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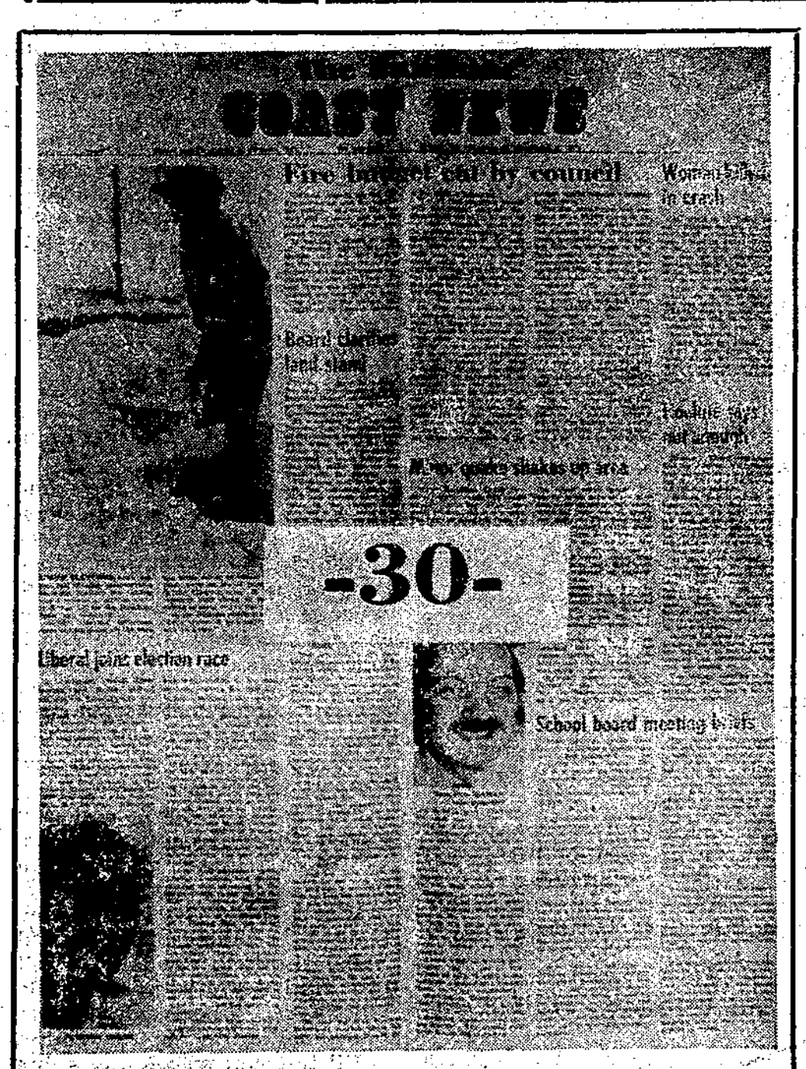

Thirty's the word, mum

Thirty is a journalistic term that means "the end." No, this is not the end of the Coast News. It is, however, the end of the Coast News as you know it.

Starting next week, you will see a different format newspaper with much improved reproduction. We are saying goodbye to what is now referred to as "the old letterpress system" in exchange for a new metro broadsheet size newspaper to be printed on offset presses in North Vancouver.

No, our office will stay where it is, we will set the type here on two new Compugraphic machines, and all the make-up will still be done here. The only thing that will not be done here is the actual printing of the paper. All commercial printing will still be done here.

So goodbye to our shaking and shivering 1925 Miehle press and goodbye to our venerable but not-so-reliable Linotype machines that have probably set more type than is in the National Archives.

Our publishing date will be moved ahead one day from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. That also means our deadlines have to be moved ahead. New deadlines starting immediately will be 12 noon Saturdays for classified ads, display ads and news items.

The Coast News office will now remain open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we will be closed all day on Mondays.

See you December 16.

Coast Ferries expected to resume operations

Bill New, president of Coast Ferries has indicated that a government subsidy may be forthcoming which will allow the cargo ferries to resume operations to Gibsons and 120 other coastal communities.

Although he would not elaborate at the time, New said in a telephone interview from his Vancouver office that it will be entirely unnecessary to tie up a provincial ship "if we believe what will be coming from Victoria."

New was referring to an announcement made by Transport Minister Carl Liden after the ferry ceased operations due to financial difficulties. Liden assured local offcials that a special "dangerous cargo" run may be made on both the Howe Sound and Jervis Inlet ferries to ensure that emergency supplies do not become dangerously low. The Coast Ferries vessel Prince George carried equipment and food supplies to the coastal communities. The prime cargo for this village was oxygen tanks for St. Mary's Hospital and acetylene tanks for welders.

When contacted last week New said his ships were forced to stop operations because the company was not doing too well financially. He said applications for both federal and provincial subsidies had been made but the company was turned down.

New said he didn't particularly like the idea of operating under subsidies but his company could not handle two strikes in a row. Prior to this year Coast Ferries operated successfully for 21 years and unlike Northland Navigation which receives a subsidy from the federal Department of Transport, the company had never applied to any government for money.

Coast Ferries, according to a press release from Don Lockstead, issued after New's announcement, had been involved for about 1½ years with the federal department of transport in an effort to obtain a subsidy. Subsidizing has traditionally been undertaken by the Canadian Transport Commission but the federal government has since indicated it would like to do away with the subsidy program.

In the press release Lockstead said New had also applied to the provincial government for a subsidy but he refused to allow the province to undertake a complete study of his Coast Ferry operation in order to determine if a subsidy was, in fact, warranted, and if subsidizing this private operation would ensure the best possible continuing service to coast communities.

The president of Coast Ferries, however, does not agree. New said Lockstead's statements were not factual. He said the company sent all the information the provincial government asked for and there were never any efforts made to discourage a provincial study of the company.

New said a subsidy of $240,000 was at one time tentatively approved by the province but the proposed subsidy was subsequently blocked by the

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Lower rates for residences

Sechelt council last week approved a proposed sewer rate structure that would keep down the average cost for a single family residence to about $90 per year.

In presenting the proposed rate structure that would pay off Sechelt's future sewage system and also provide for operating costs, Ald. Norm Watson said the cost formulas were an extension of a philosophy that involves a difference in cost-benefit ratios between residential users and commercial users.

In other words, the rate structure is designed to help the homeowner by keeping costs down. The commercial establishments will pay more because, as Ald. Watson explained, they will benefit more in terms of increased property values. Sewer costs for commercial establishments are also partially tax deductable.

Watson said the costs were arrived at by formulas designed to pay for the operating costs, which fluctuate according to the number of users and the sytem's efficiency, and the costs for the debt retirement which remains the same.

The operating, or user costs vary according to the particular type of structure involved Yearly costs for a single family dwelling amount to $45 per year.

The cost for the debt retirement of the capital expenditure is 60 cents a front foot, which for the average 50 foot residential lot amounts to $30. An additional tax levy of two mills would provide approximately $20 more per residence bringing the total cost to about $90 per year.

The rate structure formula varies somewhat for commercial buildings but the total average cost in Sechelt would be between $200 and $250 per year, Ald. Watson said.

The proposed rate structure will now be presented to the Regional Board which has undertaken the financing of the future Sechelt sewage system.

A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the third week in January.

Grade sevens settle for Canada

Controversy concerning the Gibsons Elementary Grade 7 field trip for 1976 has somewhat subsided. The excursion will now take place within Canada, probably sometime at the end of May or beginning of June.

The two most popular destinations are to date, a ferry trip to Prince Rupert, with return by land, or a trip to Calgary and Edmonton, through the Peace River country.

Projects to achieve this goal are already underway. Tickets for a Christmas hamper are now being sold by students with the draw taking place December 18.

A Toddler Sitting Service is being offered at the school gym each Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. to accommodate parents who wish to do Christmas shopping without little ones along.

Tickets will also be on sale soon for a weekend hockey package, which will include two $10 tickets to the Vancouver Canucks games January 16 with Chicago and January 17 with California, accommodation for two at a hotel in Vancouver for two nights and $50 spending money. Tickets will cost $1.

A wood cutting project will begin after Christmas, along with many other projects that will require a great deal of hard work by the students, and an abundance of public support for these enthusiastic young people.

Final cheque for arena

MLA Don Lockstead threw a curling rock at the Sunshine Coast Arena last week and although he didn't draw to the button, he still received a much louder applause than the average curler. The reason? Lockstead's granite carried a cheque which represented the final payment of a $224,000 provincial government grant in support of the arena.

An additional cheque for $6,666 was also presented to the Arena Association by Lockstead. This cheque was an unexpected contribution towards an overrun of expenses due to inflation.

Receiving the cheques at the arena was Arena Association President Hazel Kwasney and Sechelt Mayor Harold Nelson who reportedly did a fine job of sweeping the MLA's rock into the house.

The arena grant represents the provincial government's policy of providing one-third of the capital expenditures for community recreation developments.

School board policy night

Several draft policies were dsicussed at a recent meeting of the Sechelt School District. First on the agenda at the Thursday night meeting concerned policy on how to present draft policies to the public.

In reading a draft policy resolution to the board. Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills suggested that copies of the draft reports be sent out to all interested parties in order to fulfill the board's commitment to notify the public before certain policies are adopted.

However. Superintendent John Denley pointed out that the board would not be aware of all those who were interested and then those who were not notified could claim the board was not communicating with the public.

Denley suggested there should be an availability concept rather than a possession concept. In other words, draft policies will be open and available to persons concerned.

Another policy discussed and adopted concerned sick leave for new teachers. This policy states that teachers in their first year of teaching may be granted ten additional days of sick leave without losing any salary. Standard sick leave is 15 days for teachers. This policy resulted directly from recent contract negotiations between teachers and the school board.

A third draft policy concerned extended field trips for students. An initial suggested draft policy was presented by Roy Mills but Superintendent

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Fire destroys Sechelt drive-in

A fire that RCMP believe was started by a smoldering cigarette butt gutted Sechelt's Peninsula Drive In last weekend causing damage estimated to be in excess of $100,000.

The fire, which was spotted by someone at St. Mary's Hospital at about 7:50 Sunday morning, completely destroyed the cabaret part of the building located at the rear of the structure. The drive-in, located at the front, was gutted with only the outer walls remaining.

Sechelt RCMP said owner John Petula estimated the value of the contents destroyed at about $34,000. Replacement value of the building is estimated to be between $70,000 and $85,000. The building and contents were not insured.

