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On School Board move

Board Chairman makes reply

By Don Douglas

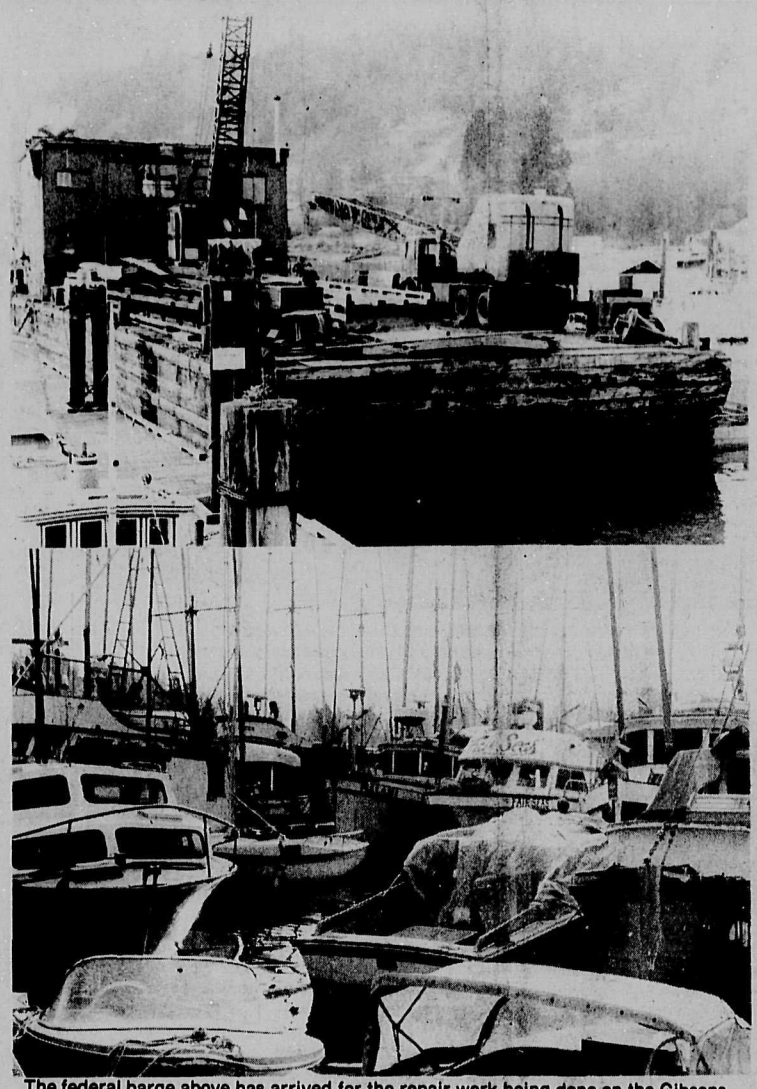
I would like at this time to take a moment and reply to Mayor Blain's article on the front page of the Coast News, January 3, 1979.

I find it somewhat difficult to understand Mayor Blain's first paragraph — "That the Board offices of School District No. 46 were located in Gibsons at the District's inception and *should not be moved because the village still has the heaviest* concentration of people."

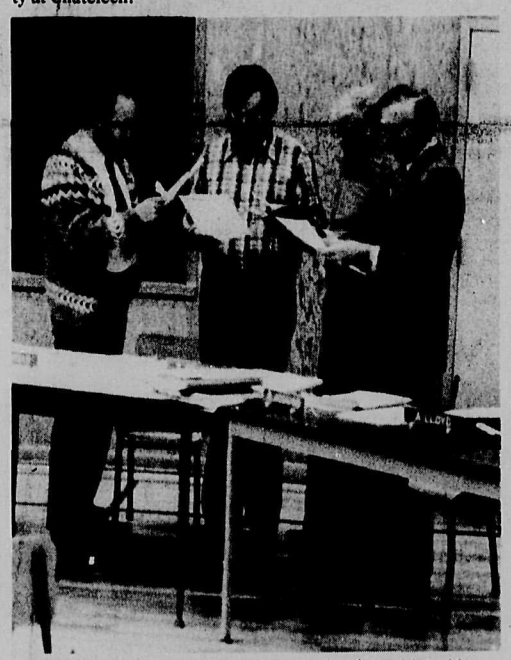
It was just in the past ten months that he and the Village supported moving the Union Board of Health offices from Powell River to Gibsons knowing that the heaviest concentration of people was still in the Powell River area where the offices have always been since their inception. To centrally locate them, however, would be of greater advantage to all the people that use them from Powell River to Darcey, including Sechelt, Gibsons, Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, etc. As for the numbers of students and schools that I gave about this area, this was information to a specific question taken out of context and it was not given as **the reason** for relocating the Board offices. The main consideration given for relocating the School Board offices was the need to give better educational and business services to all our schools, students, teachers, parents and taxpayers of the whole School District extending from Bowen Island to Deserted Bay in Jervis Inlet.

I think, in addition, that the Mayor's remark that the Board is heavily weighted voterwise against the Gibsons area is not only incorrect but totally unfair. In Area B Mr. Spiekermann, Mr. *Frizzell and myself, along with Mrs. Rottluff representing the* Village of Gibsons weigh the vote towards this area but, because of the calibre of these trustees and the other members of the Board, Mr. Prescesky, Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Dombroski, their votes, in my opinion, are generally cast for the improvement of the District as a whole.

The complex being constructed is the 5,700 square feet portable unit that we own and that was used in Pender Harbour after the fire. The architects are presently studying the redesign for office use and the possible location on school property at Chatelech.



The federal barge above has arrived for the repair work being done on the Gibsons Wharf. Conditions at the wharf, as can be seen in the lower picture, are very crowded at the moment because of the work being done at the wharf.



New trustees Brian Hodgson, Al Lloyd, and Len Van Egmond take the oath of office administered by Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills.

Trustees inaugurated

By Allan J. Crane

The inaugural meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held on Thursday, January 11 in the gymnasium of Roberts Creek Elementary School. In his opening remarks, District Superintendent John Denley expressed his astonishment over the fact that he was now facing a Board of School Trustees entirely different from that which greeted him on his arrival here in September of 1975. He spoke of the vitally *important role of the School* Trustee in the educational system, and commended retiring trustees Clayton, Prescesky and Spiekermann for their contributions to education in the District. He welcomed trustees-elect Hodgins, Lloyd and van Egmond and expressed the hope that they would enjoy rewarding and challenging terms in office. The newly elected trustees were then sworn in by Secretary-Treasurer Roy Mills after which District Superintendent Denley conducted the election for Chairman. Incumbent Don Douglas was elected by acclamation. He then assumed the chair *and conducted the election for* Vice-Chairman which resulted in Al Lloyd's election to that position.

The educational report of the Mangement Committee was presented at the School Board meeting. The first part of this took the form of a panel discussion on the topic, "Reading Committee Recommendations in Retrospect" and a "mini debate" between two teams on the topic "Mathematics Committee Recommendations — What's Happening?" Approximately thirty members of the public were in attendance for these discussions.

Superintendent of Instruc*tion John Nicholson intro*duced the panel which consisted of Elphinstone teacher Ken Rogers; Cedar Grove Elementary School principal Colleen Elson; Elphinstone student Kathie Burritt, a participant in the Tutorial 11 class who is tutoring an elementary student in Language Arts at Gibsons Elementary School; Co-ordinator of Special Education Ed Nicholson; Madeira Park Learning Assistance teacher Joe Brooks; and Patty Peterson, a parent from Roberts Creek. The panel discussed various recommendations made by an *ad hoc committee of students*, teachers, and parents struck to study reading in the light of the results of a provincial assessment of learning in several subject areas which the Ministry of Education has been conducting by means of tests for the past couple of years.

One of the recommendations of the local committee was that at least one of the days allocated to the teaching staff for professional development annually should be devoted to the teaching of reading for both elementary and secondary school teachers. Professional Development Chairman for the Se*chelt Teachers' Association*, Ken Rogers, said that this was planned for the District's professional development day on February 23 of this year. He said that guest speakers have been invited, and he told the Coast News that full details will be available within two weeks. Colleen Elson said that the teaching of reading is an ongoing process and should not be considered the sole domain of primary teachers. Jim Brooks said that he would like to see more than one professional day per year devoted to Language Arts and the teaching of reading. John Nicholson said that there is a new *reading programme which is* to be introduced in September of this year, and he said that there is also a new English programme to be introduced at the secondary school level at the same time.

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Indians meet on Indian Act

A meeting was held at the Sechelt Indian Band Office on Thursday, January 11 between government and representatives from neighbouring bands, in order that present day problems encoun*tered by native peoples be* discussed.

Present were: Fred Walchli, Regional Director of B.C.; Hugh Anderson, M.P.Comox-Alberni, Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs at Ottawa; Tony Well, Assistant to Hugh Anderson; Jack Pearsall, M.P. Coast Chilcotin; Clarence Reach, D.I.A., B.C. Region; Ken Marchand, Indian Affairs — Ottawa; Ann Beauregard, Indian Affairs — Ottawa; Chief Delbert Guerin, Musqueam Band; Chief Billy Mitchell, alternate for Chief Joe Mitchell, Sliammon Band; Edith Epps, Indian Affairs — B.C. Region; Barbara Barr, Indian Affairs — B.C. Region; Si Baker, Squamish Band; Charlie Baker, Squamish Band; Robert Clifton, Comox Band; Glen Calveat, Advisor for Sliammon Band; Emmanual Cooper, Saanich B.C.; Senator Guy Williams; and from Sechelt, Councillors: *Stan Joe, Ted Dixon and* Gilbert Joe; Clarence Joe, Sr.

Most of the meeting was held behind closed doors, but it was released that revisions to the Indian Act were the main topic of the day. Of the six main issues that the Alliance is dealing with, three of these were brought up by Minister and M.P. Hugh Anderson. These specific changes were: 1. The Land Surrender question; 2. The Band Government concept (i.e. the Charter System); 3. Elimination of Anachronism in the Indian Act. He stated clearly that the Federal Government would not be dealing with any changes until after the Federal election.

Amidst controversy

Pender Clinic gets doctor

There is something ironic about the controversy currently swirling around the Pender Harbour Health Centre over the departure of all three of its full-time staff members.

The irony is that, apart from the controversy, the outlook for the experimental community-owned facility hasn't been better since it opened two and one-half years ago.

Members of the clinic's Board of Directors, when contacted for comments on a complaint made to the press last week by former clinic nurse Ruth Anderson to the effect that she wasn't fairly released from her position, could hardly be kept off the subject of the clinic's new lease on life long enough to comment on Anderson's charges.

The cause of all the optimism is partly that the clinic *had its 1979 budget approved* with no cuts and is thus in a sound financial position, but mostly it is the new doctor who's just made a long-term agreement to work at the clinic, Ronald Estey, B.Sc., M.D., C.M., currently Chief of Medical Staff at a Health Clinic in eastern British Columbia. Directors feel in Estey they have a last found the man who will give their clinic what they've always wanted for it — a doctor devoted to community medicine who will become a permanent member of the community and make a career of building up the clinic's services.

Estey, a thirty-three year old bachelor who took his medical training at McGill and comes from a medical family, has served with the present clinic for eight years and is devoting his career to the community clinic system of family medicine. He won't start work at Pender Harbour until the end of January but he has already been around preparing a list of changes and improvements he intends to bring to his new workplace.

Estey is critical of the level *of service the clinic has been* giving and insists that the clinic should have a medically trained person on hand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at all *times. He also plans to insti*tute an extensive programme of home visits with follow-up, in the belief that most things can be done for people in their homes. In order to be personally on hand at the clinic for a longer period than has been the case with past doctors, Estey plans to make his compulsory daily visit to St.Mary's Hospital in Sechelt early in the morning so he can be back to the clinic no later than 10 a.m. He is most insistent that no one will be *turned away from the clinic* and that he will see all people who wish to see him on a given day. He wants to be "attainable at all times" and "never more than a phone call away". He will be available for emergencies on a twenty-four hour basis and says, "It doesn't hurt patients to feel they're being pampered."

Board members say it was Estey's dedication to family medical practice that made his application a standout among the many received.

"One thing he did that impressed me very much as to the type of doctor he is," says Board president Jim Tyner, "was that he applied, then withdrew his application. Later he made application again, and when we inquired as to why he'd withdrawn we found out it was because four of his patients had become pregnant and he felt he had to stay to see them through to term. This kind of concern for individual patients is a rare thing nowadays."

But the biggest cause for optimism among directors is Dr. Estey's firm commitment to staying in the community.

"*The clinic has had an un*fortunate reputation for staff changes," Estey is reported to have said, adding, "This has to come to an end. This is the most important problem in swaying people's confidence in the clinic."

"He wants to make his home here," Tyner says. "He plans to buy a house and stay here."

The main reaction of Board members to the nurse controversy seems to be that it comes at an unfortunate time and threatens to upset the clinic's renewed chance for success.

"It is a most unfortunate fact that there are people in *the community who are wil*ling to put the clinic in a bad light for what are essentially personal reasons," says Board Vice-President Joe Harrison. Harrison declined to give reasons for the nurse's release, saying on all Boards and government bodies, "the one type of business that is always held in-camera, even if nothing else is, is personnel management. This is necessary for legal reasons but basically it is to protect the professional reputations of employees. Most employees are very grateful for the reasons for their release from a position not being made public."

