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SUNNYCREST ESSO owner Harold Phillips beside his pumps indicating a gas price of 79.9 cents per gallon. Inset upper left shows sign outside the service station with message for Joe Kampman who earlier criticized local service stations for their high gas prices.

Pressure lowers gas prices

The consumer has won a major victory. High gas prices — long a thorn in the sides of Sunshine Coast residents — have plummetted. Early last week the price of both regular and premium gas was dropped an average of ten cents a gallon at Sunnycrest Esso in Gibsons. At least one other gas station in this area, Gibsons Shell, dropped the price of regular gas. Prices at a third Gibsons gas station remain stable and there was no indiction whether or not they would be brought down to compete with the lower prices.

According to Sunnycrest Esso owner and operator, Harold Phillips, who initiated the lower prices, public pressure and pressure from Imperial Oil in Vancouver forced the prices down in his gas station.

Phillips said he was losing a tremendous amount of business because his customers were only buying one or two dollars worth of gas, enough to get to the cheaper self-service stations in Vancouver.

He said as a result the gas sales decreased in volume all over the Sunshine Coast. His own sales recently dropped from 35,000 to 25,000 gallons per month.

A consumers group, headed by Joe Kampman, was formed last summer and one of the major concerns of the group was to investigate the high cost of gas and grocery prices on the Sunshine Coast.

Kampman said at that time that Sunshine Coast residents were victims of a price conspiracy and that residents here were paying at least 28 percent more than in other areas.

In an interview last week Harold Phillips said he initially lowered his gas prices by a few cents but he realized that it would still not be competitive with Vancouver prices. He said his profits would be lower and he could still not expect a significant increase in business.

The present price, he said, was arrived at after Imperial Oil arranged to provide the station with a subsidy. The subsidy increases as prices decrease although not on a proportionate scale. Phillips said for every five cents that he lowered his prices he would see an approximate two cents increase in subsidy. He added that Imperial Oil had given him authority to go down as low at 69.9 cents for a gallon of regular gas.

Asked what his cost price was per gallon, Phillips said the Vancouver cost price is presently 69.9 cents per gallon and transportation to this area adds another 2½ cents per gallon which brings the cost price up to 72.4. This includes a ten cents per gallon federal tax and a 17 cents provincial tax.

Phillips said his move to lower the prices would not be popular with other gas station operators in this area but he also felt something had to be done to get the prices lower.

"I have to live in this community," he said, "and I would like to see the prices kept down." Asked about earlier allegations that he admitted to charging "what the market would bear" he said those were not his words but rather the words of Joe Kampman who was of that opinion.

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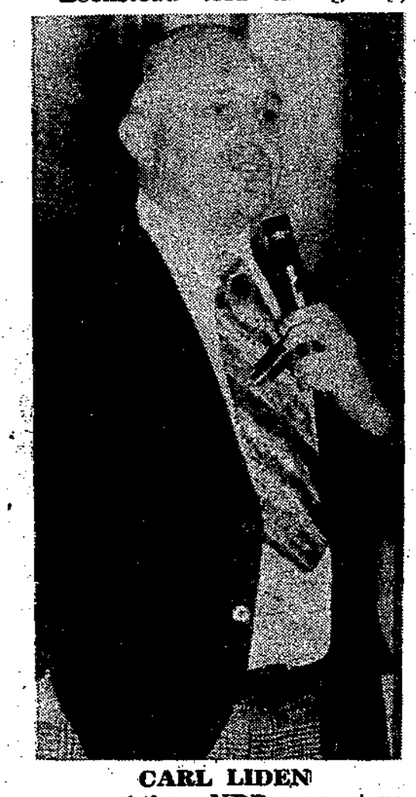
Resident lanes considered for ferries

"I say let's experiment with resident lanes because it may work in this area." This statement was made by Don Lockstead, MLA for Mackenzie riding, who told Sunshine Coast residents in the Gibsons Legion Hall last Friday that he has received "a monstrous petition" to consider resident lanes for the ferry terminals in this area.

Lockstead made a brief visit to the Sunshine Coast last week along with the provincial Minister of Transport, Carl Liden. The visit was scheduled prior to the December 11 election announcement to give the minister of transport a first hand look a ferry operations at Langdale, Earl's Cove, and Powell River.

Lockstead told the group,



CARL LIDEN

many of them NDP supporters, that more people are coming to the Sunshine Coast and that improvements in transportation would have to be made to accommodate those people.

Lockstead pointed out that, paradoxically, residents of this area want improvements in transportation but not more people. He said he has asked regional districts and municipalities to come up with a regional plan of growth for the area and he expresed concern because "I don't want this area to become a bedroom community like North Vancouver."

Lockstead added that some consideration was being given to a direct 3½ hour ferry link between Horseshoe Bay and Powell River.

"Such a link would have no impact on the business community in this area because studies have shown that people drive right through," Lockstead said. "It would save that horrendous drive."

In an earlier speech, Transport Minister Liden said new ferries were now under construction for the Vancouver Island-mainland runs and that one of the vessels now on that run would be used to service the Sunshine Coast.

"It is our desire to have the Queen of Nanaimo placed on the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale run," Liden said. He added that larger ferries would also be placed on the Earl's Cove-Saltery Bay and the Powell River-Comox runs.

Liden said to accommodate the larger ferries many of the terminals would also have to be enlarged.

Lockstead told the crowd he was personally committed to improving the transportation system here but he would be unable to accomplish miracles. He said improvements are now being made and cited the purchase of the $13 million Queen of Surrey and present construction of three new vessels including a truck ferry for Vancouver Island.

Lockstead said the previous (Social Credit) government had placed a freeze on new vessels and when the NDP government took over there were no plans and no money set aside for ferry improvements.

In a brief question and answer period near the end of the meeting, one resident who said he was an old age pensioner claimed the present journey to Vancouver was "awkward and expensive." He suggested the terminals should have free parking which would reduce cars on the ferries. He said better bus connections were

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also needed.

Commenting on this, Liden said the emphasis was now being changed from the automobile to people and buses.

After the meeting, Liden told reporters that a hydrofoil run was being considered to run on an experimental basis between Horseshoe Bay and Nanaimo.

Asked if he had any ideas to lighten the B.C. Ferries financial deficit, Liden said the ferry system would never be a paying proposition because the passenger rates would have to be too high. He said he would attempt to strike a medium between the free ferry concept and one that was entirely self-sustaining.

Liden said the provincial government is still trying to get a federal subsidy because the ferries constitute part of the Trans-Canada Highway system. operating in the maritime pro- He pointed out that ferries vinces were being subsidized by Ottawa.

Settlement gives teachers guidelines maximum

The board of school trustees and the Sechelt Teachers Association have agreed on the terms of a new contract that will give teachers an average wage increase of about 12 percent.

The settlement came last week after an STA general meeting ratified the school board's latest offer. Deadline for the negotiations was November 15. After that date bargaining would have been forced to compulsory arbitration. Negotiations started in this district September 29.

In a joint school board-STA press release it was announced that the 1976 payroll package will be the maximum permitted by the federal wage guidelines once the guidelines have been clarly established. The board has expressed its intention to pay the maximum permitted even if the guidelines come in at over 12 percent.

School principals will not get an increase in wages this year. According to the press release, the principals' salaries will remain essentially unchanged but a different payment formula was devised which reduced to some extent the difference between small schools and large schools and elementary and secondary schools.

Also negotiated, but not part of the payroll package subject to the guidelines, were improvements to compassionate leave, calculation of experience increments, professional development training opportunities. the establishment of a clear schedule for the appeals procedure, and other minor changes.

The changes to the basic salary scale have been made in such a way that persons with similar income tax exemptions will receive similar increases in takehome pay. Using an average 12 percent scale, this would provide a 9.2 percent wage increase to the highest paid teachers and a 14.56 percent increase to the lowest paid.

If the guidelines limit the average increase to eight per cent, actual increases would fal between 5.83 and 10.29 percent.

Although the negotiations were keen and lengthy, they were at all times cordial in tone, the press release states.

Bargaining for teachers were Doris Fuller, Roger Douglas and Fran Jovick. The board bargained as part of a zonal association of school boards and were represented by Secretary-treasurer Roy Mills and Trustees Joe Horvath and Pat Murphy.

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Council Briefs

Ald. Norm Watson reported that a sound financial basis has been found for Sechelt's sewer project. A meeting will be held in December to arrange for a public meeting concerning the sewer program.

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A proposed recycling depot to be located on Cowrie Street was rejected because the operation, termed industrial by council, would be located in a commercial zone. Mr. Haig, who would operate the recycling depot, was advised to seek alternative accommodation in an industrial zone.