Both the fire marshall and electrical inspectors were on the scene Tuesday. Cause of the blaze is suspected to be a smoldering cigarette butt that had apparently been thrown in the garbage can in the women's washroom.

A Sechelt RCMP officer said it was definitely not a flash fire and that the cigarette butt had probably been smoldering since the business closed earlier at 1:30 a.m. Arson has been ruled out.

The latest fire is the fourth major blaze in the Sechelt area within the last two months.

Your polling stations

Polls for the December 11 election will be set up at the United Church hall in Gibsons, the Community Hall in Port Mellon, the Wilson Creek Association hall in Wilson Creek, the Senior Citizens' (old Legion) hall in Sechelt, the Legion in Roberts Creek and Langdale Ferry terminal for the Hopkins-Langdale area.

WITH THE HELP of Returning officer Norma Branca, Louise Pierce cast her ballat at the advance polls for the provincial election. Mrs. Pierce was one of a number of St. Mary's Hospital patients who were transported by minibus to the advance poll at the Senior Citizens' Hall Friday. Advance pols were open Thursday, Friday and Saturday in both Gibsons and Sechelt.

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A fine and special place

When the village of Gibsons was chosen as the location for filming of the CBC's Beachcomber series it probably took top spot hands down because of that special asset: the picturesque location. More than one visitor to this area — and residents for that matter — have lauded the unique setting of this village.

Gibsons Alderman Jim Metzler told council last week that he recently had the privilege of acting as a fishing guide to a visiting French cultural attache. That man's home was in Nice on the French Riviera and he apparently was so excited about the setting of this village he told our alderman he would seriously consider buying some land and moving to this area.

It's easy to become smug about living in this village, isn't it?

But as we sit around telling each other how great it is to live here, we must also start considering a few things that will ensure us a "picturesque" village, town or city, whatever we are destined to become. Historically people have a way of infringing on a beautiful natural setting and that so-called civilized infringement often counters nature's original design.

In this village we have a unique setting and it is up to us to keep it unique. The first step is to encourage discriminate development especially in the lower part oof the village. The development should accommodate a theme that would compliment and further enhance the natural setting. Council has already made a commitment to a marine theme but as some recently constructed buildings have indicated, this theme is not strictly adhered to.

The second part involves sub-divisions. A number of sub-divisions are now nearing completion and a number are presently before council awaiting approval. In all probabilities, sub-division fever is just beginning.

Most sub-division design — and architecture — of the past twenty or thirty years has accommodated quantity rather than quality. Consequently we have ended up with a lot of ticky-tacky houses all in a row, to paraphrase an old song that echoed these present sentiments on sub-divisions. Drive into any city in North America and you will find that standard design of sub-division: the grid pattern. Dull, drab, and monotonous are the only words to describe those suburbs and that's being kind. Let's just say we didn't know any better.

But now we do. Some urban planners are now beginning to emphasize aesthetics and people when designing sub-divisions rather than two cars and a garage. Furthermore, sub-division and housing designs are starting to respect the natural environment rather than combat it and more often than not wipe it out completely. And also very important, planners are starting to use imagination in designs rather than making the assumption that every sub-division has to resemble a football field.

It's been said many times before, and it will probably be said many times again during the next few years: this village is on the verge of a population explosion whether anyone wants it or not. While we may not be able to retain the rural flavor of this village, we can at least design it so it will retain its unique character.

We urge both the village council and the village planner to give serious consideration to the future character of this community so that we do not end up with a transplanted Port Coquitlam which more than symbolizes man's monotony with life.

5 to 25 years ago

FIVE YEARS AGO

Gibsons Kiwanis Senior Citizen housing project contributions have passed the $5,000 mark.

Mayor William swain maintains Sechelt is not big enough to be able to afford a dog pound.

Sechelt Lions club entertains more than 100 senior citizens with Christmas fare in the Legion hall.

10 YEARS AGO

Pt. Mellon's Centennial committee joins Gibsons committee in Support of a Gibsons Centennial swim pool.

Martin Dayton is working on a water supply report for Gibsons council.

15 YEARS AGO

Gibsons Ratepayer association recommends the old United Church property be made a public park.

Keith Wright was elected president of Gibsons Kiwanis club with Ed. Anderson and Dr. Hugh Inglis, vice-presidents

20 YEARS AGO

Almost 11 inches of rain and snow fell during six gales on about 20 days in November, the weatherman reports.

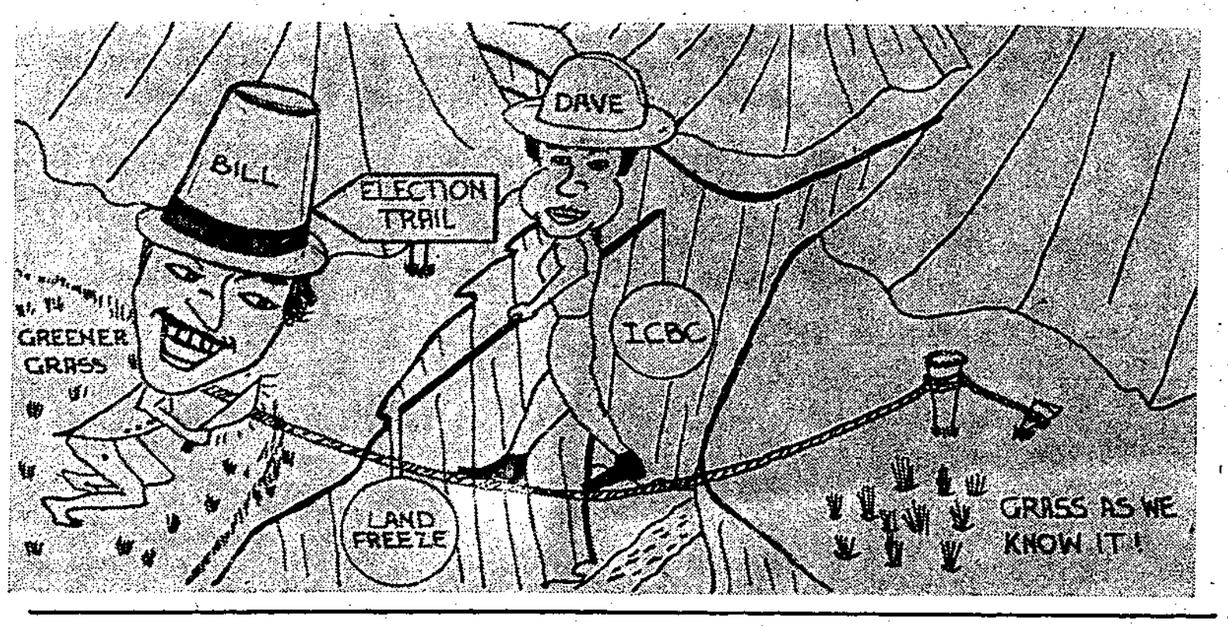
Gibsons 1955 contruction figure passes the $109,000 mark for 1955. this included 14 new homes.

Egmont populace seeks a three times a week road mail service instead of the present once a week by boat.

25 YEARS AGO

Coal, delivered by Union Steamships, Sechelt wthin a three mile radius, costs $24 per ton.

Fir brushwood 16 inches long is selling at $12 per cord delivered from Sechelt.



Wet November

Who said November was an extremely wet month? You did? You're right because so does our weatherlady, Maryanne West, who reports that a record 277.8 mm of precipitation fell at the weather station during the month of November.

Rainfall for that month was 253.8 mm. and the snowfall amounted to 24 cm. The previous November record for precipitation was 275.8 mm recorded in 1962. The 15 year average for November is 187.8 mm.

On the brighter side of the weather picture, the daytime high temperature was a balmy 17 degrees C. on November 4. Overnight low was —5 on November 29.

OF SHOES AND SHIPS AND SEALING WAX . . . by ROB DYKSTRA

Left or right on the merry-go-round of life?

The December 11 provincial election.

Society as a whole is splitting up more and more into two great hostile camps directly facing each other: bourgeoisie and proletariat.

Now where have we heard that before? As yes, thank you Mr. Marx and thank you Mr. Engles.

Political polarization is upon us and Thursday, December 11 will go down in the history books as the day the people of British Columbia made that irreversable commitment. What will it be, red or blue?

Many of you will have already made up your mind. Adamantly. But there are also many out there who are still sitting on the wall, that ambivalent situation that caused Humpty Dumpty's great fall. One day you uncommitted swing your legs to the left and the next day you swing your legs to the right. But you're afraid to jump because you really don't know what's waiting at the bottom — a shark or a song.

With all the so-called issues plaguing this election, all the political pundits tell us the battle still boils down to one major issue: socialism in this corner in the red trunks and free enterprise in the other corner with the blue trunks.

Socialism still rings alarmingly with ominous overtones for a number of B.C. voters because of the inherent associations with Karl Marx and Communism. Moving inconspicuously about the Sunshine Coast, one surprisingly finds a number of voters who still sport the spirit of the late Senator McCarthy that states if it's black, yellow or red or left of centre, shoot it.

As man tries to become more and more civilized — a word, by the way, that we really haven't found the meaning of yet — we are, ironic as it may seem to some, moving deeper and deeper into socialism. Or, perhaps if this word scares you, social change.

Governments in Western Europe, governments in Canada — including our very own federal Liberals — are all skipping happily into the land of Oz, a land where nobody goes without. As we do become more civilized, for lack of a better word, we are moving away from social Darwinism and all our animal instincts and into the happy valley where altruism reigns supreme Ideally, anyway.

Socialism must assume one basic premise if it is to work successfully. The premise is that man must be purged from that innate instinct carried over from his inevitable associaton wth Australopithecus. It is the instinct manifested in one of our first cradle-words — MINE And no one else's.

Democratic socialism is considered by many political scientists to be the utopian goal of mankind. But perhaps we in British Columbia are not quite ready for that yet. It is exactly that instinct mentioned above, the instinct that brings about private property and capital, that sustains the free enterprise system. The free enterprise system is not a bad thing as long as (a) we have room to practise our instincts of possession and territoriality and (b) the growth and development that results from point (a) is in itself desirable.

Those who espouse free enterprise must be assuming the above conditions are true. Those who are inclined towards socialism must feel they are not true — at least not here and now.