*Board member John Lo*gan echoed Harrison's sentiments, saying that in his view he "can't blame anyone for anything that's gone wrong," and that the best thing that could happen for all parties concerned would be for the controversy to die down and

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Theatre may get village site

By George Cooper

"Our task is twofold," said John Burnside, one of the sponsors of a live theatre building for Gibsons, to Council at the January 9 meeting. "*First we need to find a site* and secondly we need a building to put on that site." Burnside reminded Council of the school of architecture building ready to be moved off its U.B.C. site once approval is given by the dean, who is at present on holidays. Contractor Bruce Wormald assured Council that the building could be taken apart, the parts labelled and shipped to Gibsons where re-assembly could be readily undertaken. Council did not keep the theatre group waiting. A letter from Planner Consultant Bob Buchan recommending approval-in-principle of lot 3, a Village-owned property *just north of the Fire* Hall on Gower Point Road, as a site for the proposed theatre was on file for consideration in the same meeting and Council did just that.

"With the site approved the theatre group can, with the help of the B.C. Drama Association, set about creating a foundation for fund-raising," said Burnside. The group will also prepare a feasibility study of the site. and the building proposed. Council pointed out that the site was all the Village would contribute to the project. Burnside and architect Bruce Gorman said the group expects to be self-reliant by *raising all the necessary funds* itself. Drama groups have had some brilliant seasons in recent years, winning awards in *provincial festivals and enthu*siastic response from Sunshine Coast audiences. School gyms, church halls, and the Twilight cinema *theatre have been the loca*tions used for productions in the past. It is hoped that with its own theatre local drama will come alive again in the district. A letter to Council *from Iris Smith, retired school* teacher, suggests the new theatre be named for the pioneers of Gibsons, "who quietly did their good works without recognition in many cases".

Mayor Blain, reading the Marina Committee report in Alderman Fitchett's absence, told Council that dredging plans have been prepared by Victoria Engineering, consultants to the Village, and the Federal Department of Public Works, and it is the opinion of W.Parkinson of the Small Craft Harbours Branch that now is the time for the

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Associate Professor John Haaf of the U.B.C. Department of Architecture came up to Gibsons to meet Village Planner Bob Buchan last week. He is shown with Bruce *Gorman inspecting the old Corlett property which is being considered as the site* for the Eileen Glassford Memorial Theatre.

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Elections federal...

1979 will be the year of elections in British Columbia. On the federal scene Prime Minister Trudeau can delay no longer. It is now five years since he defeated Bob Stanfield. He did it by heaping ridicule on Stanfield's proposal that wage and price controls be imposed to slow the inflationary spiral. "What nonsense," cried Trudeau and got re-elected on the strength of it. Once in office he promptly instituted wage and price controls.

It is symptomatic of the malaise of Canadian politics that this kind of political cynicism will in all probability go unpunished. The Liberals have been the governing party in Canada for almost forty years of the past half century and while no one is happy with the state of the country, still Canadians seem unable to yank themselves away from the belief that the Liberals are somehow best equipped for the task of government.

Until recently it seemed that Joe Clark might manage to pull off the trick of unseating the discredited Liberals but of late, whether because of bad luck, ineptitude, or a hostile press, he has begun to appear before us as the kind of bumbling ineffectuality that Bob Stanfield appeared just before the last election. It may be that the Progressive Conservatives are unlucky or inept but the similarity in the treatment accorded Clark and Stanfield raises the question of press coverage.

Now it is not the intention here to suggest that Clark as Prime Minister would have anything more striking than novelty value, but somehow the spirit quails before the prospect of the same weary and discredited and cynical group of Liberals running the national government for the next five years. There would be no possibility of this, of course, if it were not for the fact that the Liberals will get almost all the seats in the province of Quebec thereby compensating for their weakness in the rest of the country. It is ironic that Trudeau, who ten years ago was to be the man to bridge the gap between the French and the English-speaking Canadians, will continue in power largely because the gap still exists.

The federal N.D.P. has just not caught the attention of the Canadian electorate. Their leader Ed Broadbent, is universally regarded as a fine fellow but that is not enough to give his party any credibility on the national scene. The Social Credit or Creditiste parties are a thing of the past in Canadian federal politics. And so we approach an important election in an ailing country and almost no one is enthusiastic about any of the choices. It looks like no one cares enough to remove the Liberals from office, except perhaps Joe Clark. Hard work and wanting may be enough to make Joe the Prime Minister he so desperately wants to be but it looks like a questionable bet from this vantage point.

and provincial

Meanwhile at the provincial level, there is rumoured to be a ninety percent chance of an election by the spring. According to his mandate, Premier Bill Bennett could wait until the end of 1980 before going to the people but it seems likely that he wants one soon. The assumption is that Bennett would like to call an election before Trudeau does and get it over with before the federal electioneering starts. The last thing the Socred Premier wants is for his supporters to be reminded that they are Liberals and Conservatives in a federal election. His patchwork coalition of a party could not stand the strain.

The signs of a Socred-called B.C. election have already started to appear. After three years of grim austerity the hand-outs are beginning to be announced. Experienced Victoria-watchers expect that a budget will be brought down shortly after the legislature goes into session in Victoria and that budget will contain a host of goodies and give-aways with which the Premier will seek to win for himself a second mandate.

Only time will tell if he is to be successful and at this juncture the biggest threat to a Socred victory — apart from Bill Vander Zalm, that is — would appear to be the strong showing of Conservative leader Vic Stephens. Since he took over the moribund Conservative party from Scott Wallace, Stephens has proved to be an articulate and a believable exponent of the free-enterprise philosophy. Already the revitalized Conservatives have apparently cut deeply into Socred support. Politics-watchers are going to have an interesting time of it this year.

...from the files of Coast News

We Remember When

5 YEARS AGO

The first baby of the year was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dignard. The baby was born on January 4, which happened to be Ed's birthday.

Blair Kennett, a Gibsons Volunteer Fireman, rescued Thomas F. Godber from a burning overturned truck at the cemetery corner on Highway 101. The truck had gone out of control due to the recent snowfall.

10 YEARS AGO

The School Board offices are planned to be moved to the B.C. Telephone building by February 1.

Health Tips...when answering the phone, carry with you or put out of harm's way any preparation that could hurt your child. It is better to risk losing a call than to risk losing your child.

15 YEARS AGO

Sechelt Council will have to do their homework in order to update the zoning by-laws, some of which are now felt to be obsolete.

The first installment of *The Sechelt Nation* by Les Peterson was published in the Coast News.

The January meeting of the Lovers of Life League in Halfmoon Bay was cancelled.

20 YEARS AGO

Direct from Hollywood: Bob Regan and Lucille Star with the HOLLYWOOD ROCKABILLIES, and their hit record — "Rebel Rouser". Roberts Creek Community Hall, January 17. Adults $1; children 50¢.

Vancouver grocers are indignant about the charges of excessive mark-ups in apples. Not half as indignant as the poor consumer.

25 YEARS AGO

Ralph H.Cotton, President of the Legion #219, was presented with the Queen's Coronation Medal.

NOTICE...REWARD for information leading to the capture and return of several Legion bugles! Will those who have had these bugles out please return to the Legion Hall on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.....Dave Herrin, Pres.

30 YEARS AGO

Smile of the week: A church worker knocked at old Zeke's door and asked for a contribution for the new building. Poor old Zeke refused to give anything. "I ain't got nothing," he protested. "I owes practically everybody in dis town."

"But don't you think you owe the Lord something, too?" asked the collector. "I sho' do," agreed Zeke, "but he ain't pressing me like my other creditors."

The first of the Pioneers of the Sunshine Coast series video-taped by Delta 10 last fall will be shown January 31 on Coast Cable Channel 10 courtesy of Mr. Carl Bobardt and Coast Cablevision, at 6:00 p.m. in Gibsons and 7:30 p.m. in Sechelt. Mrs. Ada Dawe, photographed in 1912 driving the team, talks with Bert Nelson about her memories of growing up in Sechelt. Maryanne West

Musings

John Burnside

It is, I think, safe to say that there are two definite schools of thought about the National Hockey League.

The first, the one shared by most women and purists and pacifists, is that professional hockey is the epitome of everything that is wrong with North American society. It is blatantly violent and crass. Mass brawls are frequent, there's a fight in virtually every game, the players are professional gladiators practising their violent craft in foreign centres of power in the most influential country, the centre of the empire as it were.

Those who condemn hockey point further to the incredible boorish, short-sighted behavior of the owners of hockey teams, and truly there must, one supposes, have been similar conglomerations of petulant and stupid rich boys throwing vast sums of wealth around with incredible bad taste and bad grace in the historic past but surely none that surpassed the sport-franchise owners of North America for flambuoyant arrogance and unalloyed stupidity.

There is much evidence to support such negativity. Truly the export of young Canadians to entertain richer Americans in centres that never, ever, see ice is gladiatorial. From the colonies brave strong men went for gain to imperial Rome and entertained the decadent in their colosseums, and so it is with Canadian hockey players in sad truth.

Still unanswered in the annals of sport is whether the best Canadians are better than the best Russians at playing ice-hockey. Next month the latest instalment in this intriguing matter will unfold — in Madison Square Gardens in New York City as the powers that rule the N. H.L. try to bill it as the Gladiators of the Free World versus the Gladiators of the Forces of Evil and Tyranny and thereby try to interest the somewhat apathetic American public in what is, below the snow belt, an alien game.

It is safe to say that no American will be playing for the N.H.L. team, that all will be from Canada with the exception perhaps of Bjore Salming of Sweden. Hired gladiators imported to represent the imperial power in prestige-winning games and contests.

Also, it must be acknowledged that the immoderate and ill-planned expansion which saw the league go from having six teams to eighteen in a single decade, and also led to a suicidal bidding war with the rival World Hockey Association, has left most of the present 17 teams near bankruptcy with the talented hockey players spread very unevenly and thinly around the expanded league. Among other things, this has led to a great disparity in the abilities of the teams and a great increase in the number of teams which, lacking the requisite finesse and skills, must rely on toughness and dirty play to stay in contention.

Here, too, the fact that many of the spectators have no practical or personal awareness of the game and cannot appreciate readily the more subtle and skillful aspects of the game can lead to violence. With a losing team and a disinterested clientele the pressure becomes heavy to supply them with the colour and excitement of a mass brawl. Everyone can appreciate a punch on the nose and there are those who have a great keenness for it.

The opposing view is held by those who insist on focusing on the game itself, overlooking the fairly high percentage of ragged and boring hockey games as travel-tired players of moderate ability go wearily through the motions of providing entertainment, and the violence that frequently manifests itself. These the hockey enthusiast overlooks with the occasional grumble. The sociological implications, the historic parallels he ignores entirely to concentrate on the fastest spectator sport in the world which pits men rather than machines against each other.

Ice-hockey is a game of classic simplicity which is played with great skill of feet and hands at tremendous speed. In every game, the enthusiast can see the most unbelievably skillful things done with the greatest of anticipation, subtlety and accuracy and at great speed. He can see the whole whirling kaleidoscope of colour settle suddenly and momentarily into patterns etched beautifully and sharply before him. The speed of the game and the closeness of the goals ensure that there will be a great many goal-mouth incidents, four or five times as many as in a soccer game, for example.

The hockey enthusiast knows that he is watching the best spectator sport in the world and, if he is Canadian, he knows that probably the very best hockey is played by the very best Canadian hockey players. There may be a flicker of irony as they play the American national anthem when Canadian players meet the Russians in New York next month but he'll put that easily behind him for the sake of the game.

Those who condemn hockey will ignore the whole series for the good and several reasons we have noted here— and in so doing they will deprive themselves of some moments of great drama and high beauty.

Me? I'll be watching the game.

Slings & Arrows

George Matthews

One would suspect that in an age of technology and science the mathematician is king. It would appear, on the surface of things, that the person with a superior math knowledge should have more access to more kinds of jobs. To say that math is overrated would be to utter a twentieth century heresy. Mathematics was the subject of lively and informed debate at a meeting of the School Board last week. It has become necessary for anyone hoping to secure a higher education to grope his or her way through the esoteric backwaters of algebra. Calculators have become standard equipment in home, school and office. When I mentioned to someone last week that I had never studied math beyond grade ten and yet had a successful university career I was immediately cast beyond the pale of an acceptable member of the community of homo sapiens.

When I began to think about how often I required a knowledge of mathematics beyond addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, I must admit that I couldn't think of one occasion when I have felt deprived of a knowledge of math. Scientists, tradesmen, opinion pollsters and math teachers probably require, from time to time, a knowledge of math but for the man in the street it is a pure waste of time.

It seems too that my point of view is supported by educators and bureaucrats in the Ministry of Education. These people have apparently ignored the twentieth century and have concentrated on research in English education, relegating mathematics to its appropriate non-position as the plaything of eggheads and philosophers.

Think about it. When was the last time you ever needed any knowledge of mathematics beyond what you knew in grade four? Yet we, not to mention our children, are being told that a knowledge of mathematics is a necessary prerequisite to admission into institutions of higher learning.

Speaking of our children, how often have the little pedants brought home some incredible problem in higher calculus from the grade six teacher and made us feel totally impotent in attempting to decipher its eccentricities? Although we feel foolish, guilty and stupid at not being able to interpret its vagaries, do we tell our children that it's a waste of time? No, we concede to the idea that mathematics has credibility and even though your parents are cretins, someday a knowledge of non-linear algebra will mean the difference between success and failure.