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Ald. Frank Leitner reported the airport paving is completed, except for the ramp which will be completed next spring, and that the contractor has not yet received any remuneration for the job. Council will contact MP Jack Pearsall in an effort to speed up payment to Coast Paving.

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Tax Exemption Bylaw 156 was adopted. The bylaw will exempt the Sechelt Senior Citizens Association from general municipal taxes. The bylaw is applicable to the association's hall, known as the old Legion Hall.

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Sunday Entertainment Bylaw 147 was adopted. The bylaw, approved by Sechelt residents November 15, will make it legal to charge admission for Sunday entertainment.

Subdivision Control Bylaw amendment 155 was adopted. The amendment deals with tentative approvals of new subdivisions and provides for the payment of a $25 fee for the first parcel and a $10 fee for each subsequent parcel with application for sub-divisions.

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Mayor Harold Nelson suggested that Alderman-elect Morgan Thompson act as regional district director representing the village of Sechelt. The seat was previously occupied by Ald. Norm Watson who was defeated in the November 15 municipal election.

Council approved of the appointment of Capt. McPhee as Provincial Emergency Program co-ordinator. Capt. McPhee replaces Don Pye who recently resigned from the position.

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The bid of Pearson Construction has been accepted by council for construction of a Barnacle Road extension to the site of the new Sechelt Junior Secondary School. The bid was for a sum of $4,500.

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Sechelt clerk Tom Wood reported that the village's LIP grant had not yet been approved and indications were that the project would not be approved. The project involved $45,750. Ald Leitner and Ald. Watson will arrange for the planting of flower bulbs in Hackett Park. The work was to have been financed by the LIP grant.

Hovercraft visits village

Last Sunday afternoon a Canadian Coast Guard hovercraft sailed into Gibsons harbor and settled in the boat ramp area at the foot of Prowse Road.

About 30 children and 25 adults who are members of the Sunshine Coast Power Squadron enjoyed riding on the unique craft despite the pouring rain.

Captain Tom Potts with first officer L'Heroux and engineer Campbell were treated to a pot luck supper at the United Church Hall supplied by the ladies of the Power Squadron. Captain Potts and crew explained the workings of the hovercraft to the group. The crew later sailed the craft to its base at Vancouver International Airport.

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Beyond the rhetoric

Within a short time we can expect the full, loud blast of rhetoric that normally accompanies a provincial election.

Already some of the candidates and all of the leaders have released their first salvos and some pundits are predicting the "dirtiest ever" political campaign.

We hope those pundits are wrong. We hope that the candidates for all political parties will respect the intelligence of voters and stick to the many and varied issues rather than haul out meaningless charges which only confuse the total picture.

Surprisingly, both the New Democratic Party and Social Credit have a similar challenge facing them. Both of the major contenders must convince the electorate that their philosophies are not extreme to either the left or the right. Their success or ultimate failure is likely to depend on their ability to attract the "middle of the road" voter who sees the need for moderation.

We hope, perhaps in vain, that party organizers will reject the temptation to conduct the types of campaigns of fear which have been typical in this province in the past.

We believe that voters have matured to the point where they are less likely to listen to hysterical dribble, regardless of the camp from which it might originate.

We believe that the people in this province want a government that is fiscally responsible; attentive to the social needs of its people and willing to take a hard line to ensure that short term gain will not result in long term disaster.

During the next few weeks there will be a lot of talk about what will happen on December 11, but what happens after that date is more important.

In order to make a proper choice voters need facts, not cheap rhetoric. The party, the leader and the candidates who present those facts in the most logical and honest manner deserve the public's support.

—Chilliwack Progress

A paradox

The provincial Minister of Transport's visit to Gibsons last week manifested one of the basic paradoxes of life on the Sunshine Coast.

A great number of residents call this area home because life in the cities has become unbearably crowded. Here, there are fewer people, life is slower and as most confirmed Sunshine Coasters would concur the quality of life is consequently superior.

On the other hand, Transport Minister Liden and MLA Don Lockstead continually receive complaints about the ferry system — our primary link with the rest of the world. In Lockstead's own words, people here want improvements in the transportation system but not the people.

It must be recognized that the factors in this paradox are irreconcilable because we can hardly have one without the other. If we insist on having an improved ferry system to the point where we have larger ferries running more hours per day, we must also recognize that that in itself is an invitation for the city dwellers in Vancouver to come and share our choice piece of real estate.

Even now, commuters in the lower mainland think nothing of spending between one and two hours on the highways commuting twice a day between jobs in downtown Vancouver and their homes in Port Coquitlam, Haney or even points farther out in the Fraser Valley. The only factor that now prevents the tide from moving north to the Sunshine Coast is the ferry in between.

We, of course, are not proposing a no growth concept for the Sunshine Coast. That would be a fallacy and probably an impossibility. But we should recognize that when we call for better transportation between here and the city we are also eliminating the insular nature of our area — one of the major factors that gives us the "superior" life-style.

"He whose honor depends on the opinion of the mob must day by day strive with the greatest anxiety, act and scheme in order to retain his reputation. For the mob is varied and inconstant, and therefore if a reputation is not carefully preserved it dies quickly."

— Benedict Spinoza (1632-1677)

OF SHOES AND SHIPS AND SEALING WAX . . .

So what are the issues . . .

ROB DYKSTRA

I took another sip of beer.

"I think I'll vote for Paetkau," said my friend on the other side of the table.

I was caught by surprise. I knew my friend to be a long time NDP supporter and of moderate social philosophies.

"Why?"

"Well I've been doing a little thinking about it and he just seems to be the best choice.

I protested.

"But you've been a socialist since the day you were born".

"I know."

"Then why are you voting for someone who doesn't believe in social policies?"

"I'm not."

There was a moment of silence as I tried to figure out what was going on through my friend's head. Then he asked me if I hadn't been reading the newspapers lately.

"Sure I've been reading the newspapers." I said. I work for one."

"Well then you know he's a socialist. Look at his ideas, his philosophies. He's more socialist than I am."

I thought for a minute. I acquiesced. But I still didn't understand.

"But so is Lockstead a socialist." I said. "And just last week we were agreeing how hard the guy has worksd for this riding. A lot of people like him around here. And besides, he's got labor behind him."

"True, but at the same time he's turning into a politician. He's been in Victoria four years now and I've been noticing some changes in him."

"Changes? How?" I asked.

"It's like working for a newspaper. You get cynical after a while."

"Well what's that got to do with Lockstead?"

"It's the same. You spend a few years in the midst of the political bureaucracy and it does something to you. It hardens you. It also makes you a little cynical. I've noticed the change."

"Sure he's changed," I told him. "He's probably more realistic. He's had some experience with the big boys and he's lost some of his idealism. He's no longer naive."

"That's what I like," said my friend.

"What naivity?"

"Idealism. Politicians should keep their ideals like the people they represent."

"But Paetkau will lose that in a hurry. Look he's already more self assured. He walks around with a big bow tie and he looks like a used car salesman with it."

My friend said nothing and looked into his beer. I continued.

"The first time I interviewed Paetkau for a story he asked me afterwards not to make him look foolish because he was so new at the game. Look at him now, he's cocksure. Did you hear the nomination speech he gave in Pender Harbour? He's a pro already."

My friend continued to stare at his glass.

"So," he said.

"So that shows you your naive little Eric is already losing his innocence. He's going to be a big boy politition in no time. Just like Lockstead."

"There's another reason I'm voting for him," said my friend. I looked across the table and raised my eyebrows.

"The NDP are the underdog in this election and I don't like supporting underdogs. I go for the winners."

"That's kind of a trite reason. Come on you're not that fickle."

"Sure, everywhere you look there's a Social Credit presence. Signs all over the place. Everyone's talking about Social Credit."

I knew he was talking tongue in cheek but I pursued the argument.

"But that's because they have the big money behind them. Free enterprise and all that you know. They're getting the bucks from the big companies and they're doing a splashy campaign. Spending twice as much as the NDP."

"Well it's working."

"But if you have strong convictions about something you're not going to change it just like that. What about the issues?"

My friend looked at me hard.

"Issues?" he said. "What issues?"

"Come on. there are a lot of problems that should be taken care of."

"Problems, sure. Everybody has their little pet problem. Look when it comes right down to it you think what is this guy in Victoria going to do for me personally. If you're a businessman and business is bad you're going to go free enterprise. You want the money in your till, right? If you're a teacher you're probably going to go NDP because history has shown that the teaching profession has prospered much more under an NDP government than they have under the Socreds. And so on. Now that's where the issues are."