You are now nicely packaged, labelled, and stamped, but a cry from the back row tells me you are still in a dilemma because you would like to vote for the candidate but not his or her party.

When you present yourself to the scrutineer and steal surreptitiously to your clandestine rendezvous with the black ballot of fate, you will see the names McRae,, Paetkau and Lockstead in front of you. If you follow your personal sentiments and vote for the candidate you need not worry about voting for the wrong party. Each candidate is inextricably bound to the respective party.

Marion McRae is a quiet, rather diplomatic figure who feels shy about being the object of reporters' questions and able about being in the provinflashguns. She is not comfortcial limelight and unlike the NDP and Socreds, she has no money for a whitewash campaign. Obviously a Liberal.

Dr. Paetkau, although a man with a social conscience, is definitely a product of the North American free enterprise sysHoratio Alger. He comes from tem. He lives in the spirit of a grass roots Mennonite back ground and by all North American standards, he is a success.

He has an attractive wife, a healthy bunch of kids, he owns his own home plus investment property, and besides being surgeon-general of St. Mary's Hospital, he is also manager of the Sechelt clinic. Eric Paetkau is the boy next door.

Don Lockstead is in the comfortable position of already having had the chance to prove himself in the legislature. Whether or not he sips tea and other refreshments with the cabinet ministers in the Empress everyday is irrelevant. The point is he unselfishly wears himself out delivering cheques from Victoria to the Sunshine Coast and anybody anywhere likes to get free money.

Furthermore Lockstead can match the colloquy of a pensioner or a logger and that's a handy trick in this riding.

Who's going to win this contest? Who knows. My crystal ball is broken, my table won't rise, and the sage in the backwoods of Roberts Creek has gone to Florida for the winter.

I'll tell you who is not going to win: The people of this province. I'll bet this old Underwood the vote will be close enough to allow nothing more than a minority government. A minority government with an opposition whose philosophies sit at the opposite end of the teeter-totter will guarantee that all proposed legislation will be bounced right out of the legislature.

Politicking with a capital P will be the highlight of the next term and the only person with a smirk on his face will be Gordon Gibson, who, if his Liberal party manages to pick up more than one or two seats, will wave his magic balance-of-power wand to send us left or right on the merry go-round of life.

. . . and caring about politics

BY D.J. HAUKA

Politics and elections must be explained together, as they go hand in hand. Hence, it is said: politics make strange bedfellows. This is a fact and especially true during elections. Before elections most people don't care about politics. They live life normally loving their friends and disliking their enemies. But during elections they love their enemies and dislike their friends and they care very much about politics.

Politics are separated into two distinct sections: Party politics (backstabbing) and Electoral politics (slander).

Elections have strange effects on politicians and those skilled in politics. have 24 inch mouths enabling them to put both feet in at once.

After being calm and dignified for months, and more often, years, as elections (thank heavens!.) don't come but once a year. like Christmas, a politician is frustrated. If the politician is a member of the opposition, he is frustrated because he cannot stop legislation from going through. If he is a member of the government, he is frustrated because his legislation never sees the light of day.

And it is because of this heat elections bring out the highest, purest human emotions, greed and lust for power.

Where it is true that most candidates don't stoop so low and are quite fair and honest, they make for a boring campaign. And here we come to the greatest ploy in politics, the campaign promise. There are two philosophies behind these promises: you can fool some of the people.... and tell a big enough lie, and tell it long enough....

But what of the aftermath of election. After the posters are torn down and defaced, the flurry of ballot box stuffing subsides, the winner grins idiotically and the loser fades to obscurity?

Life returns to normal, the opposition blocks legislation it promised to put through if elected, the government fails to keep promises, you go back to loving your friends and disliking your enemies.

And oh, nearly forgot, you don't care much about politics

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Interviews with candidates for the December 11 provincial election

Don Lockstead – NDP

(Continued from last week)

Do you have ambitions to work in the cabinet?

I think that any backbencher worth his salt should have ambitions to be in the cabinet. Any backbencher who has no such ambitions should not be in the legislature. If I were a cabinet minister I would be a very good one and a hard worker for all the people in this province.

What area of the cabinet would you like to work in?

I have several portfolios which I think I could handle nicely. Transport and Communications but we have an excellent minister at the moment. Lands, Forests and Water Resources, an area I'm very familiar with but we also have an excellent, in fact one of the best people in Canada holding that portfolio at the moment. So what I would like to do is have the challenge of being minister of mines. I have worked in the mining industry for some 14 years and I'm very familiar with the mining industry in British Columbia and Canada, North America and the western world. I believe that I could personally, with the plans and ideas and research that I have done, revive the mining industry in this province.

I would provide literally thousands of jobs for our people and provide revenue to this province that even the present cabinet hasn't dreamed of. I have a very specific program which I would like to implement. If I am not made minister of mines in the next cabinet I will certainly present my plans and views to the present minister and to the cabinet. And I will tell you once again that I will fight for the mining industry of this province. I have some specific ideas and plans which I think would be worthwhile looking at very closely.

What is your background in mining?

I have done everything in mining from drilling and blasting and working two thousand feet below ground to being superintendent of the whole operation. There's not a piece of equipment in the logging or mining industry that I haven't operated or repaired and I have a great deal of expertise in management as well. I was also very active in the union. I was my local president for three years and I was very active in bargaining so I know the industry from the workers' and the management point of view.

Would your mining program continue with Bill 33, the Mineral Royalties Act?

I would say that all legislation pertaining to mining would be thoroughly reviewed.

Under the present government plans what is in store for the highways on the Sunshine Coast?

I will promise that there will be continued road and highway improvements which means more people coming into this area. And once again I want to reiterate and emphasize that these communities must come up with a rational plan and if they do not come up with a rational plan in one year then I will ensure that the interests of the majority of the local people are protected.

Do you believe in building bigger and more ferries to keep up with the population demand?

No. First of all I want to tell you that I don't think people in those horrendous urban areas like Vancouver should be denied the opportunity to spend a day or two in a pleasant area like the Sunshine Coast. With proper planning this can be done without ruining the environment and without ruining the lifestyle of the people who are presently living here. Being in such close proximity to a million and a half people, whether we like it or not there is going to be a certain amount of growth and a certain amount of increased population. I'm appalled at some of the rip-off tactics that are now taking place in terms of real estate but I think with proper and rational plans we can overcome some of the problems.

There's a political phrase that goes: give the natives a new road and they'll be happy for a few years. What's happening with the proposed rerouting of Highway 101?

As you know all of Canada is faced with the same problem, the entire western world is faced with this problem We have recession coupled with inflation. Our government has taken very strong measures, in fact leads the rest of North America in overcoming some of these problems. However, the problem still exists. Therefor there were very many budgetary cutbacks throughout the province. It's just like anybody else's budget. If you find that you are over spending or that things are costing more you have to cut back somewhere. I have received assurances from the minister that next year that money for the bypass will be re-installed in the budget even if it means cutting back elsewhere. I have received assurances that the money will be included in the 1976 budget. That's all I can tell you at this time.

The Socreds claim they can lower the price of building lots by easing the servicing restrictions and allowing home-owners to pay off the capital costs of municipally-installed services through taxes rather than forcing developers to install services thus adding to the initial cost of the property. Is this a good way to lower the price of land?

The Social Credit party is totally oriented to the rip-off developer. They have in the past 20 years proven that they have been willing to sell our country out from under us and if we have a Social Credit government returned to this province I guarantee you that we will become tenants in our own land. Every rip-off artist from Hong Kong, Germany, and the Middle East will come in here and buy up our property.

We will attempt to pass a bill in the first session of the new legislature of 1976 banning the foreign ownership of land. If the Social Credit government is re-elected in this province — which I doubt because I think the people have had it up to their neck with that bunch of give-away artists — then we will become tenants in our own country.

What is your party doing to combat the high cost of housing?

We have plans and we have already done a great deal to assist housing in this province. We are urging the federal government to get off their butts and do something meaningful instead of sending out press releases telling us what they are doing when, in effect, they are doing nothing. In one way they tell us all they're doing for housing and then they go and raise the prime interest rate to 12½ percent which means that we have anywhere from 18 to 20 percent interest rates for mortgages. This makes it impossible for citizens in our own country to own houses. I'm very disappointed in the federal government's lack of leadership in this area.

It's pretty well agreed that no provincial government alone can solve the housing crisis. If we came up with a rational program of housing what would happen is that not only would we be providing housing for our people but we would also be providing jobs.

We have to provide thirty thousand new jobs a year because of the great influx o people from other provinces who come to B.C.

Would there be any provincial assistance on mortgages?

I would like to see a six percent interest rate on mortgages. We've passed legislation to allow us, as a provincial government, to go into this but I understand that we may be looking at an eight percent interest rate with credit unions. I personally would like to see a six percent mortgage rate.

Do you have any suggestions concerning the Gibsons expansion project? What type of government do you feel would be most efficient for the Sunshine Coast?

First of all it would be very unfair of me to inject my personal thoughts into this. I am very familiar and keep a weekly tab on the situation. But I think decisions like this should be made at the local level. I've spoken to the minister of municipal affairs on this matter. Once the consultations among regional districts, municipalities and all other interested parties have taken place and a concensus has been reached, I have guaranteed to the people of this whole area that before any decision is made, a referendum will be held. Definitely. What the majority of the people here want is what the majority of the people will get.

But I will promise you this. One way or another, that mill at Port Mellon, which is presently escaping paying its fair share of taxes to this regional area is going to contribute to this community. After all, the workers live here and I think as good corporate citizens they have a responsibility to this community.

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Elphevents . . .

by D. J. HAUKA

When first asked to do this column I was exceedingly smug. I went around telling everyone I met about how I got this job with the Coast News and how I was going to write the school news in the paper. I expected hearty congratulations, but all I got, except in the Writing II class, was the question, "What are you going to write about?"

Come to think of it, I could not imagine what I could write about. I write in the school paper, but that type of stuff isn't strictly "school news." About all that I could think about was basketball.

Basketball has always been big at Elphinstone, and this year is no exception. As usual, the spotlight falls on the team is without last year's senior boys. This year, the entire first string, which, I suppose, is only natural, as even the slowest student must graduate sooner or later. (This is not to insinuate that basketball players are slow, okay guys).

But the team is still a good one, and almost as if to show us that we can depend on them yet another year, the senior boys won the Queen Elizabeth tournament November 28 and 29, by beating Salmon Arm and their host Queen E.