The other day I saw a former student of mine who had never comprehended a thing beyond two plus two, operating a cash register, under fairly hectic conditions. Always blessed with good manual dexterity, the poor overworked lad was perfectly capable of manipulating his machine into telling him not only what the customer owed, but what his exact change, to the penny, ought to be. The young fellow had absolutely no reason to fathom the complexities of his machine; all he had to know was how to work it. Any primitive New

THE CIRCUS ANIMALS' DESERTION

I sought a theme and sought for it in vain,
I sought it daily for six weeks or so.
Maybe at last, being but a broken man,
I must be satisfied with my heart, although
Winter and summer till old age began
My circus animals were all on show,
Those stilted boys, that burnished chariot,
Lion and woman and the Lord knows what.

What can I but enumerate old themes?
First that sea-rider Oisin led by the nose
Through three enchanted islands, allegorical dreams,
Vain gaiety, vain battle, vain repose,
Themes of the embittered heart, or so it seems,
That might adorn old songs or courtly shows;
But what cared I that set him on to ride,
I, starved for the bosom of his faery bride?

And then a counter-truth filled out its play,
The Countess Cathleen was the name I gave it;
She, pity-crazed, had given her soul away,
But masterful Heaven had intervened to save it.

I thought my dear must her own soul destroy,
So did fanaticism and hate enslave it,
And this brought forth a dream and soon enough
This dream itself had all my thought and love.

And when the Fool and Blind Man stole the bread
Cuchulain fought the ungovernable sea;
Heart-mysteries there, and yet when all is said
It was the dream itself enchanted me:
Character isolated by a deed
To engross the present and dominate memory.
Players and painted stage took all my love,
And not those things that they were emblems of.

Those masterful images because complete
Grew in pure mind,but out of what began?
A mound of refuse or the sweepings of a street,
Old kettles, old bottles,and a broken can,
Old iron, old bones, old rag, that raving slut
Who keeps the till. Now that my ladder's gone,
I must lie down where all the ladders start,
In the foul rag-and-bone shop of the heart.

by William Butler Yeats

I told ya, you'll never get rid of that runny nose if ya keep workin' in this weather.

Letters to the Editor

Disservice

Editor:

I feel Mrs. Steele has done a great disservice to Mr. Bob Rutter (S.B.Maint.Supt.) and his staff by suggesting a slum area would be the ultimate end if the School Board moves to Sechelt. It is quite obvious she has no knowledge of the excellent job Mr. Rutter and his staff are capable of and have already been doing.

As for Messrs Blain, Cooper and McRae, where were these gentlemen when, because of the lack of suitable rental space in Gibsons, the School Board was forced to house two of its departments on the Junior Secondary ground in Sechelt. A very unsatisfactory situation all round.

Hasn't anyone given consideration to the fact that by relocating in Sechelt, the following will happen:

The supervisory staff will spend less time travelling and so will be available more readily to ALL schools.

All residents on the Peninsula will have free telephone communication with the School Board.

The buildings and the land are already paid for and so it will alleviate the necessity of negotiating rentals and/or leases.

Since all Government services are housed in Sechelt it surely isn't too outlandish to believe that greater rapport would follow between the Board and the Government services with whom they have dealings.

Because I want to keep this short and sweet, I'll not expound the many other logical reasons why I feel the Board is doing the right thing.

Good luck to you School Board, and may all of your troubles be little ones.

Thank you Mr. Editor.

Patricia Murphy,
Halfmoon Bay, B.C.

Register - and again

Editor:

For your information the end of the first semester at Elphinstone will be February 2, 1979.

January 31 to February 1, 1979, are exam days where attendance is only required if students are scheduled to write exams. Students are not required to attend school on February 2, 1979. The first day of regular classes for second semester is February 5, 1979.

If there are any students or adults who wish to register for second semester courses they should contact Elphinstone Secondary School counselling department at 886-2204 between now and January 26, 1979.

D.G.Richardson,
Vice Principal

Thank you

Editor:

On behalf of the Elphinstone Student Research Productions I would like to thank you for the excellent coverage on our Third Community Forum.

We truly appreciate the fact that you helped in making our forum the success that it was. Thank you.

E.S.R.P. Public Relations,
Kim Anderson,
Mike Duteau,
Steve Ripper,
Bill Hume

In favour

Editor:

In response to D.C.'s letter regarding vandalism of mailboxes.

All in favour? — Aye!

S.E.,
Gibsons, B.C.

HYDRO HINT TO WASTE—WATCHERS: Keep all light bulbs and reflectors dusted and clean.

Editor:

Elphinstone Secondary School will be starting its second semester on February 5, 1979. If any members of the community would like to register for courses they are asked to contact a school counsellor as soon as convenient.

Students could register on a full or part time basis and special programmes are available for those requesting an Adult Graduation.

School telephone number is 886-2204.

B.J.Boulton,
Principal

Names

Dear John Sideburn:

There you go again, getting everybody's name except your own correct!

I appreciated the editorial in last week's paper, but, as you can see from our letterhead, our name is Sunshine Coast Music, Drama and Dance Festival. Still a mouthful, but not quite as cumbersome as the name you gave us.

However, your suggestion that we change to Sunshine Coast Performing Arts Festival is a great one and will be Item One on the Agenda for the consideration of the Festival Committee at their next meeting.

In the meantime, don't forget to get your entry form from Mrs. Florence Prescesky, fill it out, and mail it back to her at RR#1, Madeira Park, B.C. V0N 2H0 by the closing date of January 26, 1979, or you may miss this year's festival.

Peter Prescesky, Chairman,
Festival Committee

More thanks

Editor:

On behalf of Susan Sproule, Djalaini Ojaman, their group and myself from the B.C. and Yukon regional office, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your kind hospitality.

All the young people have told me time and again that their experience in Gibsons with you will be well remembered for many years.

We at the B.C. and Yukon regional office of Canada World Youth would like to keep in touch with you. We hope in the very near future we will have the opportunity of working with you again.

Once again thank you and we wish you all the best for the New Year.

Suniti Khosla,
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C.Horner,
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Gibsons Fire Dept.

Slings and arrows(cont'd)

Guinea bushman, with half a brain and two hours' training could have performed the same function.

Who is it then that tells us mathematics is important? Math teachers, computer salesmen, bankers, accountants, and engineers; not exactly the people you would expect to be the repositories of fascinating wit and conversation. What is valuable to the human spirit can only be expressed in human terms and mathematics is anti-human. It translates all human qualities into the realm of the abstract where they can be analyzed, catalogued, listed, computed and, ultimately, ignored. Beyond the calculations contained in Shakespeare's line, "The coward dies many times before his death/The valiant never tastes of death but once," the need for mathematics is at best limited.

Now, let me see here, that's sixty lines times ten words to the line divided by one thousand equals...? Does anybody out there have a calculator?

Correction

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ENTERTAINMENT

Pages from a Life-Log
Peter Trower

Up Misery Creek **Part II**

"God, you're right," he says, as the sounds come again. We lie there petrified for several seconds, wondering what in hell to do. The suspense is unendurable. I feel compelled to make some sort of a move no matter what the consequences. Reaching gingerly under the bed, I locate one of my caulk-boots and lob it recklessly in the general direction of the unsettling noise. There is an immediate explosion of activity; a startled feral scuffling. Then the thing is gone out the door and making terror-stricken for the safe inky woods.

We get a lamp burning and go to investigate. Chris spots what look like fresh claw-marks on the dirty floor-boards. We peer cautiously out the ajar door; wave the lamp around but there is nothing to be seen except motionless trees, limp-branched in the wind-innocent night; the other buildings with their walls and dead windows like mysterious ships at anchor. Our unknown visitor is long gone..."What the hell do you figure it was?"

"Goddamned if I know. Maybe a coon or a bobcat. Maybe even a bloody cougar!" Chris grimaces slightly at the latter thought. "We'd better keep that door latched tight from now on anyhow!"

"That's for bloody sure!" We douse the light and return to bed. But my nerves are jangling like bells and it is near daylight before I finally get back to sleep.

The next day is hotter than ever. Since George hasn't specified what chores to do, we do none beyond throwing together our makeshift meals. It's too damn warm to work anyhow. Before the sun gets too high, we wander back through the woods in search of the derelict locie. At last in a shadow-tricked alderglade, we stumble across it, an askew corpse of rusting steel, buckled among moss-crusted rocks; partially obscured by ferns and creepers. It is a genuine artifact of the dangerous past, intact except for the bell and other brass fittings which someone has long since pilfered. There is a strange sense of pathos about the crumpled wreck, silenced to lie forever in the perpetual twilight of these obscure woods. Some forgotten engineer rode it to his death here. Despite the fact that it is broad daylight, I can almost feel his ghost peering over my shoulder. "This place gives me the creeps," I say to Chris. "Let's get the hell back to camp."

There is a curious timeless quality to our first days in that heat-stunned, empty outpost. When the radio, our cardinal link with the outside world, is not blaring out pop tunes, the silence rushes in like water, wiping the air clean of all but essential sounds; the hum of insects; the rustle of wind in the dry eaves of the forest. Our voices sound echoingly strident against that mosaic of murmurs. We tend, unconsciously, to keep them down as we talk. Flung totally on each other's company for the first time in years, we discuss randomly, things forgotten since childhood and the confusing challenge of the future. Neither one of us has much idea of what he wants to become. We fantasize about becoming boss-loggers; owning our own outfit; hiring the best goddamn men on the coast; living the caulk-boot legend all the way. It seems a fair enough goal at this simplistic stage of the game.

Swimby fails to show up on the appointed date. When there is no sign of him, the following day, we begin to get a big apprehensive. Maybe something has gone haywire with the whole deal. We are a long way from running out of grub but the tinned-goods consist mostly of corned-beef salmon and mixed vegetables. Our diet is getting a big monotonous. Finally, on the afternoon of the fifth day, a converted trawler rounds the point. We go down to meet it in some relief.

George is genuinely apologetic. "Sorry I left you guys stranded like this. Got tangled up with a lady I ain't seen for years. Should have given you a call. Anyhow, I've got you a bunch of grub here and a cook to go with it. He indicates a small, dark man, just emerging from the wheelhouse with a seedy, hungover look. "This here's Paul La Salle. Figure this gaddam heat-wave can't last a hell of a lot longer. Well, let's get these boxes up to the cookshack."

Paul despite his shaky condition, proves to be a pretty good hand with a skillet. That night we have our first decent meal in some time, good loggingcamp steak with all the trimmings. George has had the foresight to bring along a jug of whisky and a couple of cases of beer. We sit about after supper and get comfortably sloshed.

Next day, George lays out a few chores for us to do. Then we drive up the cat-road in the jeep to have a look at the show. The trackside tree stands no more than a mile from camp around a shoulder of the mountain. The slash slopes up behind it at a formidable angle to a second tree about a thousand feet distant. Beyond this, a giant's staircase of rockbluffs climbs on at a steeper slant into the hazy blue sky. At the summit of this natural ramp and disquietingly remote, a third tree is visible. Skyline cables, glinting in the sun, connect the three trees. "Jesus," says Chris frankly, "That is some hill! It'll take us half a day just to climb up there!"

"Ah, she ain't near as bad as she looks," says ever-optimistic George. "I'm paying an extra hour walking-in time anyhow." We head back to camp after this unsettling glimpse of what we are in for when the rains come. But it will be some weeks yet before we have to face that prospect for the drought is by no means over. George returns to the city, leaving us to our lonesome vigil. We manage to eke a few days work out of the chores George has left us which mainly involve sawing and splitting firewood for the heaters. The sultry weather drags on with no sign of a let-up. Boredom begins to set in. You can only do so much swimming, talking, reading and listening to the radio. We try a bit of trout-fishing up the sluggish creek that some dispirited pioneer has christened so mournfully. It lives up to its name and we catch nothing but a few runty minnows. Monotony leans harder on us all the time. It would be different if we were working and making money but we are simply treading water. Paul is soon climbing the walls right along with us. Goerge spends most of his time in town. About three weeks into the camp-watch, he decides we can use a break and we hit Vancouver for a couple of drunken days. Then it's back to Misery Creek again.

It is well into October before we awake one morning to hear, at long last, the energetic drumming of a heavy rainfall. It is as though a dam in the sky has split right open and the clouds are determined to make up for lost time. After two days' downpour, the record-shattering four-month closure is finally lifted.

Misery Creek shakes itself awake and prepares to become operational. George arrives in camp with several more men, jumpy to get cracking. He's managed to round up a cat-skinner, an engineer, a couple of chokermen and a whistlepunk. Chris is to pull-rigging and I have undertaken to chase. I size up the donkey-puncher. I had been obliged to work with an independent, heavy-handed lunatic at my last camp, who damn near killed me several times but this guy is a stocky Ukrainian called Stan Brodsky who seems easy-going enough. The whistlepunk is a fifteen-year-old greenhorn by the name of Billy Kent, a nephew of Roy Jennings across the inlet. Windy Gibb, the cat-skinner, is a short bandy-legged, morose-looking one-time farmer of fifty-odd.

The chokermen, Skip Clanton and Sammy Turk are young rounders both Chris and I know fleetingly from our east-end explorations. From their nervous mannerisms and somewhat emaciated appearance, I can see that this camp, like so many others, is to have its representatives from the junkie contingent.