"But there's more than that involved."

"Sure there's more. You're talking about the so-called issues brought up by the parties themselves. They make an issue because they can make themselves look good by pushing or critizing a particular thing. Bennett keeps bringing up ICBC. It's a thorn to the NDP and they know it. And that whole fiasco is extrapolated to try and make the government look like idiots when it comes to administration. You've also got Bill Bennett getting the scoop on Barrett's news releases. The B.C. Rail announcement. That's not an issue. Bennett only wanted the publicity. And on the other side you've got Davy Barrettt. He's always bringing Socred skeletons out of the closet to try and label Bennett as a greedy capitalist and sell-out artist. Why? Because its advantageous for him. It gives him a bit of an issue that puts him in a good light. And the media lap up the whole thing because it gives them copy and it justifies their existance."

"You were talking about cynicism earlier. Aren't you a little that way right now?"

"I'm being realistic," said my friend.

"But you just said you weren't voting for Lockstead because he's learned the ropes and he's too realistic."

"Yep that's what I said and that just goes to show you that it's no use arguing politics in the pub because you end up exactly where you started."

"So I'll go back to where we started and ask you why you're voting for Paetkau."

"Well. elections are very personal things despite all the so-called issues out there. Everyone needs something to grab on to — something to believe in. Paetkau's my surgeon and he did a good job on my knee last year. Let's call it confidence."

I looked at my friend across the table. Wryly. He started to laugh.

"Who are you voting for? he asked.

"I don't know, I've never had a knee operation."

CORRECTION

Last week in a front page story the Coast News incorrectly reported that Sechelt Alderman Norm Watson would remain as Sechelt's representative on the Regional Board.

Because of his defeat in the November 15 municipal elections, Ald. Watson will also lose his seat as director on the Regional Board. Newly elected Ald. Morgan Thompson will sit on the board as Sechelt's representative.

5 to 25 years ago

FIVE YEARS AGO

A crowded Selma Park hall meeting heard details of the proposed gravel removal plan through the Indian Reserve.

Anglican Canon Harry U. Oswald died Nov. 14 and was buried following a service at St. Bartholomew's Church.

10 YEARS AGO

Sechelt's council revises its expansion plans to include West Sechelt only omitting Selma Park area.

School teacher wage settlements announced by the board total 6.73 percent or about $37,720.

15 YEARS AGO

The Hospital Organizing Committee has asked the government for a December plebiscite to authorize construction of a new hospital.

Sechelt Waterworks Ltd. publishes its application to the PUC for a 50 percent water rate increase.

20 YEARS AGO

Bethel Mission at Sechelt has been taken over by the B.C. Baptist Convention and will be known as Sechelt Baptist Church.

Jan. 21 is the date for a Sechelt vote on whether the ratepayers favor incorporation to a village status.

25 YEARS AGO

Jim Veitch opens the Sunset Hardware store in Gibsons backed by the Mac & Mac Company.

Work starts on clearing the site for the Madeira Park School. Clearing costs are estimated at $1,500.

After 25 years service Sydney Holland retires from the Elphinstone Co-operative store staff.

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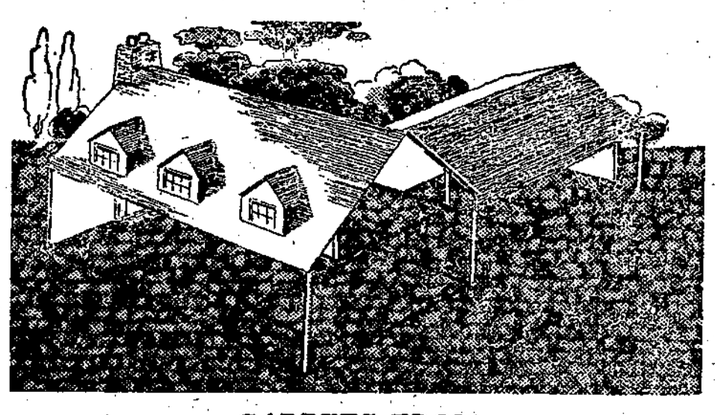

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Strong offensive takes Hustlers

A quick offensive thrust in the middle of the first half allowed the Elphinstone Wanderers to come away with a tie against the strong Four Seasons Hustlers in soccer action in Vancouver last Sunday.

From the opening whistle of the game played in Jonathon Rogers Park, the Hustlers played up to their name and hustled to the offensive. Their passing was obstructed by the water soaked turf and Gibsons scored the first goal in the first half.

Ken Verhulst, who played a superb game, surprised the Hustler's goalkeeper, stole the ball from him, and scored the goal through a maze of players. It took the Hustler's only three minutes to retaliate as they scored on a goal-mouth scramble on which goalie Jan de Reus had no chance. Score at the end of the first half was 1—1.

In the second half of the game Gibsons came out with strong ball control. The wanderers controlled the game for an entire 30 minutes which allowed Danny Paul to score on a break-away. With only eight minutes left in the game Gibsons' Dan McKay had an outstanding scoring opportunity but the Hustler's goalie was equal to the task.

On the ensuing play, the Hustlers passed the ball up and set up a break-away. Wanderer goalie Jan de Reus rushed out and checked the ball carrier but an opposing player following the play recovered the ball and scored on a long curving shot.

The game, which was rough throughout, ended two minutes early when goal-keeper Jan de Reus was injured. Final score was 2—2.

Excellent efforts were turned in by Steve Miles, Dave Neuman, Kerry Eldred, Dennis Hollis, and Dan McKay. Once again Gibsons proved a match for the larger, more skilled opponents by a hundred percent hustle and a great team effort.

This game marked the end of the first half of the 1975 season. Action resumes December 6 and 7 in Sechelt with a soccer tournament sponsored by Sechelt Renegades. The Renegades game was rained out this weekend.

The Wanderers thank the Elphinstone Recreation Committee for their donations and help. Without this assistance the team could not have been formed

Baroque concert

Sunshine Coast musicians will perform in a concert featuring 17th Century Baroque music. The concert is being organized by the Sunshine Coast Arts Council and involves an impressive list of composers including such notables as Bach, Morely, Dowland, Byrd, and Handel. Pieces will be performed in solo and in various combinations of instruments including harpsichord, flute, strings, guitar, reed, and voices.

Performances will be held in Gibsons Elementary school December 5 at 8 p.m. and in Sechelt Elementary School December 6 at 8 p.m. A performance will also be given December 14 at Madeira Park Elementary school starting at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are $2 and $1 for old age pensioners and students. Tickets are available at Whitaker House and Books and Stationary in Sechelt and at Simpson Sears in Gibsons.

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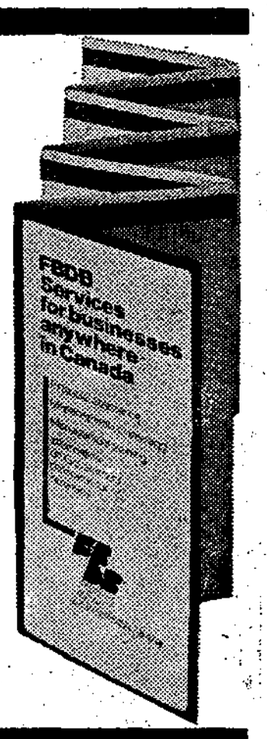

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SPECIAL TRAVEL FEATURE

Migrant birds stop at Creston Marshes

The marshes of the Creston Valley stretch wide and flat from the foot of Kootenay Lake to the United States border in British Columbia's West Kootenay country. Each spring and fall, thousands of waterfowl flock to the valley to use it as a resting and staging area on their long journeys of migration.

During the fall, more than 250,000 birds swoop into the valley to break their journey south. These migrant ducks, geese and swans are following a path called the Pacific Flyway; the Creston Valley is about midway along this flyway that leads the birds south to their wintering areas.

Most types of ducks and geese make a stop in the Creston marshes: from Canada geese that will head for interior states where open water exists through the winter to blue-winged teal that may fly as far south as Brazil.

The valley has always been an ideal place for people to catch sight of the flocks of migrating birds. Since 1968, both the birds and the watchers have been getting a boost from the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area authority. That year, 16,000 acres of the marsh land were set aside for "the purposes of wildlife conservation management and development."

The first — and continuing — part of the project was to stabilize the water level in the area, so that nesting waterfowl would not find their nests swept away by flood waters. Dykes and other water control devices have been built in the marsh.

A second part of the project involved measures to make the marsh more accessible to people. Viewpoints and observation towers give visitors a chance to watch the wildlife; dykes and trails let them get closer to the marsh.