Somewhat in the shadow of the seniors, the juniors lost in the tournament but on Tuesday, December 4, won 44-27 over Pender Harbour. To my knowledge the boys have never lost to Pender Harbour.

Elphi has a new team, bantams (maybe it's just a better name for the grade eights) In any case, they won a game against Squamish, 30-21.

Then, of course, there's the girls basketball. The girls seem to have a good team this year. The juniors have won three straight so far, against Cambie, Sutherland, and Pender.

And for the first time since the old (how soon we forget) school burned down, the almost hibernating Sports Council has organized house games This would be almost negligible if it were not for one interesting fact. The Skyhawks, Kodiaks, Barracudas and Lindsay's Losers (the four houses) play, unlike the segregated basketball, with guys and gals together. This makes for some interesting games.

Another facet of school news is what the student council is doing. A lot more than last year. With school spirit at an all time low at the beginning of the year, an election for a student body president was held. The campaign did wonders for school spirit, but near the end, it became something little short of open war. This was not caused by the candidates themselves, but by their overzealous managers (one of which is writing this column). In the end, the four-way race was won by Susan Dixon, with Pat Gaines (Lindsay) coming in second as vice-president.

On December 14, a dance is to be held in our new gym. It's a semi-formal affair, featuring Laden Argus, who hopefully, will be better than the disastrous dance held last month with the band Siwash Rock. We don't know what exactly went wrong, maybe the band was in a bit of a hurry or maybe they were afraid we'd hurl them out bodily after hearing them. Believe me, the impulse was there.

Other things go on at Elphinstone. We have a chess club. mostly composed of grade 10s dedicated to the proposition that NO chess game can be boring as long as there are at least 15 people clamoring over the two players, giving hearty advice and heartier admonishment.

There's the student council committee of the Christmas Tree, which has yet to take any action (the original wish being to procure a Christmas tree for the school, but not knowing how to go about it).

And finally, there is the three year old school rag Elphevents, conceived, written and in most cases, slapped hastily together by the writing eleven class, usually the sanest (or possibly the other side of the coin) bunch of kids in the school. Elphevents is the namesake of this column, and it's the paper through which I got this job. I'm D. J. Hauka, and that is the news at Elphie.

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Interviews with candidates for the December 11 provincial election

Marion McRae – Liberal

Mrs. Marion McRae is the Liberal candidate representing Mackenzie riding in the December 11 provincial election. Mrs. McRae, a resident of Powell River, was born and educated in Vancouver and has lived on the Sunshine Coast for 34 years.

She has acted as both trustee and chairman of the Powell River District School Board and has been an active member of the community including participation in Youth Services Association and the Status of Women.

Mrs. McRae, who is married and mother of three sons and one daughter, made a brief visit to the Lower Sunshine Coast last week. She spent time meeting the public at Sunnycrest Shopping Centre, Gibsons, at Trail Bay Shopping Centre in Sechelt and at Lord Jim's Lodge.

In a short interview with the Coast News last week, Mrs. McRae said she felt the Liberals had a good chance in this riding and that several Liberals in the province had a good chance to make it into the legislature.

Mrs. McRae, who takes a very practical attitude towards politics, said many Liberals in the Powell River area would do anything to get rid of the present NDP government. She called the present polarization ridiculous and added that there are still enough Liberals in Powell River to influence the vote in this riding.

Asked what she thought about Liberals in this area throwing their support behind the Social Credit candidate, McRae said these people were nothing more than opportunists.

"If you can't stand up for your principles then you don't have very strong principles," she said.

Mrs. McRae praised Liberal leader Gordon Gibson saying that he would make a good leader. She also feels that former leader David Anderson should be re-elected to the legislature because he has a lot to offer, especially on issues dealing with the environment. She denied that Anderson had been "sacked" from the party, as one reporter suggested, and explained, rather, that he resigned because of differences within the party.

Mrs. McRae said she decided to enter provincial politics because "the polarization got to me and it also got to a lot of other people." She feels the Liberal party offers a happy medium between the extreme left and the extreme right.

"I was asked to run for the legislature in 1969 but I felt I was just a country girl." She declined the suggestion at that time. If elected, Mrs. McRae said she would give up her school trustee seat and she has already given up her part time job as a bookkeeper.

Mrs. McRae said it was especially her involvement in the area of education that encouraged her to run. She admitted she was not familiar with many of the present broader issues but "that is something to be learned."

She criticized the present education system claiming it is too centralzed. She feels more power and responsibilities should be given to local school boards although there should also be a limit to that.

"Some of the powers must be retained by the provincial government so that education doesn't become too de-centralized."

She said the present NDP government started out to decentralize the education system but "they're in more of a mess now han they have ever been in."

Mrs. McRae also feels the changes the NDP have made are also resulting in a much more expensive school system. She said it would not be her objective to keep school policies and programs stable but people should be made aware of the consequences of some of the changes.

"Some of the improvements are costing a lot of money," she pointed out. An example of such a program, she said, is the one for children with learning disabilities, adding quickly that she was certainly not against it but that, again, the public should be fully aware of how much is being spent on the program.

Asked about her opinion on some of the other issues, inflation and wage and price controls, for instance, Mrs. McRae said she agreed with the controls because inflation must be beaten.

On the NDP social programs, the Liberal candidate said she is always concerned about social change because social programs are needed, especially for children and pensioners.

MARION McRAE

"The Liberals are certainly not going to neglect that," she said. She added, however, that social changes should not be undertaken merely for political advantage. Besides implementing the social policies, she said, there must also be some concern over the method of supporting them.

She pointed out that social change could not take place without a sound economic base — and that requires the industries in our province to be working. On the topic of industry, she feels that large companies should be open for workers to buy or invest in.

On foreign investments in this province, Mrs. McRae said she was not familiar enough with that issue to make a judgment but she feels that foreign investment, held to a limit, would encourage the economy of this province.

Mrs. McRae also said that a special government department should be set up to deal with pensioners. She feels a lot of elderly people are having a hard time coping with all the changes and furthermore that many seniors would still like to work and be a useful part of our society.

"That would eliminate a lot of loneliness that results from elderly people having nothing to do."

Asked what area of the government she would like to work in, if elected, Mrs. McRae said education because "that is what I am familiar with." Asked if she felt she would feel frustrated as a Liberal backbencher, she said she is not stuck on any specific party policy but would use common sense. "And when I feel a need to bang on the table because I've got something to say, then I'll bang on the table."

Summing up her philosophy, Mrs. McRae said she was not about to make any promises because "being on the outside is not like being on the inside." She said she would not start making promises that she may not be able to carry out merely for the sake of getting herself elected to the legislature.

Cheques for village

Even during his busy campaign schedule, MLA Don Lockstead still finds time to drop off some cheques from the provincial government.

Lockstead recently presented a cheque in the amount of $4,453 to the village of Gibsons as a further grant under the Natural Gas Revenue Sharing Act. A previous grant under the same act amounted to $28,000. The additional money was granted because of a growth factor in the village.

A supplementary cheque for $2,103.46 was also provided by the provincial Department of Recreation and Conservation to cover additional costs for the new tennis courts. The courts are located behind Elphinstone school.

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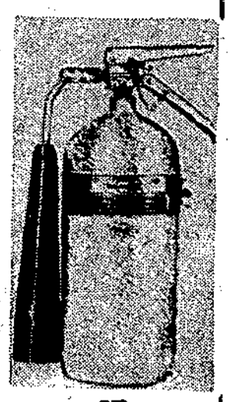

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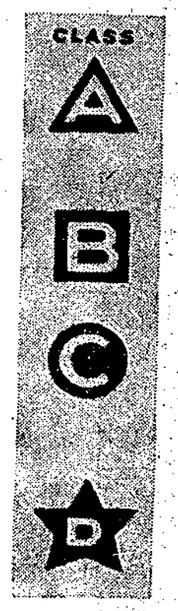

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Don Elson, of Elson Glass, donated his time and completed all the glasswork, while the Gibsons Kiwanis Club brought in a crew of twelve on November 27, making a total crew of 24 that night. They accomplished a great deal with the result that the building is progressing very well.

All club members, non-members and Senior Citizens who want to curl in the Gibsons leagues in January, are asked to pick up their curling forms at the Royal Bank in Gibsons.

The club would like to know if you are an experienced curler or an unexperienced curler, how often you want to curl, and if you would like to curl in the men's, women's, mixed, or senior citizens' league.

Completed forms must be returned to Carol McGivern, at the Royal Bank, by December 15 so the curling schedules may be drawn up.

There will be a meeting in January, before curling begins, for inexperienced curlers. The date is yet to be announced. Information will be given on curling equipment and a demonstration and lessons on how to curl. The curling schedule will be posted at that time, and you can ask your questions then.

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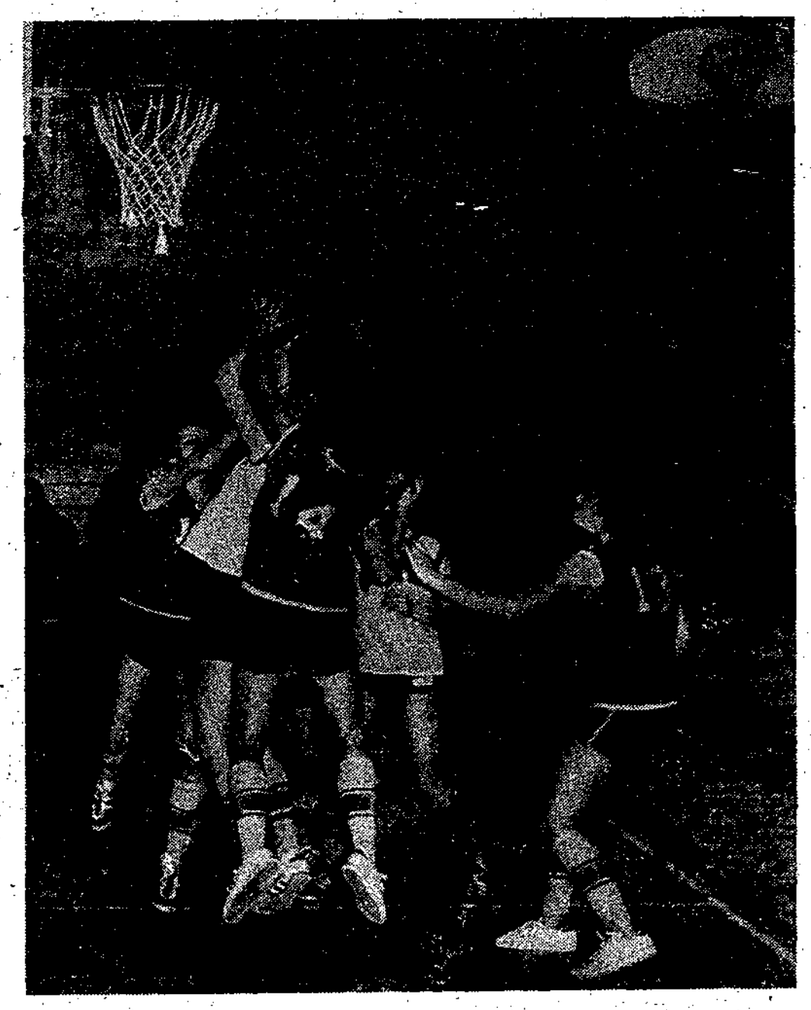