Chris and I pull on our caulk-boots that first morning back in actual harness, with feelings approaching anticipation. It is almost a relief to be gearing for something positive again after all the slack weeks. The prospect of making some decent money buoys our spirits too. George has promised us American scale (about two bucks better a day than the going Canadian rate). This, in addition to the extra hour, should give us some healthy paychecks. Visions of Christmas stakes dance in our heads.

To be continued

Film Society

By Allan J.Crane

The Kwahtahmoss Film Society's first programme of the year is showing at 9:00 p.m. this evening at the Twilight Theatre. This will be Chaplin's 1936 comedy, **Modern Times** as previously announced. This feature will be supplemented by a short film which Buster Keaton made for the National Film Board in 1965, **The Railrodder**. An amazingly spry Keaton fills the film with the sort of wordless, visual gags which were a feature of his silent comedies forty or so years earlier. The film received awards in Brussels, Berlin, Toronto, and Philadelphia, and it shows Keaton putt-putting his way across Canada to British Columbia on board a railway track speeder.

The next film scheduled by the Film Society is the Zeffirelli **Romeo and Juliette** to be shown two weeks from tonight on Tuesday, January 30 at the Twilight Theatre commencing promptly at 9:00 p.m. There has been no response to date to my letter seeking to move Fellini's 8½ from February 6 to February 13. Results should be to hand by next week.

Numerous film makers have been interested in transferring Shakespeare from the stage to the screen ever since the earliest days of motion pictures. A film of the duel scene from **Hamlet** featuring Sarah Bernhardt made in 1900 with sound provided from a phonograph record running in synchronization is still extant, but the first film record known to have been made, part of Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree's 1899 production of **King John**, no longer exists. A flood of Shakespeare films followed in the next few years, but most ran for no longer than fifteen minutes, and the sight of actors posing and gesticulating and mouthing inaudible dialogue must have been ludicrous. It was not until the advent of sound that the real possibilities of filming Shakespeare began to be explored. The road from D.W. Griffiths' **The Taming of the Shrew** (1908, photographed by Billy Bitzer) to Polanski's **Macbeth** is strewn with interesting efforts with varying degrees of success. Over fifty feature-length Shakespeare films have been produced since "talkies" were introduced in 1927, but none has found universal acceptance. There is, however, no lack of critical division over stage productions of Shakespeare's plays, so the controversy over adaptation to film, textual selection and interpretation should come as no surprise.

Although Laurence Olivier was criticized for "oversimplifying" the character of the king in **Henry V**, that film was almost certainly the most popular and widely seen of all the Shakespeare films up to the advent of the Zeffirelli **Romeo and Juliette**. Made in 1944, Olivier's **Henry V** was just the sort of tonic the war-torn people of the British Isles needed, and its popularity has stood the test of time.

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Ellingham's Astrology

By Rae Ellingham

Week commencing: January 15. General Notes: It is hoped that the recent Full Moon did not disrupt too many lives during the last weekend. This writer would be interested to hear of any plate-throwing incidents or burst blood vessels accompanying this phenomenon. Meanwhile, Mars is still prominent. It follows the Sun into the sign of Aquarius bringing still more energy, courage and daring.

Next Sunday, Pluto becomes 'stationary' in Libra bringing final tests to shaky marriages, partnerships or relationships.

Babies born this week will be ambitious hard workers. Mid-week arrivals may be too critical of others. Their health problems could be linked to the digestive tract.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Last chance to boost career, reputation or public standing. Promote recent successes and achievements. Conflict with authority or bosses ends soon. Long-distance message concerns loved one's health problem. Those born around April 9 must accept endings and new starts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Enthusiasm for religion, beliefs, philosophy, travel or far away places cools off. Energy is soon channelled into career, job security, status or position. Meanwhile, weekend social activity is spoiled by silly bickering over shared expenses. Health warning signals should be investigated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Involvement with other people's financial problems lessens. Prepare to sift and sort out personal documents linked to taxes, insurance, alimony and debts. Direct, honest approach secures much-needed loan. An old romance going nowhere is best terminated.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Disagreements or upsets with close associates end soon. It's time to forgive and forget. Prepare to share happier times with day-to-day contacts. Domestic scene hints of drastic reorganization. Those born around July 12 must accept changes and fresh starts.

LEO (July 23-Aug.22)

Grab final opportunity to get your own way on employment scene. Blow-ups with co-workers should establish new pecking order. Don't back down. Mid-week leisure activities are boring. Relatives or neighbours reveal drastic plans next Sunday.

VIRGO (Aug.23-Sept.22)

Hectic social life winds down. Observe damage in full-length mirror. It's time to exercise, lose weight or quit tobacco. You'll have the energy to restore good health during the next few weeks. Meanwhile, postpone purchase of decorative household items till later. Expect financial upheaval this weekend.

LIBRA (Sept.23-Oct.23)

Domestic tension ends soon. Household routines become smoother. Family members stick to revised schedules. Mid-week messages or visits are linked to the sick and lonely. Prepare for increased social activities and chance to enjoy fresh company. Those born around October 13 are experiencing major life upheaval.

SCORPIO (Oct.24-Nov.22)

At last, day-to-day activities slow down. Frantic journeys and visits decrease. Phone calls will be sweeter. You'll be on pleasanter speaking terms with relatives or neighbours. Prepare for hard work on the domestic front during the next few weeks. Those alone, hospitalized or in seclusion face important decisions this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.23-Dec.21)

Venus in your sign for three weeks urges you to spruce up your appearance. Go out and buy that outfit. Change that unimaginative hairstyle. Recognize the wonderful person that you are. Meanwhile, fights over money and possessions are due to end. An acquaintance reveals courageous plans next weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec.22-Jan.19)

Mars, planet of energy, is about to leave your sign so grab last chance to push new ideas and projects. Recent courage and hard work should bring quick results. Happiness will soon be found being alone and enjoying well-earned rest, solitude, peace and quiet. Those born around January 10 face career or job shocks next weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan.20-Feb.18)

Mars enters your sign next week. New, two-year cycle begins. Prepare for fresh bursts of energy, enthusiasm and optimism. Your vital personality will attract long-awaited desires. Meanwhile, long-distance message reveals drastic changes this weekend.

PISCES (Feb.19-Mar.20)

It's time to take a break from group activities or local ventures. Friends and acquaintances have demanded too much of your time and energy. Prepare to work alone in private. Success will be linked to secret projects. Visits to hospitals or institutions figure strongly. Close associate's money problem reaches crises point this weekend.

Massage

The instructor, Marian Folinsbee, 886-9572, is a registered massage therapist. She will be reviewing and demonstrating new massage and Japanese Shiatsu techniques. In these procedures one explores energy pathways on meridians throughout the body, and how to stimulate pressure points along these meridians to relieve tension and pain.

Enrollment is limited to twenty-five people.

The first workshops will take place February 9, Friday 7—10 p.m., and Feburary 10, Saturday 10 a.m.—5 p.m. The second event is scheduled for March 2, Friday 7—10 p.m. and March 3, Saturday 10 a.m.—5 p.m.

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Book Review

The Long Walk

By John Moore

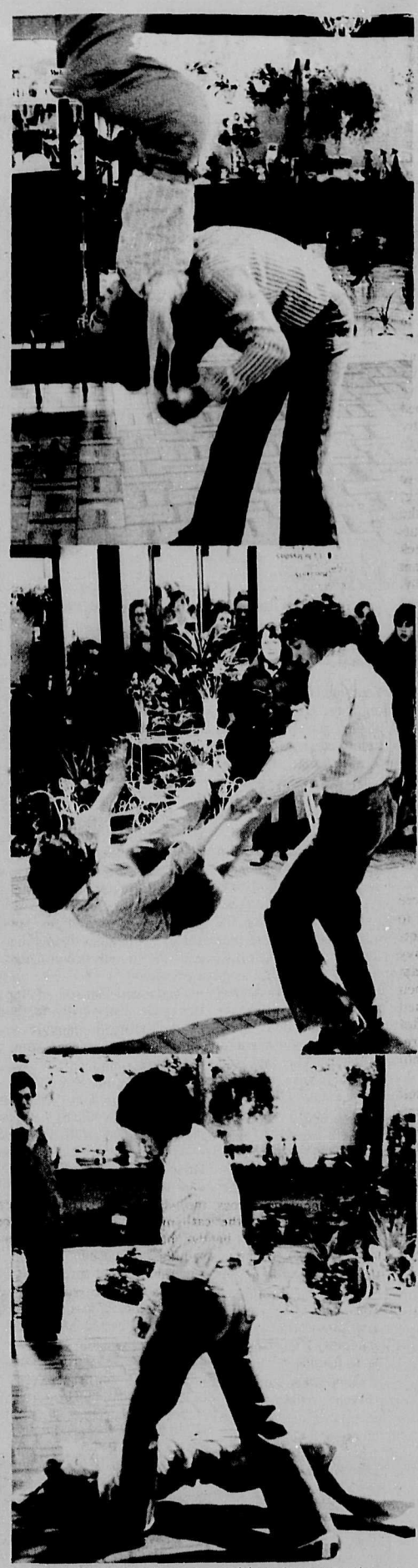
While browsing in a bookstore just before Christmas I discovered a copy of a book I'd always meant to pick up. I'd never actually read the book but, coincidentally, only a few days before I'd been telling someone about how, when I was in grade six, we'd had a teacher who was in the habit of reading aloud to us for the last hour of school on Friday afternoons. He chose works of non-fiction, mostly stories of exploration and discovery, and I've since realized how carefully he must have chosen narratives with a continuous flow of action, ones that would profit most from the heightened suspense of a week's wait between episodes. One of the books he read to us I never forgot. It was called **The Long Walk** and I remembered that it was the story of a group of men who escaped from a prison work-camp in Siberia and walked all the way across Siberia, Mongolia, the Gobi Desert, Tibet and crossed the Himalayas into India. I'd forgotten the distinct characters and the reasons for their terrible punishment, but I could never forget that journey of four thousand miles, every inch of it on foot, over some of the world's most forbidding and inhospitable terrain. As luck would have it, only a few days later, I found myself unexpectedly staring at the cover the Pan Books paperback edition. The book was originally published by Constable and Co. in 1956, then by Pan in 1959 and is now well into its ninth printing. I immediately forked out the $2.25 and went home to really read it for the first time.

The author-narrator of **The Long Walk** is Slavomir Rawicz, who was in 1939 a twenty-four year old Lieutenant in the Polish Cavalry; one of that unusual breed of men who, when the Germans invaded their homeland, responded by hurling themselves at a full gallop, lances lowered and sabres drawn, at the armoured mechanized columns. Rawicz was among those who survived this outburst of futile heroism and cut their way free to the lines of the Russians, who were busily "liberating" the eastern half of the country while the Nazis "invaded" the rest. He foolishly assumed that, having fought the Germans, he would be welcomed by the Soviets. His reward was a year of imprisonment, degradation and torture as the NKVD "investigated" his case, a trial before a kangaroo court whose proceedings resembled a cross between something out of the works of Franz Kafka and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party (highly comical unless, I suppose, you happen to be the defendant), a sentence of twenty-five years hard labour, a one-way ticket good for a 3,000 mile train trip (cattle class), through weather so fierce that frequently those nearest the outside of the car froze to death, followed by a stroll (albeit handcuffed to a chain trailing behind a truck) of some eight or nine hundred miles through the winter wonderland of Northern Siberia. The crowning touch was that when he and his fellow prisoners finally arrived at Camp 303, there wasn't enough barracks space for them and they spent a further two weeks sleeping in the open while they logged lumber, surveyed the site, and built their own quarters.

Somewhat disenchanted with Soviet hospitality, Rawicz and six carefully chosen companions, with the aid of a most unlikely co-conspirator (the camp commandant's wife), went over the twin palisades and the barbed wire and set off on a marathon against death. They rejected the more obvious escape routes East and West since, without papers, they had no hope of evading capture by the people they were sure to encounter, and marched due South through the relatively unpopulated wastes of Siberia and Mongolia. The story of their flight through the wilderness is one of the greatest escape stories of all time and a profound testimonial to what human beings will endure to be free.

In the vicinity of Lake Baikal they encounter Kristina, a seventeen year old Polish girl, another victim of deportation fleeing from a life of slave labour, who becomes their companion, nurse and inspiration. Unarmed but for an axe and a homemade knife, stealing when they dare and subsisting on the dried bread put by from their prison ration, the little group at last stumbles across the Mongolian border. Unsure how far Russian influence extends, they expose themselves to the local population only in desperate need, yet the poor semi-nomadic Mongolians, like the Chinese and Tibetan river-boatmen, fishermen and farmers they later encounter, are unfailingly generous and helpful, asking only a little help freeing a grounded sampan, hauling nets, or threshing grain and often no more than a polite bow. Posing as an unlikely group of pilgrims to the holy city of Lasa in Tibet, they press on southward, walking totally unequipped into the searing wilderness of the Gobi Desert. There, in one of the saddest episodes of the tale, Kristina succumbs to exhaustion and thirst. The others, living on snakes and an occasional smear of filthy water, eventually reach Tibet and cross the towering Himalayas, though not without the loss of two more of their party, and, Rawicz insists, having encountered and closely observed the legendary Abominable Snowman. Safe in India the four ragged skeletal survivors ride the last few miles of their four thousand mile odyssey in an army lorry.