Each summer, biologists from the Canadian Wildlife Service take visitors on canoe trips, marsh crawls (rubber boots provided) and hikes, complete with explanations of the marsh life around them. In the spring of 1976, the Creston Valley Wildlife Centre will officially open, with displays on ecology and other marsh-related subjects.

To reach the wildlife centre, drive west on Highway 3 from Creston and turn south just before the end of the marsh. Biologists at the centre are available to answer questions and provide maps of the Creston Valley area.

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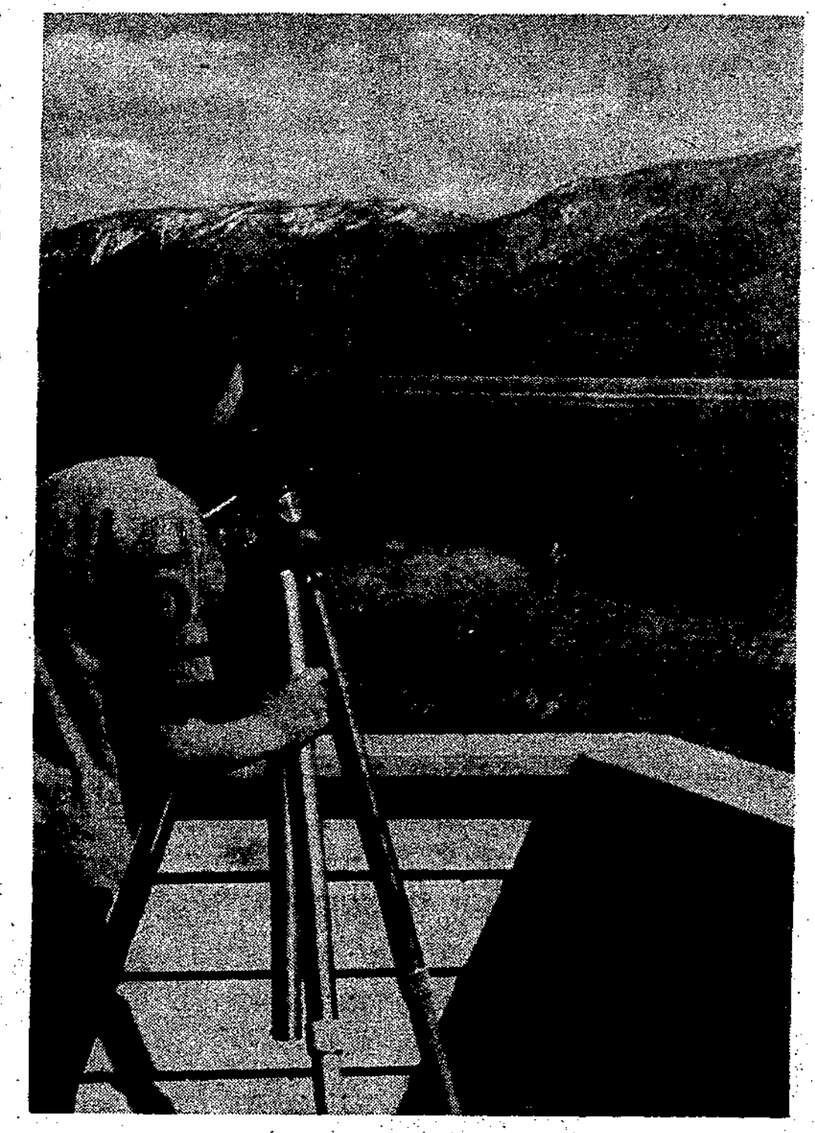

A close look at the Creston Valley Marsh.
B. C. Government photograph.

Teachers name priorities

The British Columbia Teachers Federation has announced that their involvement in the forthcoming election will be non-partisan and concentrated at the local level.

BCTF President Bill Broadley said teachers played a significant role in defeating the government in the 1972 elections but this year "that role will be different."

Expanding the scope of bargaining is a long standing issue with the BCTF. Teachers remain the only occupational group in the province excluded from negotiating for working conditions.

In the area of educational finance, the BCTF has called for continued progress in the provision of funds for elementary-secondary education, special program approvals, funds for smaller classes, and for school construction.

The BCTF would also like to see changes in education finance to recognize special needs such as rural and non-English speaking schools, and the removal of school tax from residential and farm properties.

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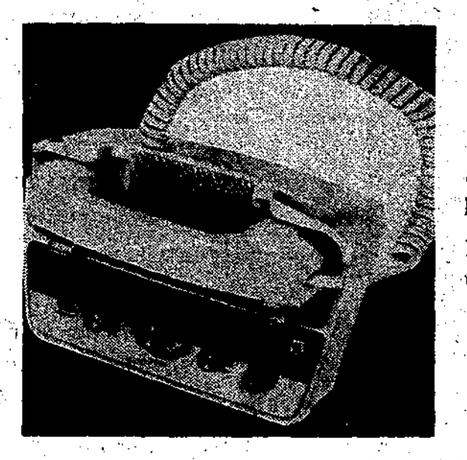

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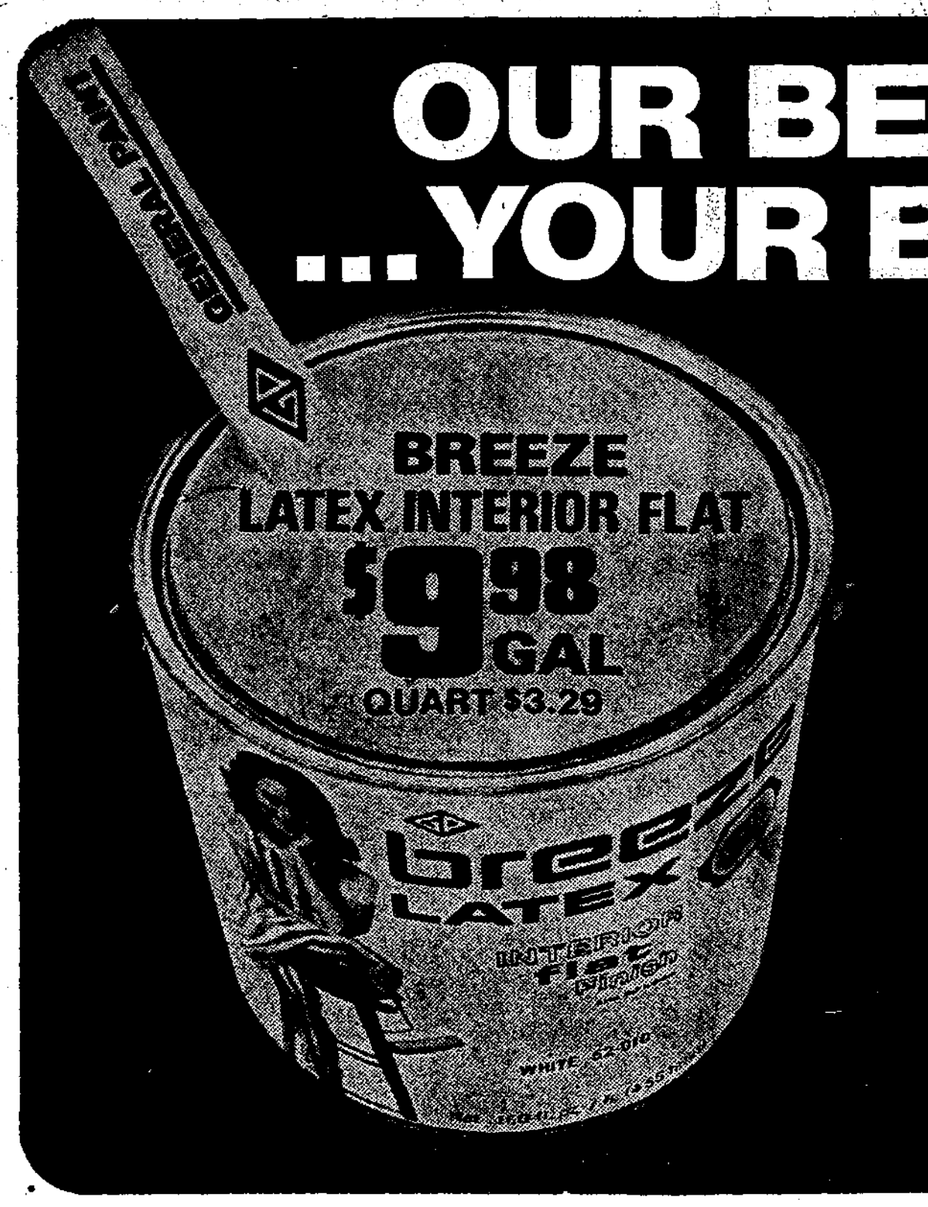

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Things are really moving as Fraser Valley Refrigeration plans to return sometime next week to put the refrigeration plant into operation.