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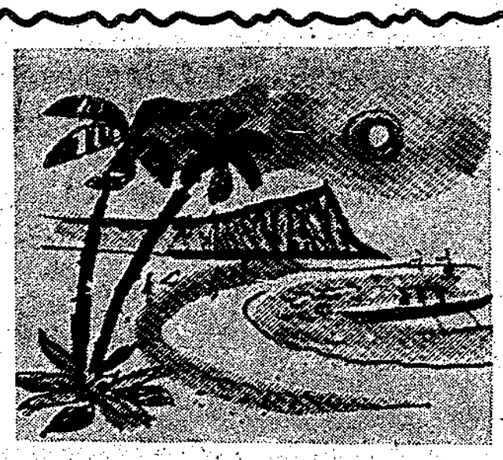

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Ferries resume operations

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department of economic development because it was claimed to be a federal responsibility.

New also said his announcement last week to cease operation of the ferries was nothing new to either the MLA or the provincial government. He said he had written a letter to Lockstead last August informing the MLA that if no funding was available he would have to cease operations.

New said he wired Transport Minister Carl Liden in October informing him that traffic was down 30 percent and if no provincial assistance was forthcoming he could no longer continue to operate.

New said the response he received, in effect, said "well fella, you'll just do what you have to do."

In the meantime, Social Credit candidate Eric Paetkau also reacted to the Coast Ferry announcement. In his statement Paetkau said the subsidy is a federal government responsibility "but we certainly can't sit back and say we'll do nothing."

Paetkau said he was in Sullivan Bay when the last Coast Ferries vessel called into that port and people there were very distressed. Paetkau said everybody is sitting around blaming everybody else but the prime concern is to get the service into operation again.

In reaction to Paetkau's statement that a Social Credit government would provide a subsidy to Coast Ferries,, NDP MLA Don Lockstead said it was an irresponsible statement "and reminds me of the old days of Social Credit when taxpayers' money was recklessly plunged into questionable private operations before thoroughly examining those operations to determine taxpayers are getting the best value for the dollar."

Clarifies recreation area

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the secretary-treasurer of the Sunshine Coast Regional District.

In last week's papers there was a report carried which stated that the Regional Board was looking into the possibilities of establishing a class B park in the area referred to as Tetrahedron Mountain.

Although I for one would be delighted if this was in fact true, I rather think that the board is not talking about Tetrahedron at all but is using the name to cover the area used by the Tetrahedron Ski Club on Mount Elphinstone, which is quite a long way from the actual mountain and in fact has no connection with it.

The club was granted a special usage permit for an area covering approximately 1.8 acres on which it pays taxes, for the purpose of down hill skiing. As far as can be ascertained this permit is still valid.

It is my hope that this will clarify the situation but if in fact Tetrahedron Mountian is going to be considered as a park, the board is to be highly commended and should not be discouraged!

—JOHN HIND-SMITH.

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A dessert that TOPS would have frowned upon

by JOAN RIGBY

Thirty-eight ladies of the Gibsons Hospital Auxiliary met December 3 for a Christmas lunch. We enjoyed Turkey casserole (unthawed and reheated from that leftover from the Aloha Buffett), mixed vegetables, buttered rolls, and a a Christmas dessert that TOPS members would have frowned upon. We exchanged small gifts and found there are still little but nice gifts available for fifty cents. We happily wel comed four new members — Mrs. Bobby Johnston, Mrs. Marion McConnell, Mrs Esma Graham, Mrs. E. Morris. We welcomed Mrs. Polly Warn in October and Mrs. Gladys Palmer and Mrs. Dorothy Lucas in November. We will be happy to welcome you in January!

It was a happy moment to hear just how successful our Aloha Buffet was. Convenor Mrs. Jean Longley, in accepting our thanks for a terrific job, jokingly said she was delighted to accept our praise, but if we had failed, the blame would have had to fall on the heads of the committee chairmen!

We regretted to report the quilting party scheduled for November 19 had literally been washed out, when the basement of Calvary Baptist Church was flooded by the heavy rains. We will be meeting in the New Year to quilt, using the Turkey Trot pattern.

Mrs. Gladdie Davis reported 8½ tables of bridge in November. Mrs. Alameda Whiting had raffle tickets on eight dolls being displayed in various stores. At present they are to be seen in Kruse Drug stores. and tickets are available there. Watch for the ladies with the dolls and tickets at the Sunnycrest Plaza some day prior to the draw, which will be prior to December 20.

The auxiliary is very grateful to Mrs. I. Enemark who knit head-huggers, pram and crib covers to be sold at the hospital Gift Shop. We gratefully accept her offer to knit an afghan for raffle. Six ladies worked 17 hours in the extended care area. We will welcome members willing to work in this worthwhile and rewarding area of the hospital.

To paraphrase a well known saying: "The luncheon is over, who will convene the luncheon' our president, Mrs. Ida Leslie, asked for a convenor for our spring lunch.

We gratefully thank Mrs. M. Langdale for accepting this responsibility. The auxiliary is again accepting donations in lieu of local Christmas cards. Your donations may be made at either the Royal Bank or the Bank of Montreal, until noon of Friday, December 19: Mrs. Dorothy Cruice is looking after this for us.

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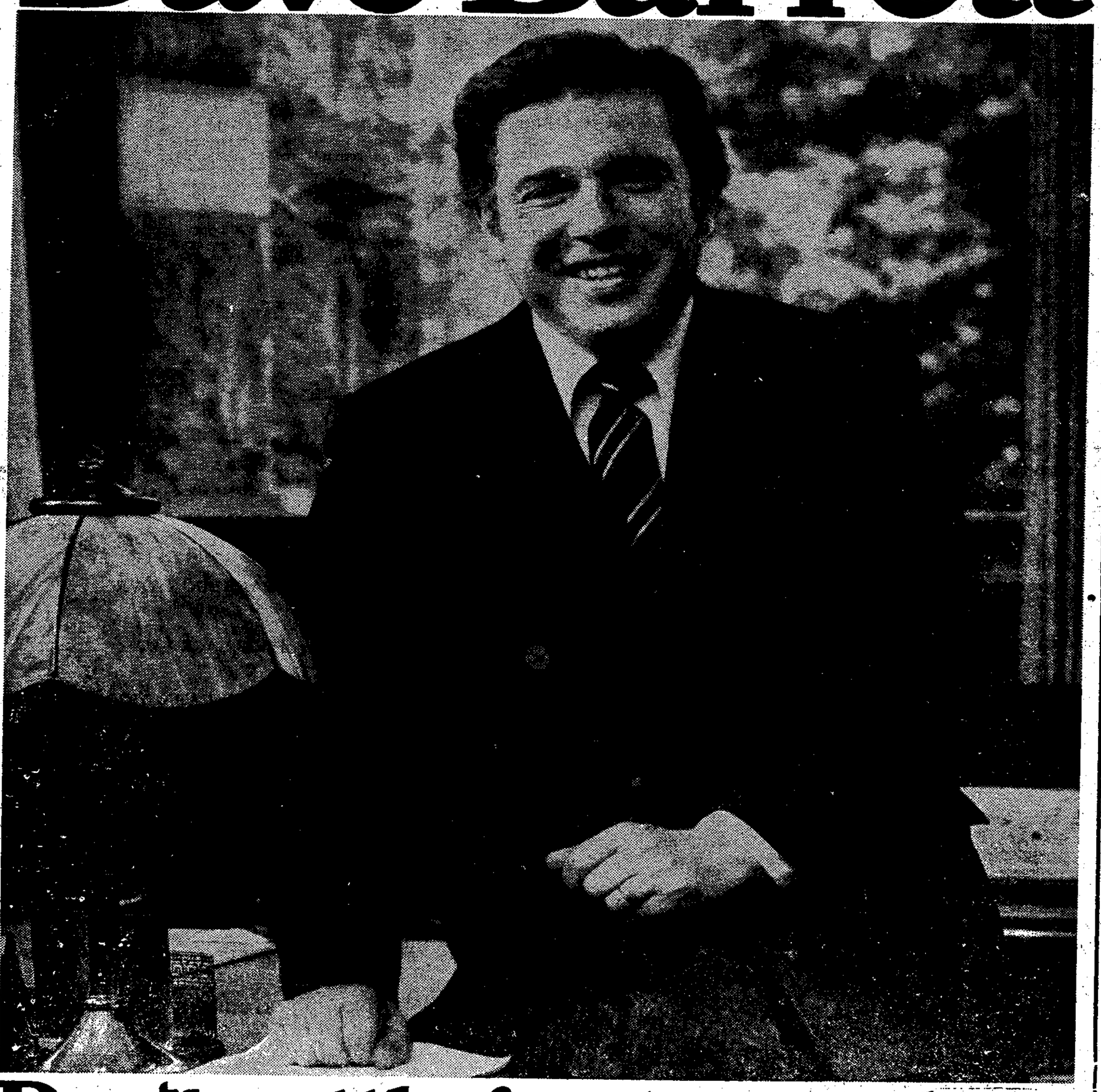

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Highways Dept. lax

Editor: I am writing this letter to protest the lax attitude shown by our local highways department in maintaining the highways during the weekend snowfall. Although there was plenty of warning from the weather bureau at least 12 hours ahead, no attempt was made to clear the the roads until after 10 a.m Sunday morning. Furthermore, at no time during the day did the department manage to clear the road to a reasonable driving condition. As a result there were great inconveniences to those who had to drive, numerous accidents, damage to cars, and some injuries, one fatal. I lay the blame squarely on the people responsible for the local highways department.