The Long Walk is simply and powerfully written. Rawicz is not given to melodrama, but the story itself is so dramatic that it hardly requires exaggeration. It ranks among the really great true tales of adventure and now, after my second experience with the book, I'm even more grateful to my old grade six teacher for those afternoon readings. It's something you might think about reading to your own kids.



Disco dancers put on an exciting demonstration at the Sunnycrest Mall last Saturday. The above manoeuvres are not for beginners, obviously, but they do show what's possible once the basics are learned.

Film(cont'd)

Among the more spectacular failures were the United Artists 1929 production of **The Taming of the Shrew** based on the Garrick version of the play (with additional dialogue by Sam Taylor!) starring Douglas Fairbanks and a most unhappily cast Mary Pickford, and the 1936 M.G.M. production by George Cukor of **Romeo and Juliette** starring Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard which was made at a cost of over $2,000,000 and lost almost one million dollars. Among more recent productions, the Zeffirelli **Romeo and Juliette** and the Polanski **Macbeth** have stirred up the most interest, although Peter Brook's production of **King Lear** has received the most critical acclaim. Both Zeffirelli and Polanski, neither of whom speak English as a first language, choose to use young performers in the leading roles. Except for the scenes where the greatest depths of characterization are demanded, the casting of adolescents in the roles of Romeo and Juliette works magnificently, and this is undoubtedly a part of the film's tremendous appeal.

A further assessment of Zeffirelli's **Romeo and Juliette** will appear in next week's column.

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Old Relic and Rene Levesque

By Maryanne West

What do Relic of **Beachcombers** fame and Rene Levesque have in common? Possibly very little except a superficial similarity of build, but in this week's episode of **The Beachcombers** (channels 2 and 6 Sunday at 7:00 p.m.), Relic gives up his usual role of bad guy to impersonate the Premier of Quebec. All in a good cause of course. Added to that superficial similarity is the ability of the skilled actor to reproduce mannerisms which are far more recognizable than just a facial likeness.

Maybe it was that superficial likeness which gave Graham Crowell an idea for the ingenuous plot of this story for which he wrote the script. Graham, who has worked with the **Beachcomber** crew for a number of years as a lighting assistant will also have had the opportunity to watch Robert Clothier's ability to move with apparent ease from one character to another.

Paradoxically one of the strengths of the **Beachcombers** — the development of a style or format which involves a problem — which is initially worsened by the well-meaning efforts of the regulars but eventually solved by their persistence, is also its weakness. It tends to cement the actors into stereotypes rather than real people — so that there is a sameness which eventually becomes boring.

Graham's script, it seems to me, while keeping within the prescribed framework introduces a whole new dimension to **The Beachcombers.** Involving Molly's Reach "family" with real-life politicians, Rene Levesque and Pierre Trudeau, gives them an authenticity they too often lack. This time they too are real people rather than just T.V. actors hamming it up in a phony situation.

It's still a story which the kids will enjoy with the usual highjinks and people overboard, but for all its zany comedy it is also a show which will delight the more sophisticated as it manages to send up the media, the R.C.M.P. and the Special Branch.

No one would expect a Special Branch detective of the generous proportions of Franz Russell to come to a small community like Gibsons Landing and not attract the attention and curiosity of the locals. He sticks out like a sunflower against a tarred fence or a leopard without his spots. Naturally Nick jumps to a wrong conclusion and his well-intentioned and determined efforts to head off calamity make for a very funny show.

Graham Crowell hails from Pictou, Nova Scotia, but he has been involved in theatre and film on the West Coast for some years, co-producing and directing films with independent film makers; writing, acting and directing for Metro Theatre Company. Invaluable experience when it comes to writing plays and television scripts.

He is the first of the **Beachcombers** crew to have a script accepted for production and everyone on the set was excited and enthusiastic about it. It's a script which provided a challenge for everyone, involving the largest cast for one production used last summer — twenty-five speaking parts plus extras — everyone put forth that extra effort. There's no doubt Robert Clothier relished his role of portraying the chain-smoking politician, or that Ilona Herman enjoyed using all her skills in make-up to facilitate the illusion. For everyone it presented a welcome change from the predicaments which usually face the **Beachcombers** and which inevitably with repetition become increasingly phony. This story, though obviously imaginary has that exciting ring of the possible.

An added bonus for local viewers — playing the part of the Village reporter covering Rene Levesque's trip is Gibsons resident, Frank Braithwaite. He's the one who is continually being hustled by the pushy reporters from those big eastern outlets.

More School Board

School Board business last Thursday night was curtailed because of the time spent in discussing the Education Committees' recommendations. A request for transfer to classroom teaching effective September 1 from Chatelech Principal Roly Hawes was approved. Secretary-Treasurer Mills informed the Board that the proposed change in name of the School District from School District #46 (Sechelt) to School District #46 (Sunshine Coast) was acceptable to the Ministry. This could be effected by a resolution of the Board either for the end of the school year or the end of the calendar year.

Finally, Trustee Hodgins presented a brief from the Bowen Island Community School Association and the Bowen Island Recreation Commission requesting a Co-ordinator on a half-time basis for the Bowen Island Community School which is due to be completed in September of this year. This was done in the form of a notice of motion, and Trustee Hodgins hopes that the matter will be voted upon at the regular business meeting of January 25.

If approved, the Co-ordinator's salary would be the joint responsibility of the Board of School Trustees and the Bowen Island Recreation Commission through the Greater Vancouver Regional District. He asked that the matter be discussed early in the agenda since he anticipates attendance by people from the Bowen Island community who will need to set off reasonably early in order to get back to their homes that night.

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Native Environmental Studies

More on Deserted Bay

By Allan J.Crane

Perhaps one of the best measures of the successes and shortcomings of the Native Environmental Studies project can be found in the reactions of the students. The Coast News has received permission from the students and the staff of the programme to publish some of these reactions as expressed in essays assigned to the students in the second week of December in which they were asked to say what they thought of the project. One essay will be reproduced in full in this issue of the Coast News, and another will appear in next week's newspaper. Excerpts from other essays will appear in both issues.

The Coast News has contacted the parents of several of the students taking part in this first semester of the programme, and their reactions hav been universally enthusiastic. Some parents felt that the programme had changed their son's or daughter's whole attitude towards life, and every parent contacted felt that the students were getting a great deal out of the programme. Vi Jackson of the Sechelt Indian Reserve proudly pointed to a painted whale which her daughter Sherry had made, and several parents spoke of gifts of carvings and paintings which their sons and daughters had made for Christmas presents.

"The best thing that ever happened to him," declared Ray Potter of Pender Harbour speaking of the effect which the programme was having on his son Noel. Mr. Potter also said that Noel had made really good friends with one or two of the Native students, and he spoke of the broadening effect which the programme was having for the students participating. He noted that the programme was costly but said it was necessary and he spoke of the priceless benefits gained from the understanding which has developed between the Native and non-Native students.

Speaking for himself, Noel says in his essay: "I really think I have learned more up here in one semester than I have in my ten years in the regular school....I got a lot out of the first aid, canoeing and the Coast Guard courses. I have a troup of sea scouts, so this will come in handy for teaching them."

Bruce Richardson is the other student from Pender Harbour. He says: "One thing I'd like to see is the programme more oriented to the other schools. I am way behind in my math compared to Pender Harbour Secondary School. I would like to see more Indian culture taught up here and a little more on the environment....To sum it all up, I have spent a very enjoyable semester up here so far and am sure the rest of it will be as enjoyable."

The concern expressed by Bruce was echoed by one or two other students who thought that the programme might adversely effect their academic progress. Another student wrote: "I'm worried about going back to Elphie. Everything is so different now, because of here and the fact that there is a new principal."

In addition to the students from Pender Harbour, there are five from Chatelech Junior Secondary School: Sherry Jackson, Nancy Joe, Guy Paetkau, Mike Vertanen and Stephanie Reid; and thirteen from Elphinstone Secondary School: Naomi Nygren, Theresa Godbur, Laura-Lee Hawkin, Neil Nielson, Jeff Birken, Naida August, Edith Dixon, Shelly Robinson, Lavonne Rudolph, Darren Dixon, Ian Dixon, Rocky Joe and Mike Frankland.

A number of these have expressed other unfavourable reactions along with their overwhelmingly favourable comments. Guy Paetkau sees the facilities as overcrowded: "We don't get enough time by ourselves. Lots of people are too crammed together so they get in very bad moods which sets everyone off."

Several students comment on the boredom of the journey to and from Tsoh-nye and Mike Vertanen expresses this most eloquently: "The most boring, terribly tedious, everlasting thing is getting up and down to N.E.S. It is so slow although I know there is no cheaper way of getting up there."

Some of these students feel that the programme would be improved if it were to be scheduled so that ten days were spent there with four days off following, but Mike Vertanen would be unlikely to agree, for he also says: "What I have to complain about up here is not the cooking, not the lack of normal school work, but the conditions we have to learn to live with such as being away from home, not seeing your parents in five days a week and having to lose time on home projects." He concludes, however: "This year in N.E.S., I'd have to say, is one of the greatest, and I hope I can come here again some time."

Like Bruce Richardson, Lavonne Rudolph thinks insufficient Indian culture is taught: "I liked learning about the Indian culture, but I think we could have learned a bit more about their old ways. The white and non-white relationship is going well, and I think the school could keep on going very successfully."

Naida August sees the insufficiency rather differently: "I think we need more resource people like Mary Jane Jackson for example. She does basket weaving. Johnny Louie makes canoes and does painting and carving. My mother makes Indian sweaters."

Clarence Joe Senior, who has been appointed Curriculum Co-ordinator for the Sechelt Indian Band Council, told the Coast News that the situation with regard to resource people would be improved. He pointed out the fact that the people mentioned in the last article had been taken from an old list and that for various reasons several of them would not be able to act as resource people. His sister-in-law, Ethel Julian, for example, is badly afflicted with arthritis. Many of the resource people are old and cannot undertake the journey to Tsoh-nye during the severe weather. It is partly for this reason that the present group of students has spent a couple of weeks in the portable at Chatelech, thus enabling them to spend time with resource people at the Sechelt Indian Reserve.

This article will conclude with Darren Dixon's essay, and the final installment of students' reactions will appear in next week's paper.

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The first thing I like about the programme is calling the teachers by their first names. Getting along with your room partner is good for you, because you get along with each other every day.

After breakfast we have an hour to relax. This is good because you have enough time to do your homework. I like the English and Math classes being an hour long, because we always have something else planned before the day is over. When lunch is over, we always have four or more activities to choose from. That's good because most of them are very interesting. Woodwork, carving and canoeing are the most interesting to me. When I was watching some of the other people carve I noticed that they took it very seriously.

The one thing I was very disappointed in, was that our Social Studies class did not get a chance to study the Sechelt Nation's history. I also wanted to try looking for artifacts, by doing it the right way.

When we went for supper, everybody got along with each other, without pushing each other around, while getting their food. It's better up Jervis than going to Elphie or Chatelech because at those schools you don't do carving, fishing, hiking, camping, making prawn traps, watching the salmon spawn or go to small beach parties, look at the Indian paintings, fix the generators, or chase the bears away when they come around the school. What more can you ask for?

If I had another chance to go there, I would go with no hesitation. And the scenery and the view make a good location for the school. The worst thing about it, is going up to the school with a noisy boat but it is very dependable.

When you eat up there everything is a plateful. The cooking isn't that bad, and sometimes we get really good meals.

Paq Lake lies shrouded in mist and deserted after the recent thaw turned the ice to slush.

Pender Harbour Clinic Controversy

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be forgotten. Logan elaborated slightly on the Board's decision to release the nurse, pointing out that she "was not fired. She was only on a probationary appointment and this was not taken up at the end of the six-month period." Board member Billy Griffith added that the probationary period is "standard Board policy and applies to all clinic staff. It's as much for their use as ours." As to reasons for the release, Griffith mentioned "personality conflicts" and said nurse Anderson was "maybe a bit headstrong," but added there was no complaint on her nursing abilities. He said the decision to release her was taken by a majority of the full clinic Board. Logan confirmed this and said he voted in favour of the decision.

"There were a lot of little reasons," Logan said, "mostly in the interpersonal relations area amongst the clinic staff. There was no complaint on her nursing ability." Logan hinted that one reason for the decision was that Dr. Estey had firm requirements for the sort of nurse he would like to work with and nurse Anderson may not have fit these requirements. According to an unofficial report Estey "wasn't in the clinic ten minutes before he and the nurse had a disagreement".

Logan said that one of the things Dr. Estey plans to do at the outset is prepare a "practice manual" laying out each staff member's responsibility in clear terms. This will prevent any repeat of the past authority disputes between staff. Estey is said to favour a married nurse with a stable place in the community and long-term dedication to the clinic. He also wants someone who will realize that she is in a subordinate position on the medical staff and not compete with the authority of the doctor or the clinic Board.

According to Logan, former receptionist medical-clerk Norma Clarke told the Board when she quit it was because of conflict with nurse Anderson. Logan said the Board had been depending on Clarke because of her medical experience and losing her "was a shock". Other Board members said that with the current medical staff use of the clinic has dropped from as much as thirty-five patients a day to as low as six patients a day. The doctor has been coming in at 1:30 p.m. and refusing to see more than one patient per half hour until the five o'clock closing time regardless of how many were waiting. This effectively limited the use of the clinic to less than ten patients a day. Logan said, "The clinic just can't survive on six or seven patients a day and this was the crux of the matter."