Now that gyprock is ready to start more volunteers are desperately needed, especially on Saturday. Continued poor turnouts, such as the last three weekends, only slows down progress and delays the opening day for everyone. With everybody's help during the coming month, a great curling season could start off with a bang early in the new year.

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Every Monday night, 8 p.m., Bingo, New Legion Hall, Gibsons.

Monday, December 1, O.A.P.O. Branch 38, Social, 2 p.m., Health Centre, Gibsons.

DEATHS

SIMONSEN: Passed away November 18, 1975, Viggo Simonsen, late of Sechelt. Survived by a sister and niece in Chicago and a sister in California. Funeral service was held Tuesday, November 25 at the Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons. Rev. David Brown officiated. Cremation.

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Ladies' automatic wrist watch on November 22, Sunnycrest Shopping Centre. Phone 886-9892.

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Not prepared to pay bonds

Negotiations between Seaside Village and Sechelt council are at a stalemate again because representatives of the development are unwilling to put up three insurance bonds for inferior quality houses. The insurance bonds were set by the village at a value of between $30,000 and $40,000.

Stop work orders were placed on the three houses earlier because an inferior quality concrete was being used to build the foundations. A recent committee meeting between Seaside and the village resulted in an agreement that the developer would post an insurance bond on each house to provide against failure of the foundations.

Apparently the owners of the three homes have agreed to accept the below standard foundations but the village of Sechelt is not.

The developer, represented by Bud Gairns, indicated they would post a bond valued between $500 and $1,000 to cover the cost of repairing the foundations if necessary. The village insists the bond should cover the cost of the house.

It was earlier revealed that the cause of the inferior quality concrete was a high content of humus in the aggregate mixture. Tests conducted by Building Inspector Roy Taylor revealed that the concrete could stand a pressure of only 530 pounds per square inch. The building code requires a strength of 2,000 pounds per square inch.

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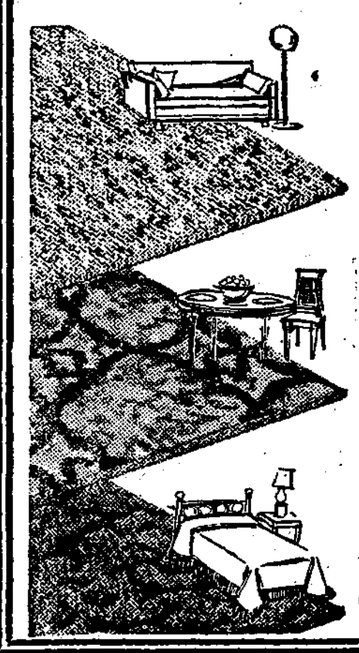

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

'Come off it'

Editor: I see in a letter to a local paper from a local Socred old age pensioners are being assured all kinds of goodies including an increase in Mincome if we return a Social Credit government. If the lady in particular and the party itself would forgive me for saying so, I'd like to say: come off it. We weren't born yesterday, lady.

Twenty years the Social Credit party was in power. Where was their concern about Mincome then? We have a home care service now that we didn't have before. I'm sure most of your readers will remember how ambulance service to St. Paul's hospital in Vancouver used to cost $100 from this area. Now a flat ambulance rate of $5 is charged to anywhere necessary and ambulance planes for remote areas are included. Under the NDP we have Pharmacare, free prescription drugs - no light matter when you get on in years, and the rent controls have meant a lot to many elderly renters.

The Socreds can't fool us with their last minute conversion to the good ideas that they couldn't come up with during twenty years in office. We have been around too long to go for that hogwash.

—MRS. EILEEN GLASSFORD
Gibsons.

Gas prices

(Continued from Page 1)

Phillips said as a result of the lower gas prices he has had to lay off two of his staff members. He said that with the lower prices he would have to sell a higher volume of gas. He estimated he would have to sell about 50,000 gallons per month.

If last Thursday was any indication, the lower prices are already proving popular with area residents. Business was brisk at Sunnycrest and from time to time motorists had to wait a few minutes in line before they could get gas. Phillips also expects to capture more of the summer tourist business.

Will Sunnycrest change to a self-service station? Imperial Oil has designated the service station to be self-service by the end of 1976, Phillips said.

Gas prices at Sunnycrest are presently 79.9 for regular and 84.9 for premium. Previous prices were 90.9 and 94.9.

ADVANCE POLL

An advance poll for the upcoming provincial election will be held in Gibsons December 4, 5 and 6. The poll will be located at the offices of the Coast Garibaldi Health Unit on South Fletcher Road. The poll will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Another view

Editor; I'm not writing this letter to say anything for or against any political party but after reading a recent newspaper article on Dr. Eric Paetkau, I had to write the letter to give my views about one section of the interview concerning the Ambulance Service.

I have been a part time employee of this service since the Government took over most of the ambulance services in B.C. on July 1, 1974

It was mentioned in Dr. Paetkau's interview that we pick up drunks at the Peninsula Hotel and take them to the hospital in Sechelt and it costs the drunk $5.00 for the ride; when they could take a taxi which would cost them $15. And this ambulance would cost the Government $75 an hour, to carry this drunk to the hospital.

Well in the first place, I think I've been on most of the calls we had to the Peninsula Hotel and yes, we've transported people to the hospital that are under the influence of alcohol but they always have some type of injury usually caused from a fight or a fall. and I'm sure Dr. Paetkau will agree with me on how unpredictable and dangerous a head injury can be especially when caused by a two by four, bottle or even a fist.

At 2 A.M. we ambulance attendants don't get overly excited about getting out of bed and taking a person to the hospital just because he's drunk, but if an injury is expected we transport the person immediately because that's our duty and we don't mind doing it.

And in the second place it was mentioned in the interview that it costs the government $75 an hour to take this drunk to the hospital in an ambulance Well we part-time employees get paid the same if we're gone for an hour or 4 hours. After 4 hours we're paid for another 4 hours with no overtime at anytime. On a day call we get from $14-16 and night call $19.21, the exact amount depends upon the attendant's qualifications, so the most a call could cost the government for two attendants would be $42 for four hours. So with this rate it costs the government $10.50 an hour plus other expenses such as gas, wear on the vehicle and the book work in Victoria, which I'm sure doesn't cost $64.10. A call like the above mentoned could cost call waiting for us in Gibsons $21 because we could have a when we get back so we go again and don't get paid any extra because we're still within our four hour period.

So instead of complaining about a most needed community service for the sick and injured I think a thing like a persons qualifications for welfare benefits should be given more attention.

—R. W. LEACHMAN

Fact or fiction?

EDITOR; Regarding the case of the purloined briefcase: For a real-life small town thriller, Gardner could not have dreamed up a more convincing title. The story-line is a joke, a small town joke. It winds up something like this.

The man who wants to be premier of British Columbia receives a letter (in a plain brown envelope, mark you) whose contents he believes can be of political advantage.

Knowing that the letter had been stolen and that decent people consider mail to be private and confidential, he exposes the contents saying nothing about thievery about which he apparently couldn't give a damn.

It seems that is the mentality of the man who wants to be British Columbia's next premier so badly he can taste it.

Do British Columbians want that kind of small town leadership?

—H. F. HARRIS.

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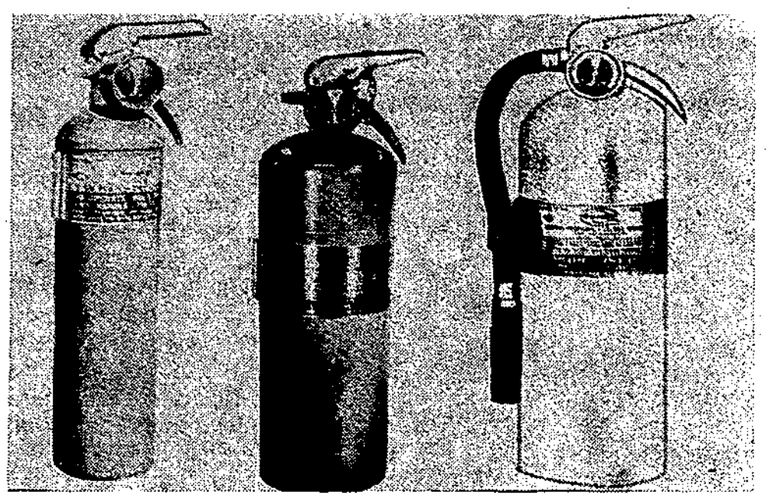

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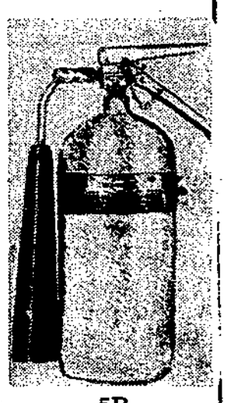

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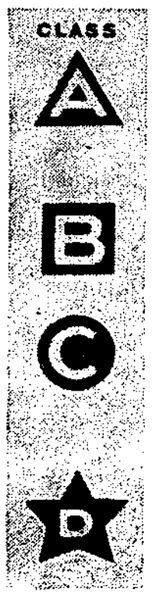

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TOPS chapter 578 well represented

Gibsons Chapter of TOPS were well represented at the Area Inspiration Day held recently in Vancouver.