While I am at it, I would like to state that the maintenance of the roads on the peninsula has been a disgrace for a long time, and that any request for services has been met with arrogance and lack of co-operation. I therefore demand that the minister of highways make an inquiry into the local department's demonstrated incompetence to handle snow removal, and their general inability to maintain the roads on the peninsula in decent driving condition.

—JOHN PEDERSON,
Sechelt.

Better than Hawaii?

Editor: I thought first to write this article incognito, but at the other hand my experience could just as well be yours and, so what's the difference.

Did you ever stop to think how much time you spent to write, speak or read about what is wrong or who is wrong as opposite to what is right? Well if you take all that is right for granted then there will be very little to enjoy in this world.

But back to my story: a routine hospital case with a prescheduled surgery, something which nobody is going to look forward to as a means for enjoyment. Place: St. Mary's hospital. People involved: many. First a lady with the questions, than the other white coats with the needles, little jars and tapes. Then you get to your room. Mine was very spacious with a beautiful ocean view. Later I found the the rest of them being very very much the same. At the end of each wing there was a lounge with reading material, telephone and a big coloured TV. No quarters necessary to operate.

But now you are back in your room. A Nurse with thermometer and balloon for blood pressure is going to get you before supper and after just about every meal, always thought comes with a smile and question to accomodate your wish. The meals are on time, warm and arranged in a manner of airline service. So what else for an encore? I thought to go watch my favorite program MASH - on T.V. Yet after 10 minutes I turned it off. Kind of boring I thought Backrub had much more of a personal touch.

Now it was time for the operating expose. My case was number one of five and it took a full two hours. But first things first. You are told exactly what is going to take place and type of anesthetic treatment you are going to receive. Then the white coats personnel will turn into a sort of green Karati Kimonos and with face shields. Those are the executioners. Oh boy, if something goes wrong there you sure know it or don't! Two big reflectors each about four feet in diameter above your head.

A last look on the clock. It is 8:03 a.m. or 3 minutes behind the schedule. A deep breath through the oxygen mask and the next thing you know it is four hours later when you wake up. In the meantime the green Karatis were still choppping bones under the schorching lamps.

But let's go back to you, the patient. You will probably do lots of sleeping at this point and just as well. Give the body a chance to readjust with the changes. Then you will feel better and the final verdict will say, now you can go wherever you came from. But wait, first you must pay the bill: Three days at $1 per day equals $3 cash.

Last year about the same time I went to Hawaii. My room certainly did not cost $1 a day nor did it have an ocean view. T.V was extra and so were the meals. No rub down at all. St. Mary's hospital is on the Sunshine Coast, open 24 hours a day for service to anyone who needs it. Have you ever thought about it that way?

G. Turynek Gibsons

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Our subscription expires this week and we do not wish to renew it. We like your paper and will purchase it from time to time on ferry news stands.

Over a period of two years the average time for your paper to travel 30 miles by Canada Post Office is two weeks. With the recent non-performance we are giving up on publications received by mail. Canada and its people deserve better.

K. D. MOIR
North Vancouver

Educated opinion

Editor: Those parents among your readers who are concerned about the education their children are receiving may be interested in the following facts:

1. As long as the system of one teacher to X number of students remains, it is particularly obvious to anyone involved in education that the lower that ratio is, the more attention each child receives. Under the previous Socred government I had 37 students in my classroom. I now have 26 students and this reduction is directly due to the NDP policy changes in education.

2. Prior to 1972 school construction freezes were frequent and cutbacks in provincial educational spending a predictability. Districts experiencing growth received no help from the Department of Education. Under the present government the capital cost budget has been substantially increased and the necessary new schools and additions are being built.

3. The present government has provided educational leadership in eliminating antiquated textbook issues and in establishing committees to pursue curriculum development.

While all teachers or school boards may not agree with all of the actions, the present Department of Education is by far the most active, enquiring, and forward thinking this province has known. Education Minister Eileen Dailly has demonstrated her concern for the education of children in this province by providing special funds for the teaching of children with learning disabilities.

Part of the duty of any government is to educate the new citizens for better future generations. The present government has shouldered that responsibility in a most sensible way.

—W. SKAPSKI.
Pender Harbour.

Poems and promises

Editor:
The day we've been waiting for
is coming very near,
The date is December 11 and
1975 is the year.
I've been watching the tele and
I don't know which way to
vote.
They do a lot of raving to get
each other's goat.
They call each other names
that are very naive,
One called him young Bill and
the other fat Dave.
Now young Bill says if we
don't vote for him fat Dave
will hook up the plow,
Well this sounds awful scary,
but I don't think it's the
truth somehow.
I know I'm not very smart but
I don't understand how
Dave could pull a plow through
all that frozen land.
But I guess we could vote for
young Bill,
And let him get in his licks.
But Lord help us if he finds
his daddy's bag of tricks!

—MIKE JEPSON.

Lockstead works hard

Editor: May I call attention to the fact that Mr. Don Lockstead, the NDP candidate and present incumbent, has worked very hard, not only for the welfare of the constituency, but to bring matters of general policy of interest to constituents to the attention of the cabinet and the appropriate ministers?

As an example of the first, a corner on Hall Road had, since 1956, been the site of one or two accidents a year, a number of them serious, including two deaths. All attempts to get action from the Socred Highways Minister failed, the only response being one flippant answer from Mr. Gaglardi. Mr. Lockstead approached the Highways Department and got results. The dangerous corner was fixed.

As an example of the second, local citizens' letters to Mr. Lockstead on more general matters invariably receive a prompt and courteous reply, with a follow-up letter detailing ministers or other officials contacted, and information as to the government's policies in the matter.

This is a welcome change from Socred arrogance and indifference. Let's give Mr. Lockstead, and the party he belongs to, an opportunity to demonstrate further both his commitment to local interests, and his willingness to facilitate participation at the local level in larger matters.

After 20 years' arrogance and Socred neglect of social issues, the present government's record to date has been a welcome change. There is much still to be done. I hope those who appreciate the change will support Mr. Lockstead.

—F. D. PARKER,
Roberts Creek.

Recycling same tactics

Editor: We are appalled, as we are sure other fair-minded residents of the Sunshine Coast must be, by the misrepresentations and distortions of the truth used by some of Dr. Paetkau's campaign workers and in come of his advertising.

How can one vote for a candidate who allows his supporters to recycle the same despicable scare tactics so overworked in past Bennett days?

—FRANK AND MARYANNE WEST, R.R. 1, Gibsons.

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Fire hall 'consideration'

A story in the Coast News last week concerning the fire budget indicated that a new firehall would be under construction next year some time. Gibsons Ald. Jim Metzler, who presented the fire budget to council last week has since clarified that a new firehall will not be constructed next year but rather, that serious consideration will be given to the building of a new firehall.

In his presentation of the fire budget, Ald. Metzler recommended expenses for improvments to the two firehalls be eliminated from the proposed budget because of the consideration being given to the construction of a new firehall.

Prospective locations for the new firehall are presently being considered.

Your Horoscope

Horoscope for the next week
By TRENT VARRO

ARIES - March 21 to April 20
There's a strong possibility that you will be changing your place of residence if you haven't done so already. If you don't "move" you will probably change your outlook on some private decision.

TAURUS - April 21 to May 21
"Make hay while the sun shines" might be a good slogan for you to follow now. Next month there may be some slight disturbances in your chart that could tend to upset you. Act now!

GEMINI - May 22 to June 21
Everything is 'coming up roses' in your solar chart at this time. You have a new life ahead that is so much better than what you have been through in the past. Make the most of this.

CANCER - June 22 to July 22
A little tension and perhaps some slight health problem may crop up sometimes during the week. Face this honestly and if you need medical attention see your doctor. The long-range out-look is good.

LEO - July 23 to August 23
Romantic times abound for you Leo. This should ease much tension and provide you with some very pleasant experiences. Business is not too well aspected.

VIRGO - August 24 to Sept. 22
Many persons will probably be turning to you for advice during the next week. As long as you keep your head on your shoulders, all will be well. Be sure the advice you give is good.

LIBRA - Sept. 23 to October 23
Some remarkable stroke of good luck could come your way next week that promises much in gains for the future. Be extremely careful with money. Be wise in all forms of investment.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22
Domestic matters are important. Make certain that you are doing your part in harmonious living. If disagreeing with your wife or partner, you should back off gracefully.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 -Dec 21
Persons from "far away places" are thinking of you now, and are willing to help you. Whatever you do don't become arrogant. Count your blessings and you'll prosper.

CAPRICORN -Dec. 22 - Jan 20
Wait until the first week in February before getting involved in any large business transaction. This might be an excellent time to think about a holiday. Have fun in the sun!

AQUARIUS - Jan.21 to Feb. 18
A much better outlook should be in store for you this week than last week. One thing is certain, you won't be far "off base" in any line of endeavour. Play it smart!

PISCES - Feb. 19 to March 20
Your judgement is sound and if kept on a practical plane you can achieve wonders. Do not be talked into any foolish buisiness ventures. Romance is blossoming in your sign now.

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Interviews with candidates for the December 11 provincial election

Eric Paetkau – Social Credit

(Continued from last week)

If you are elected a backbencher in the opposition do you feel this constituency may be deprived somewhat? It's been said under the previous Social Credit government you could tell where a Socred constituency ended because that's where the gravel started and the pavement ended.

That's all a thing of the past. and it's wrong. I don't have a narrow outlook on things. We have got to stop thinking in local terms only.

How do you feel about our local governments? We seem to be on the verge of some kind of re-arrangement now. Is there any specific type of government you would like to see here?

Well, I've talked to all the governments on the Sunshine Coast and they all basically have the same problems. Number one they are not getting enough financing and the per capita grant hasn't increased over quite a number of years. The revenue that they get from the profits on the natural gas royalties are exactly enough to pay for the increase in welfare payments. So they're no further ahead. And they have no say in the welfare setup. They just get a bill periodically from Victoria for their share of the welfare costs which amounts basically to the amount they get extra from the natural gas.

That doesn't really answer your question but I would envision that in this area we have too many little groups. Why can't we just be a larger single government municipality? We have to look outside the boundaries of our little zones of influence. Communication, travel, things the way they are now you can't remain parochial. There seems to be a tremendous duplication of efforts here.