Harrison said that while he won't comment on the reasons for the Board's action it was "a necessary and unavoidable move to cure the clinic's problems once and for all and prepare the way for a period of secure and trouble-free growth". He added however that he had to "condemn the action of the nurse in taking the issue to the public. This was most unprofessional and could be indicative of the kind of reasons she was let go."

In a press release last week Anderson was quoted as having said, "if the decision of the Board deprives the community of my services, and thus continuity of the medical staff, it will be both your loss as well as mine." Contacted Sunday Anderson denied seeking publicity, saying she had merely entertained the reporter's questions after the reporter had taken the initiative. She said she had also discussed the matter with patients during examinations, but only after they had initiated discussion.

Anderson said she had taken her complaint with the Board to the Labour Relations Board but was told she did not have a case under labour law.

"Legally it appears the clinic is in the right, but morally and ethically I don't feel it is," she said.

So far all Anderson has gained for her efforts is termination two weeks earlier than planned. On Friday the clinic's Executive Committee acted to relieve her from her job immediately instead of at the end of January.

Dr.Judi Hayward said the action of the nurse and herself in publicizing internal staff problems "would probably be unprofessional in other circumstances," but in her opinion was not in the present case. The reason she gave for this was that, "people have a right to know what is going on and they weren't finding out otherwise." Dr. Hayward said that although she felt the nurse had not been treated fairly she could not fault the Board for the way it had released her from her own position. She said she was not on permanent staff and had understood that she would be needed only until a permanent doctor was found.

Gibsons Auxiliary

By Marie Trainor

Twenty-nine members and two visitors of the Gibsons Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital, Sechelt, met Wednesday, January 10 for a 12:30 luncheon meeting at Calvary Baptist Church. Mrs. Verna Temoin, the area representative for the Lower Mainland of the B.C.A.H.A., came from Delta to install our 1979 officers. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Irene Thomas. After a delightful luncheon, co-hosted by Isabel Leech and Pearl Dove, we viewed a film from the Heart Foundation. "Countdown" was thought stirring, to say the least. Mrs. Jean Longley, of our auxiliary, is chairman for the village of Gibsons. Please watch for the Heart display coming to the mall, Friday, January 26. Heart week will be February 14 to 24. Help your heart and give.

Both monthly and annual reports were given. It is impossible to count all the hours spent working in and for the hospital, particularly with respect to the Thrift Shop. We catered nine dinners for the Gibsons Lions and one for the C.N.I.B. Eleven volunteers worked 169½ hours in the Extended Care Unit. These volunteers hosted two birthday parties and helped with the annual Christmas party. Six volunteers worked 209 hours in physiotherapy, and fifteen volunteers spent 228 hours in the Gift Shop and taking around the shopping cart. We made a sizeable contribution to the hospital through the Co-ordinating Council of the six auxiliaries. From our Memorial Fund we bought a swag lamp and cuckoo clock for the E.C.U. lounge.

The candle-lighting ceremony was very moving and impressive as the new officers vowed to do their best to live up to their responsibilities, and the members promised to faithfully support the executive. Publicity—Marie Trainor, Secretary—Pearl Dove, Treasurer—Marge Langdale, 1st Vice-President—Ida Leslie, 2nd Vice-President—Stella Morrow, President—Joan B.Rigby.

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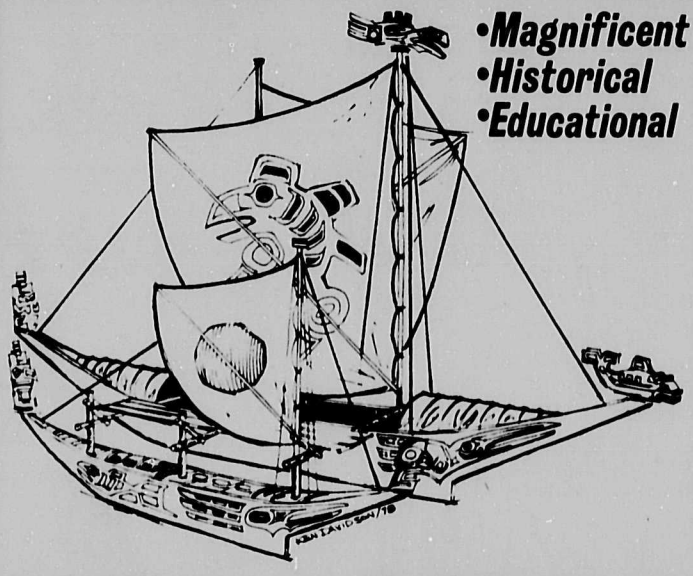

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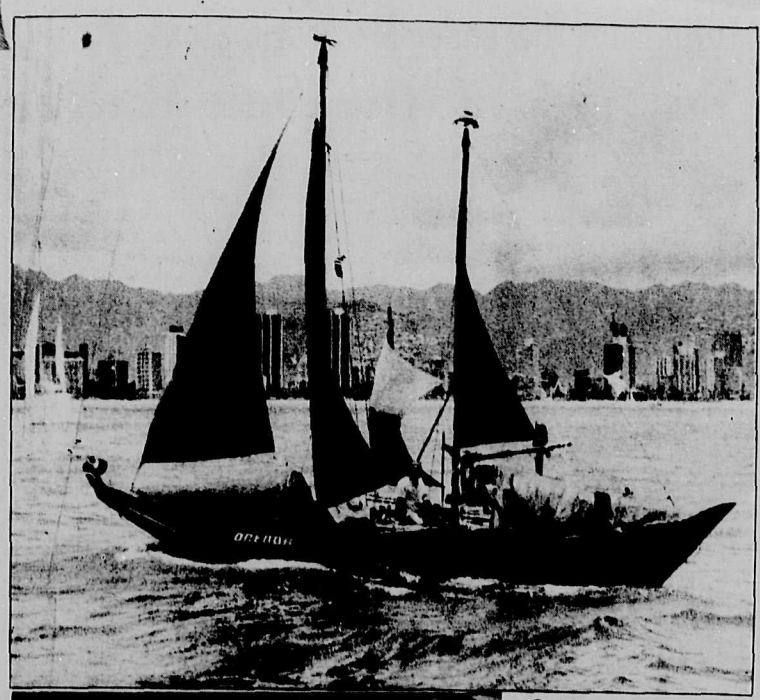


Bird watchers in formative meeting

By John Hind Smith

If even a little of the enthusiasm of Wayne Diakow and his visitors, Ervio Sian who is a bird photographer and John Toochin from the Vancouver Natural Historical Society Birding Section, brushed off onto their audience on Thursday night, they've got themselves a winner. I didn't count the heads but would estimate there were forty-plus and that's a pretty good turn out for anything like that on the Sunshine Coast.

I guess this was a meeting of the Sechelt Marsh Society and the idea was to introduce members into the joys of bird watching (birds of the feathered variety, that is). Wayne hopes to get enough people interested to carry out the first project which could be to do a check on bird populations and varieties on the Sunshine Coast. He suggested that people might be surprised at the results of a check and that the chances of finding examples of the rarer birds visiting B.C. were pretty high; for example: the spoonbilled sandpiper which stirred up a great deal of excitement this last summer. Field trips on this coast and overseas (the lower mainland and Vancouver Island) are in the planning stage and one which rather intrigued me was a night trip which would be primarily aimed at owls in the area.

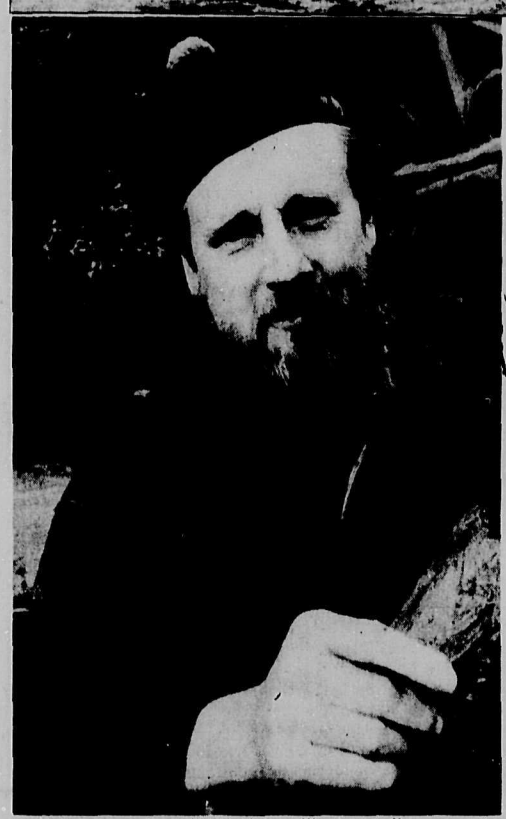
Mr. Ervio Sian is a bird photographer par excellence and is at present engaged in the process of illustrating a book which will be entitled **Birds of B.C.** He gave us a little presentation of some of his slides and answered questions on the technicalities of taking these beautiful pictures. It is obviously a very expensive business where equipment is concerned but this should not deter the amateur from trying his hand. One needs something a little better than a Kodak Brownie box camera but it takes patience, skill and more than a little luck to achieve results like those of Mr. Sian.

The subject of recordings, sightings, and check lists was dealt with by Mr. John Toochin who is obviously a very enthusiastic birder and is very adept at passing that enthusiasm along to his audience. I am sure he could have talked much longer on his subject but ferry schedules, etc., limited the time available. He suggested that check lists of birds seen over here should be started and that the place seen, the species, the date and time seen, plus a description of the bird and numbers seen should be recorded. He also suggested that the annual Christmas bird count should be done over here. This is already done on the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island.

Wayne mentioned that a couple of what were thought to be trumpeter swans had been seen recently in Pender Harbour and that a rare acorn woodpecker had been seen over here last year but no credit was given because no one took a picture or shot it to prove that it has been here. I hope shooting is not a recognized means of identifying a rare bird in the field of ornithology!

For people who like statistics we were told that there were 422 species of birds in B.C.(up to 1977) and that 280 of these breed in the province. In the Vancouver area, and I guess we would be included in that, 238 species are common and a further 89 seen not too often. I am sure we have our share over here but as no official check has ever been made, the results would be very interesting.

All in all, I think the introductory meeting was a great success and I for one am looking forward to the next one on February 1, same time, same place and it looks as though we can look forward to some very interesting stuff over the next few months.



Adventurer Geordie Tocher will personally present the film of his epic journey by dugout canoe from Vancouver to Hawaii. The Orenda was Tocher's second canoe. The first one was wrecked in a storm off San Francisco during his first attempt.

Gibsons Council

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mayor and Council to initiate action for final approval to proceed with the entire project. Council will await the return of Alderman Trainor from a trip to Ontario and a further report from him and his Marina Committee before moving on to the public meetings stage and to the referendum. Enquiry has yet to be made on what grants are available from provincial as well as what has already appeared to be available from federal agencies. Victoria Engineering estimates the cost to Gibsons, if there is no provincial aid, to not exceed $780,000.

While sorting out the legalities of carrying regional water in its lines for District service to North Road, the Village has found that its 1943 certificate is now out of date. The Village is now requested, for a fee of $10, to apply for an amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity which will entitle the Village to supply water to users resident outside its boundaries.

Gleanings from committee reports show, for instance, the apparent need for inspection of wood-burning stove installations to ensure fire safety standards. Faulty installation can jeopardize fire insurance coverage, Council has been told. Alderman Marshal commended Works Supervisor Ron Weber for extra care and attention given to road work and water service during the cold snap. The building inspector will take on the administration of R.R.A.P. in Gibsons following the resignation of James Nuotio. January 15 Council representatives will meet with the Raquetball Club to discuss details of a site for a club building.

There are two corrections to make to our report of the proposed School Board offices move. Rent paid for the present premises, Roy Mills reminds us, is not an expense shared by the Ministry of Education, whereas costs of setting up and operating a School Board-owned office are.

Harmony Hall

By Helen Raby

The first meeting of the New Year of Branch #38, O.A.P.O., was held on January 8. This had been unavoidably delayed owing to the first Monday of the month coming on January 1. Consequently attendance was not as large as usual.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Jim Manton. Our condolences and sympathy are extended to his wife Olive and family.

Our New Year's Eve party was a grand affair due mostly to the efforts of Mr. Bill Malyea, who provided the music and also acted as a gracious Master of Ceremonies. Nowhere on the Peninsula could anyone have found a happier group. We celebrated the coming of 1979 with enthusiasm. Thank you, Bill.

The annual reports for 1978 were very encouraging. I hope we can do as well this year. The month of May was chosen tentatively for our Spring Tea. We still require a convenor for this event, but hope to settle all the details at our next meeting.

The seniors at Sechelt have invited the carpet bowlers for a return match on February 12 at 1 p.m. Arrangements are now being made for those who require transportation.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strom who will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 13. Our members wish you both many more years of happiness.

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Strikes and spares

By Bud Mulcaster

No 300 games in the Classic league last week. Ken Skytte had high four with 1019.

In the Tuesday Coffee league Nora Solinsky rolled a 312 single and an 800 even triple. In the Gibsons 'A' league Darlene Maxfield rolled a 312 single and Alice Smith a 314 single and 712 for three. Bob Ford just missed a 300 with a 296—778 night.