The chapter was congratulated on its exceptionally good attendance (18) and its participation in the many phases of the program. It was also congratulated for its overall chapter weight losses.

'Disneyland' was the theme of the day with each chapter creating its own centerpiece. Chapter 578's lighted white castle was awarded with the first prize ribbon. The castle was later presented to leader Jan Rowland in appreciation of her organizing and concern for each member at the rally.

The baggy dress parade, requiring a loss of 40 pounds or more was entered by Celia Fisher, Jean Jorgensen, Marybelle Holland and Pat Edwards.

Georgine Nasadyk was honored as a one year KOPS while Louise Mason was congratulated as being the best consecutive loser.

Four members were in the wedding dress parade with Kay Moore representing chapter 578. Kay Moore was also honored as a re-instated KOPS.

Two re-instated KOPS started the candle light graduation KOPS ceremony which formed a circle of light from one large 'candle of continuity' on the stage.

Jean Dew, chapter queen, and Faye Edney as KOPS graduated into the magic land of 'Ten under three over' with their hard earned diplomas and red rosebuds.

It was reported that all members returned home full of great enthusiasm and appreciation of the effort put into the special day.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Horoscope for the Next Week
By TRENT VARRO

ARIES - March 21 to April 20
Give thought to routine and diet. It would be wise right now to separate your business activities from a social life. Both are under a good sign but they don't mix together.

TAURUS - April 21 to May 21
Dependents or pets require some attention now. Excellent time for study and research. Experience is a great teacher. Don't get caught out in a storm without some protection.

GEMINI - May 21 to June 21
The outlook is on romance and this could be a very glamorous and exciting time for you. Perhaps the fulfillment of a dream come true. You have much to gain.

CANCER - June 22 to July 22
A short trip is indicated, or a visit this period should be a very satisfying one. Deal with people who make you feel relaxed, and comfortable.

LEO - July 23 to August 23
Show self-expression and any new ideas. Quite possibly you are starting a new line of work and this will work out well if you pay close attention to details.

VIRGO - August 24 to Sept. 22
A positive and direct approach can help you advance in anything you want to do. This could work out well if you will carefully evaluate all the angles

LIBRA - Sept. 23 to October 23
There is a good chance to acquire things you want. Good luck is really with you right now. Two extremely powerful planets in the zodiac are working in your favor.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22
Co-operation and understanding will be helpful in a new business venture that you may be facing at this time. Be sure to think things out clearly. Don't jump to conclusions.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23 Dec 21
Much good fortune should be coming your way. Financial gain of some sort or another is indicated. If you come into some money you didn't expect, spend it wisely.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22 Jan. 20
Good luck is with you right now, especially the time from the 10th to the 29th of the month. A good time to plan for the future.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21 - Feb. 18
Be a good listener and put any new ideas you have to work. You could possibly receive some news this week that will change your whole course of life.

PISCES - Feb. 19 to March 20
You could be facing a new business venture which could work out very well for you. But don't overdo it and rush into anything until you look it over.

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The B.C. Price Freeze: HOW IT'S WORKING

The British Columbia Price Freeze has been working since October 24th, 1975. Here are some statistics and recent news about the program.

DURING THE FIRST TWENTY DAYS:

- **Nearly 1,500 people contacted the Department of Consumer Services to get additional information on the Price Freeze.**
- **Of these, about 800 were business people and about 700 were consumers.**
- **In the same period, consumers registered 91 formal complaints about price increases.**
- **The department resolved 81 of these complaints, and in each case merchants rolled back any unjustified price increases. The other ten cases were still under investigation.**

Your support makes it work.

Few complaints about price increases have been received largely because consumers and businesses are fully supporting the freeze.

The Department of Consumer Services has met with representatives of all the major retail and wholesale food and drug outlets—including supermarket chains. All have pledged to support the freeze program.

Continued contact with these firms is helping to ensure that the price freeze operates with the least possible inconvenience for both sellers and shoppers.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOPPERS

Shop for October 24th prices.

THE FREEZE COVERS FOOD AND BEVERAGES (except in restaurants), PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND PROPRIETARY AND PATENT MEDICINES—AT THE PROCESSING, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL LEVELS.

Any item in these categories offered for sale on October 24th at a particular store has its maximum permitted price frozen at that particular store. Prices may be reduced and raised again, as long as they do not go above their October 24th level.

So it will pay to shop for items covered by the freeze.

New items (brands, sizes, qualities, grades) not offered for sale on October 24th are not covered by the freeze. So once again, it will pay to shop around for the hundreds of regularly-stocked items which are covered by the freeze.

How to find out what the October 24th price was.

Ask to speak to the store manager if you have any questions. He or she should have a list of prices for all items offered for sale on October 24th.

Many of the retail chains are also placing special signs next to items which were not offered for sale on October 24th and are not covered by the freeze.

How to register complaints.

If you believe there has been an unjustified price increase, first bring the matter to the attention of the store manager.

If you are unsatisfied with the explanation, fill out the complaint form below and get it to us. Extra complaint forms are available at some supermarkets, and at offices of Government Agents and the Department of Consumer Services. If you are not near one of these offices, call your nearest Consumer Services office collect.

PRICE INCREASE REPORTING FORM
PLEASE FILL IN EVERY BLANK BEFORE REPORTING

The price increase I noticed was on: _____ (item) Brand name: _____
Size: _____ Description: _____
_____ The seller is: _____ (name of firm)
Located at: _____ (street address) _____ (city)
I first noticed the price on: _____ (date) at: _____ (price),
and I subsequently saw the price on: _____ (date) at: _____ (price)
Therefore, I believe the price per unit went up by: $ _____
I discussed the price increase with ✱: _____ (name of seller—person to whom you spoke) / _____ (position) on: _____ (date)
The seller's explanation was: _____
My name is: _____
Address: _____
Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____

✱ Before you contact Consumer Services, please be sure to bring the matter to the attention of the seller.

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British Columbia Department of Consumer Services

The Honourable Phyllis Young, Minister

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Fall wedding for Gibsons couple

On November 8, 1975, in Gibsons United Church, Rev. Annette Reinhardt officiating, a beautiful double ring wedding ceremony united Marilyn Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Malyea of Gibsons, and Mr. Roger Allen Davidson, son of Mrs. E. Day of Gibsons. Mrs. Mae Freer was organist.

The bride was lovely in an empire waisted gown of white silk organza. Her flowing tulle train was tooped with a Queen Anne head piece and shoulder length veil. She carried a cascading bouquet of yellow sweet heart roses and lily of the valley. The bouquet was later presented to her mother.

Matron of honor Mrs. Julie McLellan and bridesmaids Kathy McLean and Mrs. Wendy Verhulst, sister of the groom, wore matching floor length gowns of yellow silk crepe and carried white daisy nosegays with yellow streamers.

Ring bearer Andy Margos Jr. carried the matching wedding bands on a white satin cushion.

Lee McLellan was best man. Ushers were Mike Musgrove and Neil Davidson, brother of the groom.

The bride's mother chose a floor length apricot gown with gold accessories and a white carnation corsage, while the groom's mother was attired in a pale green floor length gown with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

The reception was held in the Port Mellon Community Hall with Mr. Cecil Chamberlin, close friend of the bride, as master of ceremonies and toastmaster.

For going away the bride chose a pale blue dress trimmed with white, matching accessories and a yellow corsage.

The happy couple will reside in Medicine Hat, Alta.