How do you envision the ferries in relation to life on the Sunshine Coast?

I don't mind speaking personally because I feel very strongly that as a member I will not take a back seat and allow anyone to say you raise your hand when we tell you to raise your hand. What I see about the ferry system is that first of all it would be very simple to run the ferries al night. Why? Because we're spending $25 million on building new ferries and we let them sit idle all night. You could do an enormous amount with that $25 million in the line of setting up crews to run the ship back and forth all night. And giving incentives to trucks to run at night and keep the days open for cars all day. This would especially be good for areas like Powell River because they feel quite restricted. They have to leave Vancouver awfully early to get home. It's very simple and I would certainly try and find out why we couldn't do it.

But don't the overcrowding problems exist mainly during the summer weekends and don't you think the ferries would be empty at 3 a.m.?

Again, we could give people an incentive to travel at night. If you know you can get on a ferry cheaper at night and also avoid any line-ups then that might be the thing you want to do.

What is your opinion on the government's price controls?

Well, you can't continue to govern by stop-gap method. You have to have a policy. My policy would be to encourage the federal government's restraint program right now. At least it's a start. At least they are trying to do something.

What about Bill 146, the back to work legislation?

Again, it's a finger in the dyke situation, a stop-gap measure. To my knowledge there's been no progress made in settling this. People are blaming each other and nothing is happening. Except for the fact they're working. But if you have no choice in a situation bravery comes quite easily. It wasn't even a brave situation because there was no choice for the government.

So you don't believe Bill 146 involves any philosophical questions?

Not at all. As a matter of fact can you imagine what would have happened if the Socreds had introduced Bill 146? They would have never been forgiven. The present government has already been forgiven for it. My philosophy is that it should never come to that. And it should never be allowed to reach that stage again.

In retrospect I could agree with that but how would you have prevented that whole thing?

Well if things are at an impasse — things were at an impasse prior to Bill 146 — the government should have acted as a catalyst and not stay completely back. I'm not saying you have to serve as an enforcer but as a catalyst. Give some kind of help in resolving the problems.

But there was a government mediator.

But he didn't have any real authority, he didn't have any clout. I think it should have come from higher, it was such a major strike for the province. It should have involved the top of the government.

But already there was a great outcry by both union and management about the government intervention. Do you think the government should still have a heavier hand in intervening in strikes?

Well I would like to think there could have been more done. We all speak English and we must realize that communication is the name of the game. I think this comes back to another point and that is education for young union members. Education seminars in the field of political economics, and social things, and labor-management relations. Take people out of their place of work and meet in Vancouver for a seminar once or twice a year and teach people what the outside world is all about. Then communication would be more meaningful.

Education at the expense of whom?

The government. This is their role. As I said we are the catalyst to harmonize our two major resources — the human and the natural. We now have this enormous mistrust between labor and management and it's as large as the mistrust that exists between Russia and the United States. We've reached a level where the big people in government are on the same plateau as the big people in labor and management. They're all top dog now and they communicate with their respective groups but there is no horizontal communication at a lower level. They are all three equally at fault. This enormous misunderstanding that exists is the government's fault.

So you would like to see the government act more as an ombudsman between labor and management rather than intervene directly with legislation.

That's exactly right. Restore some common sense.

Any other ways besides education that you think would bring about some kind of a reconciliation between labor and management?

Well, one thing I wonder about is why can't people be involved in profit sharing in industry. Why can't this be a part of our scene. I've done a lot of research and I've talked to both union and management on this and they both say that they would like it but that the other party wouldn't like it. Now somebody isn't communicating. Now that really is a role for a catalyst, isn't it?

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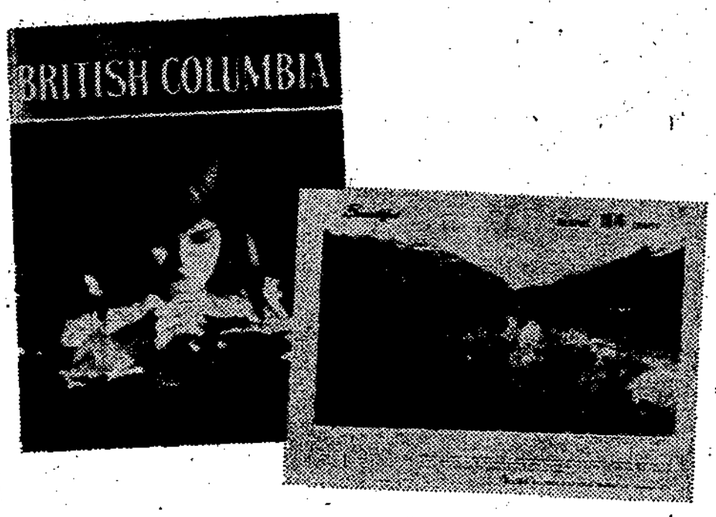

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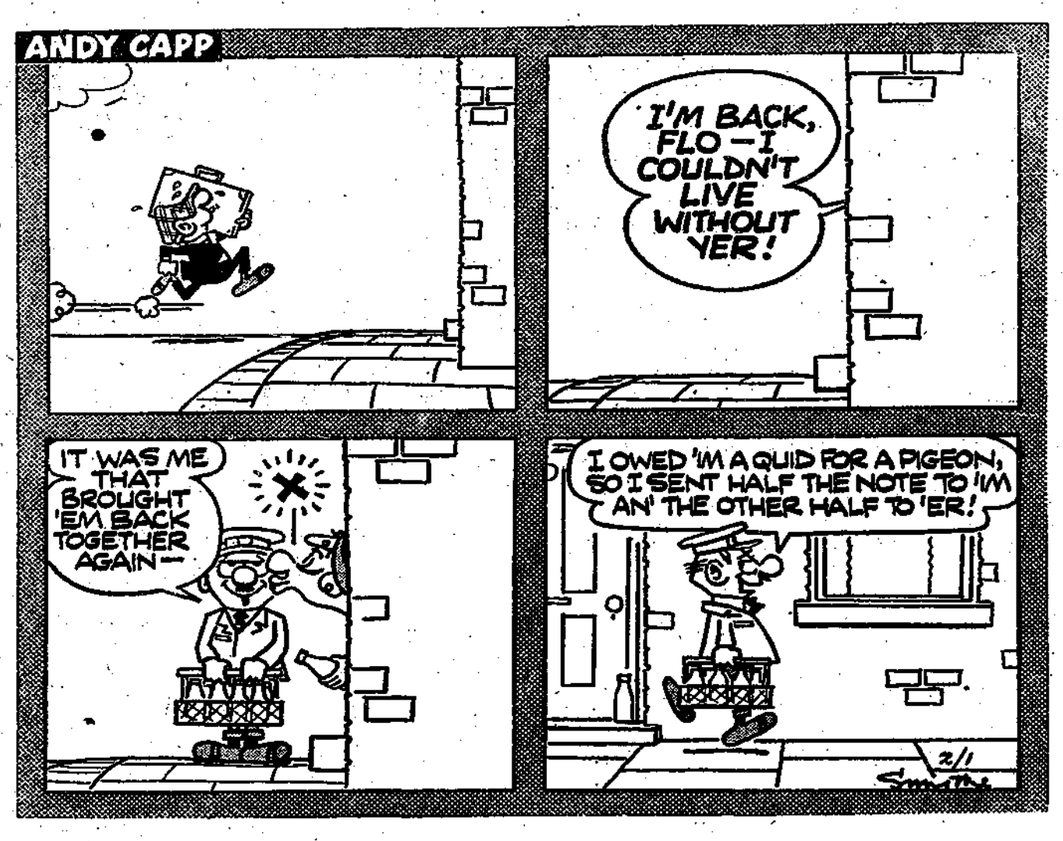

Elphinstone concert

The first music concert to be held in the new Elphinstone gymnasium will feature the grade eight Elphinstone band performing five different numbers.

The concert, which takes place Monday, December 15, will also feature the senior band playing seven numbers. The bands will be conducted by William S. Rayment.

Susan Sutherland, also a student at Elphinstone, will perform a piano solo.

Starting time for the concert is 7:30 p.m. Coffee and other refreshments will be available and a silver collection will be taken.

THE GREAT FALLS

Father Louis Hennepin, a Jesuit priest, was the first white man to see Niagara Falls, in 1678.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Merlin's field
6. Oscar, for one
11. Solitary
12. Row
13. Sunflower State
15. Soup plate
16. Sooner than
17. American Indian
19. Blue grass
20. "Robinson Crusoe" author
22. Right Worthy (abbr.)
23. Terror
26. California state motto
28. Rule
30. Fainter
31. Alias Ed Norton
33. Faction
34. Printer's measure
35. Run away
37. El ——, Spanish hero
39. Prefix: three
40. Monkey
43. Presently
45. Kind of dancer
47. Kingly
49. Sultan's decree
50. Residue
51. Auriculate

DOWN
1. Create
2. Wing-shaped
3. Departed
4. Office-holders
5. Halt
6. Time of day (abbr.)
7. Spider's bailiwick
8. Asymmetrical
9. Processed again
10. Middle Atlantic state
14. Umpire's cry
18. Clever stratagem
20. Beehive resident
21. Obliterate
23. King or queen, for instance
24. Medical ——
25. Make known
27. Samuel's teacher (Bib.)
29. Dissolve
32. Long ago
36. Girl's hair style
38. Venice magistrate
40. Celestial body
41. Assistant
42. Chilled
44. Carp
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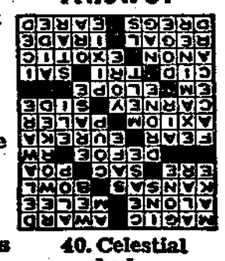
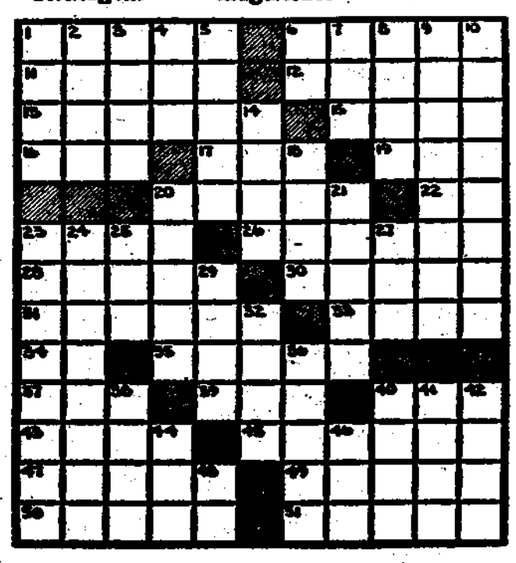
48. Document abbreviation

Today's Answer





Elphi problems linger

As is not uncommon in school board meetings these days, Elphinstone Secondary school was once again a topic of discussion at the last School board meeting.