In the Wednesday Coffee league, Barb Rezansoff had a headpin in the wrong spot and just missed a 400 game. Barb had eight strikes in a row and wound up with a dandy 377 game. Susan Unerwood rolled a 302 single and Bonnie McConnell had a good night's sleep and came up with games of 281-281-277 for a three-game total of 839.

Orbita deLos Santos rolled a 346 single in the Phuntastique league and Rod Powell also just missed a 300 with a 297-730 score in the Legion league.

Good games in all leagues; we just get better and better.

Highest scores: Classic: Dianne Fitchell 293-925; Bonnie McConnell 245-943; Don Slack 273-990; Ken Skytte 266-1019; **Tuesday Coffee:** Edna Bowden 246-644; Pam McAullay 275-677; Nora Solinsky 312-800; **Swingers:** Alice Smith 263-659; Phil Fletcher 190-557; Hugh Inglis 233-600; **Gibsons 'A':** Darlene Maxfield 312-679; Alice Smith 314-712; Terry Cormons 249-708; Lorne Christie 270-719; Bob Ford 296-778; **Wednesday Coffee:** Darlene Maxfield 246-667; Susan Underwood 302-677; Gwen McConnell 270-734; Barb Rezansoff 377-760; Bonnie McConnell 281-839; **Wednesday 1:00 p.m.:** Sue Whiting 246-649; June Frandsen 288-710; **Ball & Chain:** Gloria Tourigney 240-615; Ken Skytte 266-687; **Phuntastique:** Willie Buckmaster 250-668; Lana Mitzel 235-673; Orbita deLos Santos 346-713; Jim Middleton 278-730; **Legion:** Pearl Pauloski 271-704; Rod Powell 297-730; **Y.B.C.Bantams:** Shari Maxfield 219-329; Andy Solinsky 193-349; **Seniors:** Gwen McConnell 226-606; Mike Maxfield.

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For those who have seen aerobic dance demonstrations and think it might be too fast for them, remember that the idea is to start out slowly, dancing with only as much energy and for as long as is comfortable for you, and gradually building up so that you can do all the dances without stopping. The first class ever held here on the coast had not one member who wasn't a grandmother—and they loved it!

Aerobic Dance classes will begin the week of January 15, will cost $8.00 for ten sessions or $1.00 per class, and will be held as follows:

Gibsons: Tuesday 9:45—10:30 a.m., Cedar Grove Ele. Gym; Thursday, 8:15—9:15 p.m., Gibsons Elem. Gym.

Roberts Creek: Beginners—Monday 7:00—8:00 p.m.; **Advanced**—Tuesday 7:00—8:00 p.m., both in Roberts Creek Elem. Gym.

Wilson Creek: Thursday 9:30—10:30 a.m., Wilson Creek Community Hall.

Sechelt: Monday 6:45—7:45 p.m.**(Beginners);** Thursday 6:45—7:45 p.m. **(Advanced);** both in Chatelech Music Rm.

Pender Harbour: Thursday 7:30—9:00 p.m. Madeira Park Elem.Gym; Friday 10:00-11:00 a.m., Pender Harbour Community Hall.

The water hazard at the golf course presented a different kind of hazard during the recent cold weather, but this intrepid golfer takes it all in his stride as he addresses his ball.

Minor Hockey

The 1979 portion of our Sechelt Minor Hockey Association is back in full swing after a break for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. Congratulations are in order to players, coaches and parents, and all concerned with the Weldwood Clippers who travelled to Burnaby over the holidays to win that particular tournament for the second consecutive year. Good work, boys!!

This coming weekend two more of our teams will be travelling; Ernie Fallis, Dave Gant and the Twin Creek Peewees will be heading to Hope for a Peewee tournament involving sixteen teams. As well, our house league Peewees on Legion 109 and their coach Carl Kohuch will be journeying to Powell River to play a pair of exhibition games on the weekend of January 20 and 21. Good luck to both these clubs!

Also coming up this weekend will be some exhibition hockey at our own arena, one game involving Gay Klassen's Atom team, the O.W.L. (Ocean Wholesale Ltd.) will be playing a Surrey Atom team Saturday evening, probably around 7:00 p.m., as well as Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., on January 21. On this same Saturday and Sunday, Powell River is sending down a Peewee house team to play our Trail Bay Sports (T.B.S.) team Saturday at 2:45 while the same Powell River team will play our Standard Oilers Sunday at 10:30. Also best of luck to all of these teams.

A schedule of games for the weekend of January 18—21 follows:

Thursday, Jan. 18 7:15—8:45 p.m. Rangers vs A's; **Saturday, Jan. 20:** 10:30—11:30 practice—Sabres & Kin-ucks; 11:45—1:00 p.m. T&T vs Elphinstone; 1:15—2:30 p.m. G.T.'s vs Aces; 2:45-4:15 p.m. *Exhibition Powell River vs T.B.S.; 6:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. *Exhibition Surrey vs O.W.L.; **Sunday, Jan. 21:** 7:45—8 **Sunday, Jan. 21:** 7:45—8:45 practice, Kin-ucks & 140's; 9:00—10:20 Exhibition O.W.L. vs Surrey; 10:30—12:00 p.m. *Exhibition Powell River vs Oilers; 12:15—1:30 p.m. Clippers vs 140-23's; 6:30 practice, Sabres & Elphi; 7:30 practice, Glass & Flyers.

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Voyage of the Sea-Raker

By Bruce Woodsworth
Part VII

As Sea Raker followed Tajow out into Queen Charlotte Strait, it took Sylvia and myself only a few minutes to comment on how restive our cabin cruiser had suddenly become.

Boats are generally referred to as 'she', but 'he' seemed to suit ours better. No longer was he a patient, plodding, puller of the plow, but in some mysterious way had been transformed into a high-spirited stallion that had

Boats are generally referred to as 'she', but 'he' seemed to suit ours better. No longer was he a patient, plodding, puller of the plow, but in some mysterious way he had been transformed into a high-spirited stallion that had just consumed a small box full of oats for good measure. Besides, he seemed to have learned the trick of slipping his bit and bridle. Net result? As free as the wind!

Sea Raker was finally living up to his name. As our propellor rose out of the green depths and hit thin air at the top of an enormous crest, our stallion seemed to give a full-length shudder which shook him from bow to stern. Uttering a sibilant whistle up front, he kicked up his heels and away down a long green slope he galloped, all out!

Trying to guide this beast by turning the wheel was useless. Thinking about Stephen Leacock's humorous story of the sailor who leaped into the saddle and galloped off — simultaneously — in four directions, didn't seem to help at all....I squinted upwards to the top of the cabin window to see where Tajow was taking Chuck and Jo Williams, but couldn't see them at all — nothing but a watery wall of transluscent green sea. In alarm, I swung the wheel as our stallion hit the bottom of an enormous slow-moving trough. He responded, and instead of hitting the next green mountain slope head on, we angled up it some thirty degrees off centre, slick as a whistle!

Dead ahead some three cables' lengths (1800 ft.) appeared the tops of two small white masts, followed rapidly by two blue horizontal sail covers and the orange plastic tarp Chuck had rigged over his open "wheelhouse", to keep off sun and rain (but not wind...). His thirty-seven foot white hull was visible momentarily, only to tilt forward and pitch downwards into the side of the next green swell.

This was the life — a gigantic slow-and-swift-moving carousel — which at times reversed from horizontal to vertical and then began to act like a ferris wheel at the P.N.E. as it slowly climbed to its zenith.

Cabin boy Baku (pronounced BAW-KOO) temporarily forgot his duties aboard ship. Placing his front paws on one of the two equipment boxes located under each port and starboard side entrances at the stern, he braced his hind legs to keep from slipping on the steeply-tilted hatch, then peered intently down the long green wall of water stretching abeam. From the pilot seat I shot a quick glance at his face and saw him blink twice, incredulous of what he saw. His computer mind seemed to have already rejected the possibility of a slow boat to China — via Davy Jones' Locker! His head rose cautious in unison with our stallion's climb to the following crest and again he peered intently — due west this time. I jerked another glance at him and fancied that I could read his thoughts: "Too far to China down to the sea bottom and through the earth's axis. Also too far to China swimming past the north end of Vancouver Island. Think I'll just stay Cabin Boy and leave world politics alone.' Whereat he promptly shifted to the starboard side, reassured when he discovered that the Raynor Group, Browning Islands, the Miller Group, and Jeanette Islands were each in turn less than a mile away as we headed up Richards Channel.

It was twenty nautical miles from the Lewis Rocks at the entrance to Wells Passage (where we hit Queen Charlotte Strait named, incidentally, after King George III's wife) to the scores of islands and islets composing the Southgate Group. Much of this time our skips head was more westerly than northerly. Sailing from Prince Rupert to Skagway one's boat travels 375 miles N and 200 miles W. But if sailing from Prince Rupert to Anchorage one's boat travels 420 miles N. to 780 miles W. And if flying from Vancouver to Nome, Alaska, one's plane would travel only one mile N. for every two miles W. Such are the advantages of a Great Circle Route for travel. It is also difficult for stay-at-homes to realize that in travelling west through 55 degress of latitude (with a new time zone every 15 degrees) one's plane — or boat — would be in the fifth zone after leaving Vancouver. Pacific S.T., Yukon S.T., Alaska S.T. and a couple more would put Nome some four hours **behind** Vancouver.

To be continued

Indoor tennis

So often learning tennis is a frustrating and difficult experience, for possibly many reasons — unsound teaching techniques, self-imposed physical and mental limitations, social pressures and demands, the feeling of lacking co-ordination, etc.

But perhaps all this can be eliminated by first relating to certain body movements based on simple and continual hand and foot patterns. Hopefully, in this Indoor Tennis class, with a little luck and perseverance on both our parts, we will produce that feeling of ease and grace so often seen among good tennis players. No longer worry about hitting the ball out of bounds, for in this course there will be no boundaries, only indoor gym walls. (That's sure to add to moral support!) The class will attend to the needs of beginners as well as advanced players and the addition of an occasional film or sound track might prove fruitful for the learning experience, and at least entertaining.

Bring your racquet — and come even if you don't have one — to any of the weekly classes, held Wednesdays from 8:30 until 10:00 p.m. in Sechelt Elementary Gym and Thursdays from 8:30 until 10:00 p.m. in Cedar Grove Elementary Gym, beginning January 24 and 25 respectively. The course fee is $8.00 for ten sessions, or $1.00 per evening. For further information and/or to pre-register, please call the Fitness and Recreation Service at 885-5440.

Gibsons rugby

Saturday at Elphinstone Field Gibsons Rugby hosts Trojans in a match deciding the first half champion in the Third Division. While not quite Super Bowl Sunday, it should be a better game, weather permitting. Trojans are undefeated with a tie (against strong Meralomas) and Gibsons is 9—1. In their last meeting in the playoffs last spring, Gibsons won in an open, exciting game.

As well as being the last and deciding game of the 1978 season, Saturday's contest is the beginning of a new season leading to the playoffs in balmy April. If you play rugby or would just like a little contact in your life, practices are Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Elphie High gym and Thursdat at 6:30 at Gibsons Elementary gym.

Moms and tots

All mothers are invited to bring their little ones and join in Moms' & Tots' exercise and activity sessions designed to be both enjoyable and beneficial for both of you. The Fitness & Recreation Service is offering classes in Gibsons on Thursdays from 1:00—2:30 p.m. in the United Church Hall, in Sechelt on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00—10:00 a.m. in St. Hilda's Church Hall, and in Halfmoon Bay on Tuesday from 12:00—1:00 p.m. hopefully in Welcome Beach Community Hall (call 885-5440 for confirmation), all beginning the week of January 15.

For Moms at the Gibsons class there will be a warm-up, limbering and stretching exercises, aerobic dance, yoga and relaxation exercises; everything it takes for a good general fitness programme. For Tots there will be a chance to do some aerobic dance, too, plus there are toys, books, play dough, other kids to play with and a park nearby, with all activities supervised.

The classes in Sechelt and Halfmoon Bay are divided into four segments, and Tots are encouraged to take part in the exercises along with Mom. First there are fifteen minutes of limbering and warm-up movements, followed by fifteen minutes of Yoga exercises. Aerobic Dance comprises the third part of the class, and finally there is a tumbling session where Moms help their youngsters learn the co-ordination and muscle control necessary to master basic tumbling movements.

These classes are open to all women, with or without children, and the fee is $8.00 for ten sessions, or $1.00 per class. Please call 885-5440 for more information or to pre-register.

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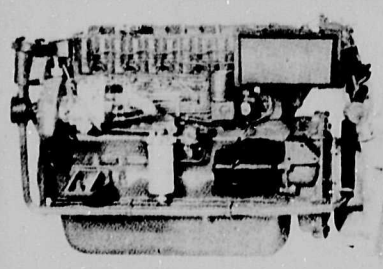

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On speed and power

By Bruce Robinson

Walking to my car the other day in the parking lot of Sunnycrest Mall, I was ripped out of my normal mid-morning stupor by what sounded like a 747 taking off beside me. I was only partly wrong. While the noise which rearranged my eardrums was not caused by a 747, the offending party was an automobile with what seemed to be enough power to take off à la Air Canada. The driver was making the obligatory thunder run through the main drag after leaving one of the gas stations.