Out of town guests were Pat Freeman and children, Abbotsford, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loreen and children, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Grue, Campbell River, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Malyea, Heriot Bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Malyea, Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Davidson —Photo by Peninsula Photographers

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Eric Paetkau

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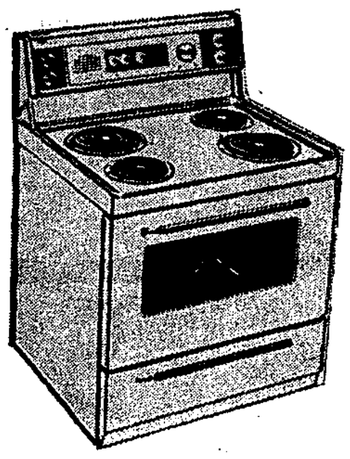
SOMETHING'S COOKING IN SECHELT

ON AN Inglis CITATION



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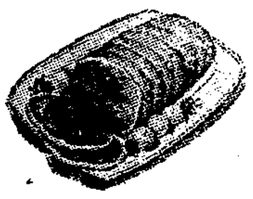

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RUGBY

Scrummers come from behind

Last weekend Gibsons rugby club put together a fine display of hard hitting, disciplined rugby as they overcame the Trojans 13—6.

In the first half of Saturday's game played at Langdale field neither team could mount a sustained attack and the only scoring came from two penalty kicks converted by the Trojans which gave them a 6—0 lead.

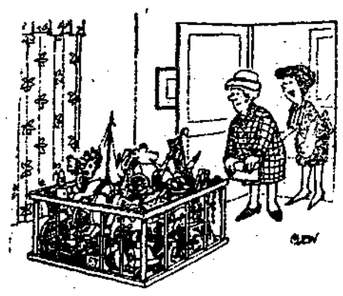
Early in the second half Gibsons moved into the Trojans zone and from a pop kick they were able to win the loose ruck. In the ensuing maul Gibsons pushed their opponents to the goal line before Rip Cameron dove across the line for the try. John Crosby added the convert to tie the score at 6—6.

A short time later Gibsons was awarded a penalty kick and John Crosby again split the uprights to put Gibsons ahead 9—6.

From this point on Gibsons was forced to play a man short and they came up with numerous outstanding defensive plays to keep the Trojans from scoring. The most notable was a fine goal line stand in which the Trojans were held for almost five minutes before being pushed away from the danger zone.

Late in the game Gibsons added some pressure. From a line-put Rip Cameron showed fine determination as he took the ball and broke several tackles over twenty yards before diving into the end zone. The try was scored on the final play of the game and it left Gibsons with a well deserved 13—6 victory.

Next week Gibsons meets Simon Fraser University at the University field in a previously cancelled game.



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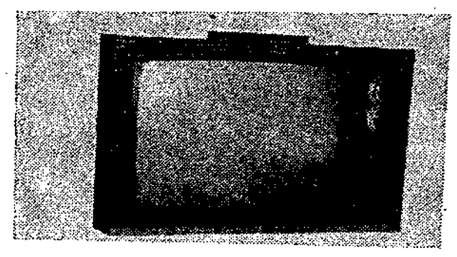

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BOWLING

Ladies' vengeance

GIBSONS LANES

The ladies came back with a vengeance last week with three 300 games rolled to none for the boys. June Frandsen started things off with a 311 single in the Wed. Coffee league and in the same league Nora Solinsky rolled a 301 single. Roberta Wolansky finished off the week with a 314 in the Legion league and in the same league Carol McGivern rolled a 749 triple for high three for the ladies. Holding up the boys end was Ken Skytte with a high single of 280 and Freeman Reynolds with high triple of 750, both in the Ball & Chain league.

Four teams of Gibsons ladies took on the Sechelt ladies at Sechelt last Monday. The Sechelt ladies had visited us two weeks ago and this was the return engagement. A good time was had by all. It's good experience to bowl in other houses, as it may not show up at first, but it does help your game. The different competition makes you try a little harder.

Good games for the week:

Tues. Coffee: May Jackson 262-609; Leslie Bailey 242-652; Jean Jorgenson 263-659; Darlene Maxfield 261-675.

Swingers: Belle Wilson 220-522; Alice Smith 195-543; Fred Mason 185-503.

Gibsons A: Phyllis Gurney 240-649; Dianne Fitchell 250-655; Ken Swallow 234-617; Don MacKay 264-621; Gary Fitchell 255-631; Ken Stewart 234-647.

Wed. Coffee: June Frandsen 311-654; Carole Skytte 260-700; Nora Solinsky 301-700.

Ball & Chain, 7:00: Glen Williams 265-644; Ken Stewart 257-652; Al Lovrich 274-701.

Ball & Chain, 9:00: Tena Youdell 262-611; Carole Skytte 224-629; Willie Schmidt 234-643; Ken Skytte 280-679; Freeman Reynolds 267-750.

Thurs. Mixed: Hazel Skytte 277-631; Dianne Fitchell 244-679; Henry Hinz 231-629.

Legion: June Frandsen 225-620; Carole Paulger 244-696; Roberta Wolansky 314-727; Carol McGivern 278-749; Don Black 227-644; Mickey Jay 279-651; Jim Peers 261-659; Ken Skytte 264-661; Freeman Reynolds 279 696.

YBC Bantams: Cheri Adams 115-197; Darin Macey 126-248.

Juniors: Charles Storvold 266 632; Lyle Andreeff 273-641; Loriann Horsman 173-442; Gwen McConnell 243-497.

Seniors: Ann Carson 229-549; Jeff Mulcaster 289-730.

100,000 people out of work.

Can we afford the Barrett way?

Unemployment is the most serious issue of this election.

The Barrett government, in attacking and restricting the major industries of this province, has succeeded in destroying economic growth. It has frightened away the investment dollars that put people to work. It has lost the heavy flow of tax dollars that should go to government from thriving resource industries, the very dollars that provide programs for people who need assistance.

To get B.C. moving again, we need a government that will work responsibly *with* industries and establish strong policies that will create jobs. We need a government that will end mistrust and restore confidence.

On December 11th, remember 100,000 men and women out of work. Vote Social Credit.

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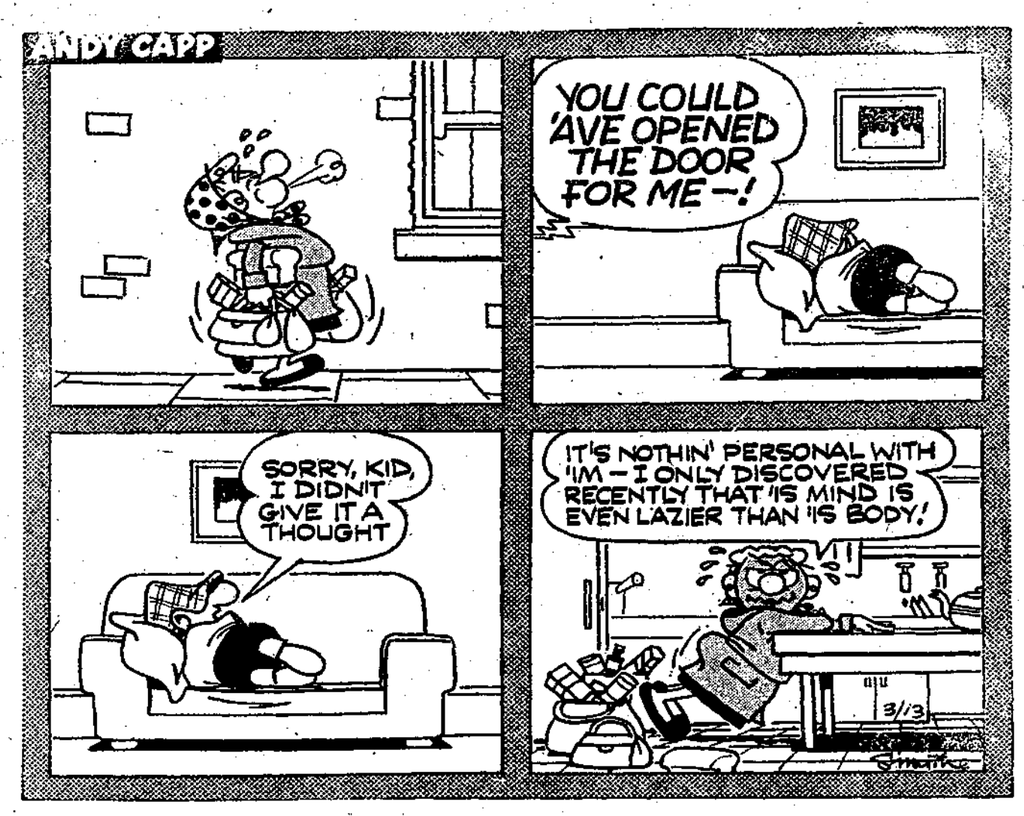

St. Bart's bazaar

St. Bart's W.A. held a most successful Christmas Bazaar at the Legion Hall Saturday, Nov. 1.