One of the remaining problems in the school is that the acoustics in the music room are not up to standards. Trustees were in favor of rectifying this situation but as Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills pointed out, it's going to cost some money.

Reacting to Mills' statement, Trustee Maureen Clayton said the poor acoustics was not the financial responsibility of the board but rather of the architect.

"It's his mistake," Clayton said. "He should have incorporated that into his design." She felt that if the acoustics were going to be improved it should be done at the expense of the architect and not at the expense of the board who would have to hire an acoustics expert.

Clayton also indicated the board was being hypocritical because a recent letter to the architect, Mr. Uyeyama, stated that his firm would be considered for future building projects. The board, on the other hand, was not entirely satisfied with the work of this architect.

"The fact remains that this architect designed the music room without proper acoustics," Clayton said.

School trustees will visit Elphinstone school on Friday to establish a list of deficiencies and unfinished work. As was noted by one trustee "there is still a lot of work to be done." Non-sharable funding will have to be provided by the board to supply paint between the old and new areas of the school, to finish the courtyard, and to provide seating in the foyer.

Trustee Agnes Labonte said the deficiencies at the school should be a priority item over everything else in the district. Trustee Celia Fisher agreed. "It's been a makeshift year for three years now and I would like to see both schools (Sechelt Junior Secondary and Elphinstone) completed in 1976," she said.

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BOWLING

Art Holden rolls big

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Art Holden was the big gun of the week rolling in the Gibsons A league a week ago Tuesday. Art had games of 238, 351 and 323 for a total of 912 for three. That's the first 900 series rolled here in a year and a half.

While Art was rolling up with the pros, the rest of us mortals weren't doing too badly either. Vivian Chamberlin rolled a 303 single in the Ball and Chain League and Henry Hinz had a 351 single in the Thursday Mixed league. Finishing off the week in the Legion league. Ken Skytte rolled a 320 and Bill Chester a 327 single. In the same league Carole Paulger rolled 831 for high triple for the ladies.

Our bowlers of the month for November are Sandy Lemky with a 330 single and Mark Ranniger and Art Holden both with 351 singles.

Other good games:

Tues. Coffee: Lila Head 229-613; Maureen Sleep 252-628; Myrtle Nobel 286-662.

Swingers: Flo Chaster 266-535; Mary Benyon 204-541; Alice Smith 242-586; Art Smith 219-545; Art Teasdale 209-526.

Gibsons A: Kathy Whiting 265-674; Henry Hinz 247-633; Ken Swallow 223-636; Vic Marteddu 237-665; Art Holden 351-912.

Wed Coffee: Carole Skytte 218-607; Clare Christiansen 265-609; Penny McClymont 206-614; Darlene Maxfield 242-620; June Frandsen 270-647; Denise Kennett 232-660.

Ball & Chain, 7:00: Marney Qually 231-595; Sue Rhodes 242 593; Don MacKay 247-670; Al Lovrich 270-691; Ken Stewart 272-704.

Ball & Chain, 9:00: Paddy Richardson 293-610; Vivian Chamberlin 303 - 654; Ken Skytte 268-641; Freeman Reynolds 240-670; Brian Butcher 242-679; Frank Redshaw 273-682.

Thurs. Mixed: Orbita delos Santos 247-694; Dianne Fitchell 289-720; Dan Robinson 222-634; Mel delos Santos 233-648; Mel Buckmaster 228 - 644; Ron Cruice 279-719; Henry Hinz 351-763.

Legion: Carol McGivern 259-633; Carole Paulger 293-831; Tom Flieger 257-634; Bill Chester 327-688; Barry Lynn 253-701; Ken Skytte 320-795; Freeman Reynolds 280-779.

YBC Bantams: (2): Michele Whiting 161-319; Darin Macey 112-217; Dean LePage 112-216.

Juniors: Michele Solinsky 192 546; Shannon McGivern 200-504; Geoff Spence 213-502; Grant Gill 201-507.

Seniors: Louise MacKay 186 428; Andy Pelletier 275-701; Jeff Mulcaster 328-731.

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Roberts Creek coffee party

Ladies of the Roberts Creek Hospital Auxiliary held a very successful coffee party and sale of novelties and home cooking Friday, November 14, a member of the auxiliary reports. There were tables of white elephant itms and plants and the decorations suitable to the occasion were very attractive.

The grocery hamper was won by W. Grose, ten pounds of sugar was won by Mrs. R. Meade, Mrs. Jean McIlwaine took home the cake, and Mrs. S. McLean won the door prize.

New executive officers for the coming year were elected at an auxiliary meeting Monday, December 8. The new officers are: Mrs. M. Grose, president; Wilma Rodgers, vice-president; Helen Snetsinger, secretary, and Dorothy Bruce, treasurer.

Committee members will be appointed at a later meeting.

Friendship meeting

A recent meeting of the Sunshine Rebekah Lodge No. 82, IOOF enabled the sisters and brothers to entertain 22 members of the Elphinstone chapter No. 65, OES. The friendship meeting took place November 26.

Guests were welcomed by Sisters Eileen Smith, PNG, Mary Lekman, VG, and Mary Steele, DDP. A novel march for the Stars between two lines of Rebekahs ended with the coupling of Stars and Rebekahs for a mixer game of 'What am I?' Sister Quigley, PM, OES, carried off the prize.

Several games of bingo followed and at 10 p.m. the table was set with an open Bible centrepiece cake and the friendship theme was carried out with welcoming place-cards depicting clasped hands.

Brother Ivan Smith gave an appropriate blessing and for nearly an hour delicious refreshments, friendly conversation and laughter could be heard the length of the hall.

The idea of interfraternal friendship night was proposed by Sister Mary Johnson of Sunshine and the joyous faces resulting from finding an old friend among the members was good to see.

Margaret Hauka, WM, OES, thanked the Rebekahs on behalf of the Elphinstone members. She said it was truly a friendship evening and added that friendship, rather than rivalry between the two groups, was another step toward bringing peace to the world.

Policies

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Denley said there would have to be more consultation with principals, teachers, and perhaps parents before a proper draft could be discussed by the board. He proposed that Mills' suggested draft policy for extended field trips be altered to "suggestions" for such a policy.

One suggestion for the policy states the board believes that the best interest of the majority of students is served by relatively short field trips within the province of B.C. or within Canada, rather than by lengthy and expensive trips to other countries.

Gibsons Elementary school principal was recently denied permission by the board to take a group of grade seven students to Mexico. The board felt the students should stay in Canada.

The field trip policy will be further discussed in a school board meeting at the end of January.

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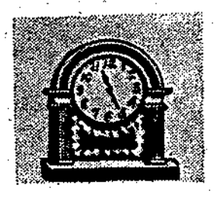
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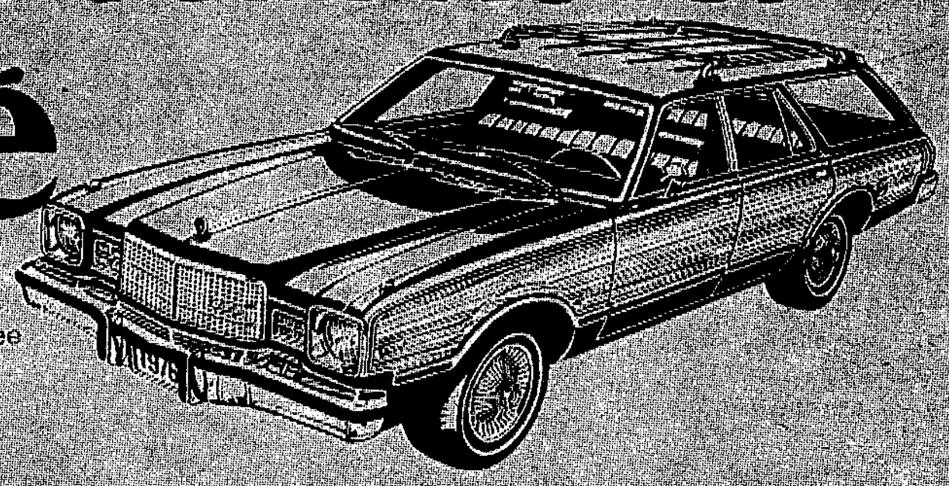
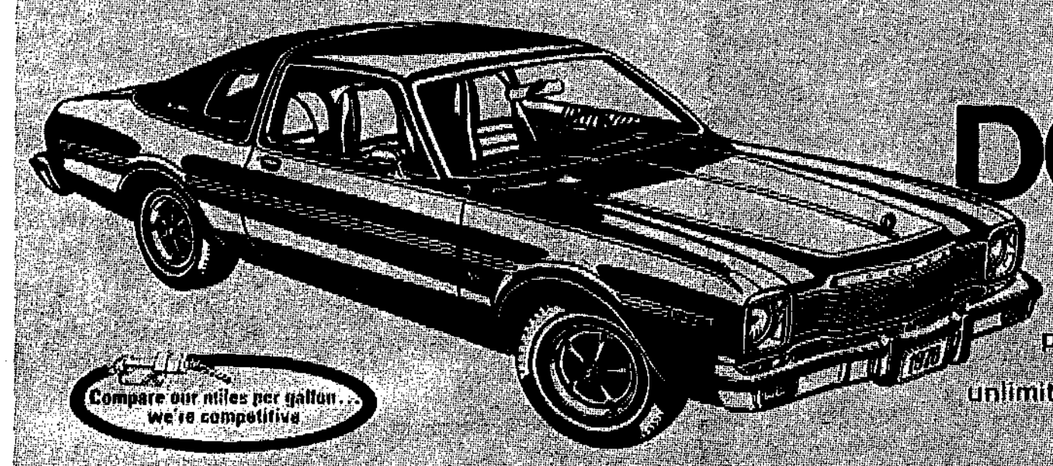

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