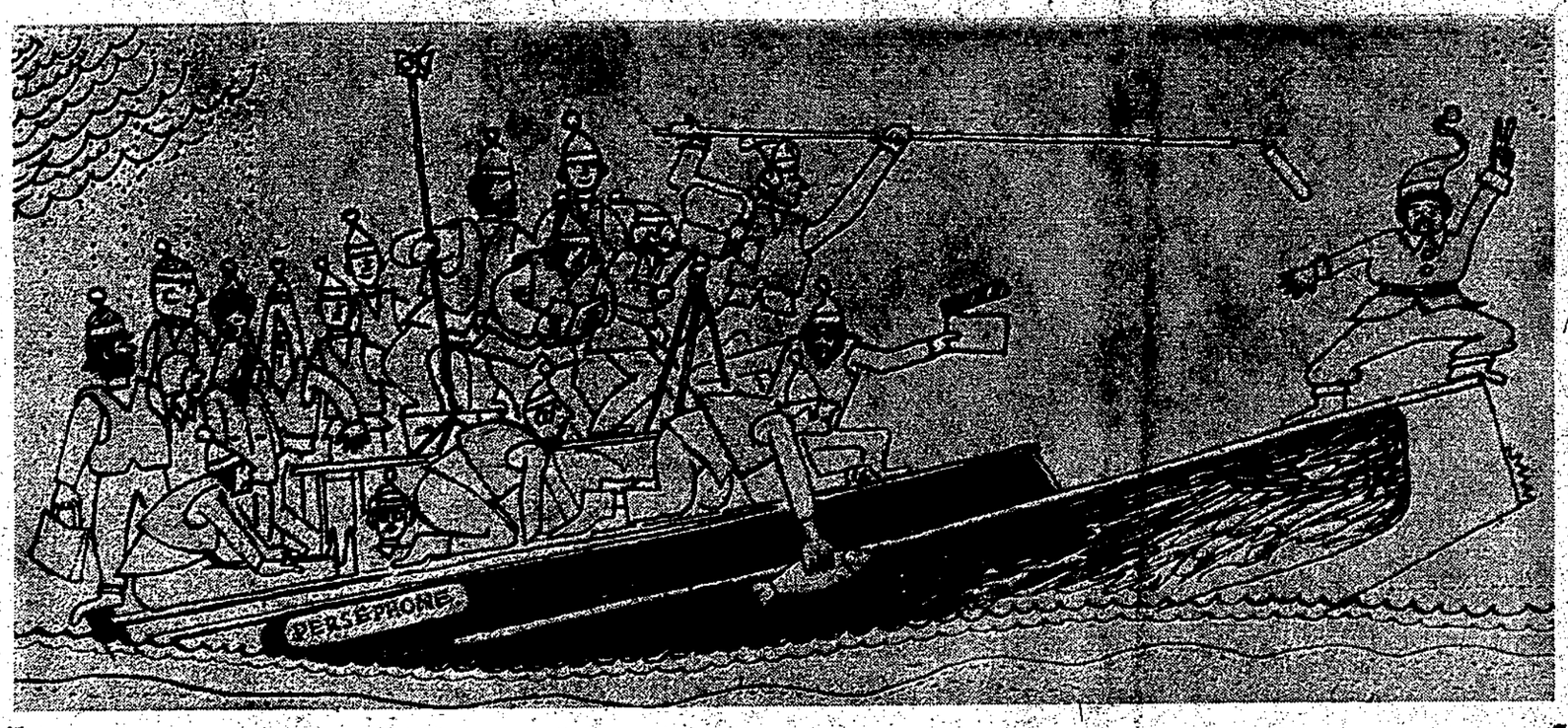

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from the Cast and Crew of the Beachcombers

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