There were booths filled with baked goods, plants and vegetables, linens, knitted goods, candy, white elephant, pillows, notions and mincemeat. There was also a Christmas Tree and fish pond for the children. A delicious tea was also served.

The food hamper was won by Mrs. M. Huhtala. Mrs. B. Swanson and Mrs. J. Gallagher won the two raffled pictures. Mrs. Margaret Smith won the afghan and Mrs. M. B. Wood won the gingerbread church.

The W.A. thanks all the people who joined them and all those who contributed their time and energies to make the bazaar the tremendous success it was.

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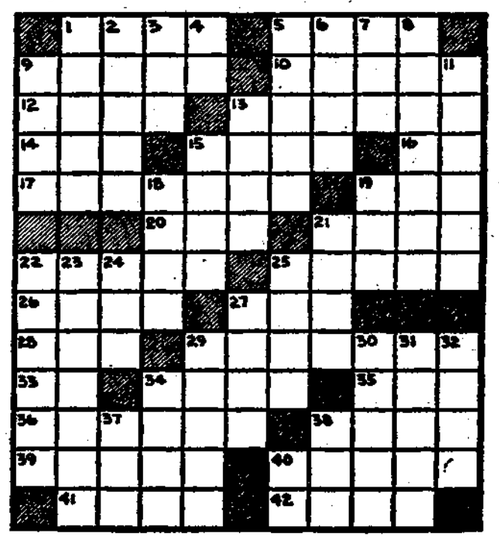
ACROSS
1. Kind of club
5. Ship's stem
9. Newspaper section
10. Tightened oxfords
12. Grain feed
13. Substance
14. Mlle. Curie
15. Marriage or baptism
16. Serve
17. Kind of elevator
19. Vitality
20. "Rocks"
21. Planet of mystery
22. Kind of helmet
25. Cow's name
26. Detestation
27. Bill's partner
28. Ending with block or stock
29. Piers
33. Japanese mile measure
34. Cooking direction
35. W. Ind. sorcery
36. Pad
38. Sarcastic remark
39. Busybody
40. Walked back and forth
41. Punishment whip
42. Parroted

DOWN
1. Serious
2. Nearer the end
3. German spa
4. Per unit: abbr.
5. Home base
6. Put a value on
7. After Sept.
8. Garden or lawn devices
9. Accomplishes
11. Edema
13. Nursery rhyme trio
15. Full of calories
18. Workbench device
19. Step in ballet
21. Secure, as a ship
22. Graphs
23. Glowing
24. Broke fast
25. Wild pig
27. Tete-a-tete
29. Sobs
30. Active or passive
31. Faded out
32. Canary feed
34. Sluggish
37. Large snake
38. Cumberland, for one
40. Neighbor of N.Y.

Today's Answer



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The resulting array of merchandise is believed to be the greatest selection ever offered under one roof in this province.

The purpose of the show is to provide commercial vessel owners and operators with the convenience of conducting comparison shopping and other necessary business at one location.

Yule story

An open invitation is extended to everyone to come to the Anglican Church hall in Gibsons Friday, November 28 for a pre-Christmas get-together to share the Christmas story in scripture and carol singing.

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Promises cost money – Liden

A gathering planned to allow Sunshine Coast residents to voice opinions on the local ferry situation took a slight turn to include some electioneering when Transportation Minister Carl Liden asked British Columbians to give the present government a new mandate in the December 11 election.

Liden, who was accompanied by MLA Don Lockstead, told a crowd gathered in the Gibsons Legion Hall Friday that the NDP government is proud of such accomplishments as Mincome and Pharmacare and that such programs cost a great deal of money.

"You can make all kinds of promises on programs," Liden said, "but you must also tell us where you are going to get the money."

Liden said the Socreds have promised to retain these programs and improve them "but we had to set up the system to get the tax revenue." He said the major and most logical area from which to derive those taxes is the province's natural resources.

He cited the $100 million from natural gas revenues that will now stay in the province. He noted the Social Credit opposition voted against the natural gas tax bill.

"I question where all the money is going to come from — it just doesn't go together," Liden said referring to the Social Credit election promises and their philosophy to abandon the natural resource taxations.

Liden also criticized the Socreds for proposing to eliminate the Lands Commission.

"It disturbs me a great deal that our prime agricultural land will become part of the speculative scene." He said land in the Fraser Valley is already owned by people who have addresses in Hong Kong and the Mediterranean and if the land commission is eliminated "we will become tenants in our own land."

Liden added the Socreds would make agricultural land the responsibility of regional districts and municipalities but that was the situation before and that was a very dangerous situation.

"If for no other reason the people of B.C. should give us a mandate," Liden said.

Near the end of the meeting MLA Don Lockstead received thanks from several senior citizens "for all the work you've done for us." Lockstead said he would pledge his continued support in the caucus and the legislature.

OES bazaar well attended

The Roberts Creek Community Hall made a festive picture, with the gaily decorated, well stocked stalls surrounding the tea tables with their bright Christmas centre pieces, and the head table with its gleaming silver tea services.

The wonderful crowd of friends were greeted by Mary Steele, convenor, who introduced Mrs. Margaret Hauka, Worthy Matron of Mt. Elphinstone Chapter No. 65, O.E.S. Mrs. Hauka thanked the folks for attending and introduced Mrs. Grace Cumming, P.M., who briefly outlined the projects of the chapter and commented on the lovely items for sale at the various booths. She wished everyone a pleasant afternoon, and declared the bazaar open.

Selling was brisk during the first hour, as purchases were made from friendly sales members, and those in charge of raffles and guessing games were kept busy selling tickets.

Soon the te tables were occupied by friends ready to enjoy a cup of tea and dainty refreshments, while recalling other OES affairs. Past Matrons presided at the head table during the tea hour.

The tickets for the raffles were drawn by Jim Foster, a member who came from Vancouver for the event.

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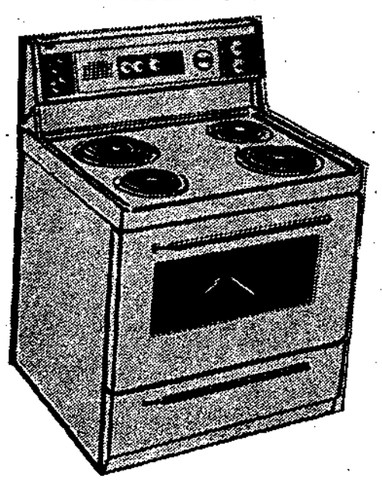
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Reading the three Sunshine Coast newspapers last week you would have come across three similar stories with three similar headlines. The headlines went something like this: "NDP powerless in first week," "NDP office powerless," and "Sechelt NDP seek power."

Seems some people are a little disappointed in the objectivity of the press. They claim there is a blatant anti-NDP bias in the heads.

The story, of course, stated that the NDP office in Sechelt did not yet have any electricity and campaign workers had to cope with candlelight and kerosene lamps. A little play on words resulted in the NDP being without "power" which could be taken to imply that the party had no political power and were seeking same.

Whether there is any political bias in those headlines is an argument in itself but the point that concerns us here is that the story was put out as a press release by the Sechelt NDP and as a press release it contained the headline: "NDP - no power." This contains the same play on words as any of the heads by the three papers and if there is any bias then it certainly did not originate with the papers. They merely varied the original head in order to have no duplications.

Did the NDP office in Sechelt have any complaints regarding the "bias" in the heads? Of course not, said a campaign worker, we wrote the news release and it was specifically written with a play on the word "power."

The campaign worker's reaction when told that a complaint had been received via this paper: "Doesn't anybody have a sense of humor any more?"

Further on politics (what else is there these days?) NDP campaign worker Ross Cameron would like to remind all party supporters that newspaper advertisements coming from anybody but the official campaign offices, must carry disclaimer lines at the bottom informing readers as to who placed the ad. It seems there have been a few political ads placed in the papers that the particular party involved would not sanction.

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A very profitable night was had by Gibsons Lions, states a report on the Gibsons Lions club Reno night. The yearly event was held at the Gibsons Legion Hall Saturday, November 15. Proceeds from the night will enable the Lions to put on a Christmas dinner for the old age pensioners.

Winner of the trip for two to Reno was Mrs. Diane Coates of Gibsons.

Speaking of Lions winners last week's winner of the $100 in the Lions 400 club draw was R. Jardine. Ticket was drawn by Jack Copland.

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Sheila Kitson has told us that her son has thought of a new way to throw a mean streak of panic into their sheep herd. He's going to get the dog to sit on the fence post holding a bottle of mint sauce.

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