Frankly, I am growing increasingly irritated with these aspiring astronauts. Moreover, I am concerned that a careless pedestrian or driver is going to be the victim of these heavenly notions.

Several years ago, Ralph Nader argued on environmental grounds that eight cylinder automobiles should be phased out of production since they pollute the air more substantially than do the smaller six and four cylinder engines. In stating his case, Nader pointed out the impracticality of owning a car which is capable of speeds more than twice the speed limit posted on the highways. Despite the validity of such claims, 1978 was again a banner year for luxury cars and muscle machines. Somebody is not listening or is arrogant enough to ignore what seems indisputable. People are being sold more horsepower than they need and unfortunately, in some cases, more than they can control or choose to control.

Recently I was forced to borrow a car in order to pick up some parts for my Volkswagen van. The owner was not able to go along so he gave me the keys to his missile with the warning to take it easy or I would snap my head off. I soon saw what he meant. The accelerator was somewhat more active in this Chevy than the pedal in my van. As soon as I touched it I found myself looking straight up at the roof of the car, not clear whether I was still in possession of my neck. After gaining my equilibrium and becoming accustomed to the discrepancies between the Chevy and my van, I found myself quite liking this excess of power. Even exhilarated. And I was speeding. That, it seems to me, is the danger. It's fun to drive fast. Speed is an exhilarating sensation. But why do it if somebody is going to have to pay dearly for your fun? If these drivers want real speed and real exhilaration there's nothing stopping them from entering the drags at Mission, and there's nothing preventing them from going skydiving or even taking a ride or two on the roller coaster.

If these legalized rockets remain on the market people will continue to buy them and continue to drive them too fast. We can only hope that the local authorities might find some means of discouraging recklessness, especially in populated areas such as upper Gibsons where screeching tires and a hearty Hi-Ho Silver are becoming all too common.

When I was living in the east end of Vancouver three years ago, my roommate bought a Trans-Am Firebird equipped with a 455 cubic inch engine. He received a phone call from the Vancouver police about a week after he bought the car. The police asked him to come to the station where along with thirty or so owners of similar cars, he watched some very graphic and gruesome films of car accidents and the remains of the various tragedies. Several people had to leave the room and two of these were sick to their stomach. My friend was noticeably affected. What the police had done was to check with auto dealers in order to find out who had purchased muscle machines so that they, through showing these films, could take a little of the macho out of the men. Probably be a good idea to repeat the process periodically, just in case some were able to forget the brains they had seen so vividly splattered on the road.

Many of us speed from time to time. Sometimes we regret it and other times nothing adverse happens. We fall prey to over-confidence because accidents occur rarely. Even the worst drivers arrive at their destination ninety-nine percent of the time without incident. But yes, it is that one percent that is the killer. How often have you come within an inch of a car accident and driven away somewhat shaken, hands trembling on the wheel, breath a little short, heart thumping? The real question is: How deeply are we affected? Sure, we drive more slowly for a while and we ease through intersections which formerly would not have commanded that much respect from us. But after several outings with no unpleasant consequences, we soon revert to old habits. How quickly we all forget.

Pender pioneer dies

One of Pender Harbour's oldest residents, Mrs. Martha Warnock, died peacefully in her sleep in St. Mary's Hospital last week. She was in her eighties.

Mrs. Warnock moved with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Rouse, from Ladysmith to Egmont on July 4, 1909. After three years in Egmont the family moved to Bargain Harbour in Pender Harbour.

Mrs Warnock married Martin Warnock in 1912 and after a few years on float houses the Warnocks took up residence in a house that Martin built, also in Bargain Harbour. Mrs. Warnock lived in that house until her death last week.

Mrs. Warnock is survived by several sons and daughters.

Wildlife

The first general meeting of the Gibsons Wildlife Club for 1979 will take place on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Club on Highway 101.

We hope to see you there to discuss plans for the coming year.

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Exercise classes

If the thought has crossed your mind that it might be fun to try out some of the moves that you've seen gymnasts performing, but you're no longer a kid and you've had no or very little training at it, the opportunity is now here to allow you to indulge your whims. A Gymnastics Class for adults, oriented towards fun and relaxation, is being offered that will let you limber up and tone muscles at your own rate, then try out the various pieces of gym equipment to your heart's content. (Pun not intended, but relevant.) From stretching exercises to trampolines, rope climbs, and weights, it's all there for you to enjoy, and occasionally, music and films will be added to create an atmosphere enabling one to realize feelings so often remembered as a child, but so often forgotten as we grow older.

Adult Gymnastics classes will be offered by the Fitness and Recreation Service in Chatelech Gymnasium every Wednesday from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m., beginning January 24, and in Cedar Grove Elementary Gym every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m., beginning January 22. For further information about this class, or to pre-register, please call 885-5440.

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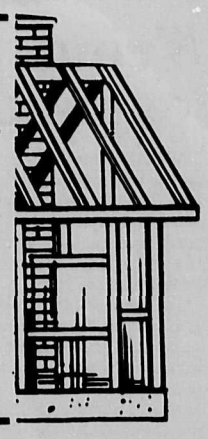

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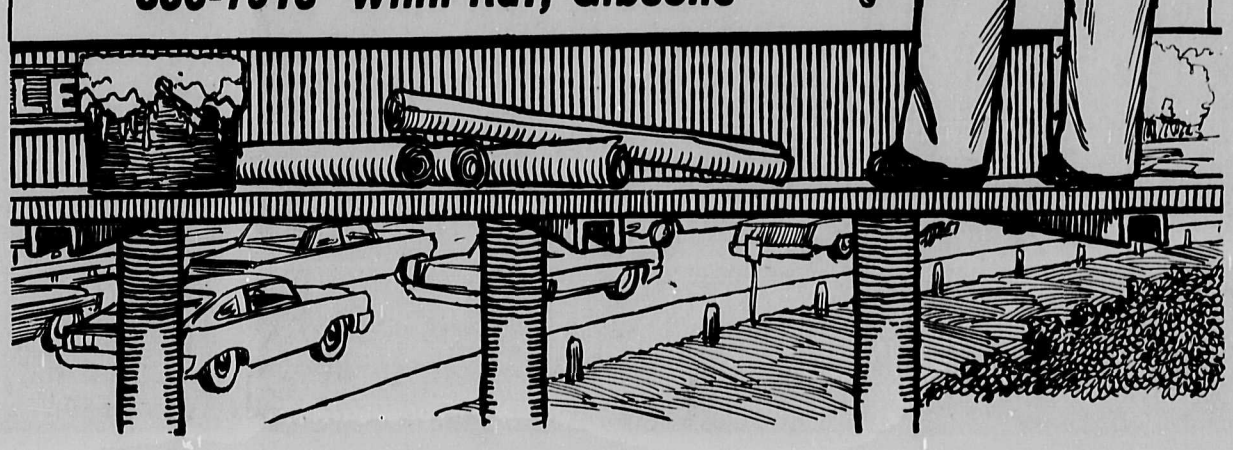


Trout farm expanding

With the market for protein growing constantly, Ron Smail of Madeira Park plans to supply part of this need by expanding his rainbow trout farm operation in Pender Harbour.

The concept of this expansion, which will be adjacent to Anderson Creek, has not met with universal approval. Several groups in the area have expressed concern over the outfall which will go into the creek; however both the Federal and Provincial Fisheries approved the concept, and the Pollution Control Board have examined the plans and the work done, and given the operation a clean slate.

Smail explained to the Coast News that, after the water has passed through the fish ponds, it goes into a settling tank where a large percentage of the water sifts through gravel and back into the soil. The portion which is transferred into Anderson Creek is taken from the top of the tank and is pure.

A fish farm is not simply a matter of putting small fish into a pond, feeding them and then selling them when they are large enough. The most marketable size is from nine inches to ten inches. To get the fish to this size with the maximum return, the optimum growth rate to weight increase has to be estimated. This varies with the temperature of the water. Fish eat more and consequently gain weight faster in warmer water. Another variable is that a large fish consumes more oxygen than a smaller one, and therefore the amount of fish and the flow-through of water has to be watched carefully.

Trout spawn for the first time when they are approximately two and one-half years old. By this time they are over the commercial size, so a special brood stock has to be maintained. Ron plans to stock the pools with some of the fish from his other operation, plus a supply from another commercial venture in Mission.

Weather conditions permitting, he would like to continue his excavation on the site within a month. Within two months he hopes to have a pilot stock in, and to begin a study of them in order to come up with a maximum yield.

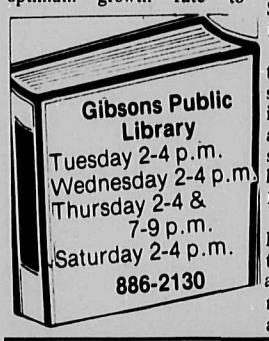
These are the fish tanks which have been approved for Ron Smail's trout farm near Anderson Creek

Hydro fined

B.C.Hydro was fined $500 under the Pesticide Control Act, at the Provincial Court in Sechelt on Thursday, January 11.

The fine was levied under the first of two counts, which stated that Hydro was lacking in its responsibility to affix adequate warnings in its storage of picloram at Clowholm Falls, between August 1 and September 15 of 1978.

The second count, in which Hydro was accused of not taking adequate protection against unauthorized personnel entering the storage area, was dismissed.



Counselling for small enterprises

C.A.S.E. counselling is a low-cost management guidance service used by many businesses to help them improve their operations and profitability.

Everyone can't be an expert in everything and many people in business are inexperienced in one or more management skills required for good performance. This lack, if it isn't supplied, can result in the failure of a business.

It was for this reason that the C.A.S.E. (Counselling Assistance to Small Enterprises) Programme was instituted — orginally in 1972 as a pilot project in Montreal and Winnipeg. The success of the Programme was soon apparent and the Vancouver Office (originally under the auspices of the Federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce) was opened officially on November 9, 1973.

In addition to providing specialized and general counselling for existing businesses, assistance is also offered to persons wanting to purchase or get into their own business. Specialized skills in almost every field of management and production are offered and supplied by recently retired business people anxious to share their knowledge. The service is provided at low cost as small and medium-sized businesses are unable to afford high management consulting fees. The counsellors are more interested in assisting businesses than in being highly paid for their advice.

Branches are located in every province in Canada to attack the root cause of small business failures — lack of management skills or inexperience of owner/managers.

In the latter part of 1975, the Federal Government decided to put the C.A.S.E. Programme under the wing of the Federal Business Development Bank's Management Services Division. With the wide facilities and cooperation of all branches of the Bank, C.A.S.E. really expanded. Currently, the expertise of 375 counsellors is available throughout B.C. alone.

The attached summary of a C.A.S.E. project, recently concluded, points out the value of the counselling service.

For more information on C.A.S.E., contact the nearest office of the Federal Business Development Bank.

C.A.S.E. Counselling Project: analysis and recommendations on internal controls to improve inadequate profit margins.

A supplier of meat at both the wholesale and retail levels asked for counselling because of unsatisfactory operating results.

The Counsellor assigned has thirty-two years experience in the operation of self-owned and cooperative stores handling meats, groceries, hardware, building supplies and petroleum products.

Under the Counsellor's guidance, the following aspects of store operation were analyzed:

1. establishment of retail prices
2. shrinkage
3. sales price mix
4. gross margins for two most recent fiscal years

An analysis was made of cost control by the client and the finding was generally good with some over-expenditure in the areas of advertising, shop and office costs and utilities. In addition, display techniques were reviewed and recommendations made to improve them at no extra cost. Recommendations were also made in relation to tightening up credit terms, security, delegation of work, development of a personalized promotion programme and the manner in which a presentation should be made to a lender for a supplementary working capital loan. In addition, a Sales Budget was established, together with a Cash Flow Forecast.

Pricing of products at both the retail and wholesale level was analyzed and, in conjunction with the above recommendations, was increased to the proper level to correctly reflect the true costs and provide a satisfactory return on the owner's investment.

In a complimentary letter, the client said in part — "...(the Counsellor) not only offered the suggestions, information and advice to get me out of my present difficuty, but he also instilled the confidence necessary to make the changes. I have initiated the majority of the suggestions, including necessary price increases and reduction of credit terms. To my amazement, my good accounts are happier than they have ever been, while my poor-paying accounts have gone elsewhere which is to my benefit. I have now been operating for a month with this new system and the reduction on our deficit at the bank is already becoming apparent. I never would have believed that one man, in less than eight hours, could be so beneficial. I cannot really thank you sufficiently for providing me with the information to turn my business from a high volume, high pressure, poor profit operation to a pleasant, profit-making venture..."

The total billing to the C.A.S.E. client was $68.00.

CBC Radio

By Maryanne West

AM Radio
Wednesday
Yes, You're Wrong: returns for its third season at 8:04 p.m., a comedy quiz show with panelists DuBarry Campau, Don Ryan, Kildare Dobbs and Ted Roberts — host Bob Oxley.
Saturday
Metropolitan Opera: 2:00 p.m. Donizetti's Dom Pasquale.
Canada Watch: 6:15 p.m. Calgary, the New Financial Capital. The economic and political implication.
The Hornby Collection: 11:05 p.m., Part I, A Personal Failure, by Sherman Snukal — a short satirical monologue. Part II, Underbelly, by David Toole — a monodrama starring Terrence Kelly.
Sunday
C.B.C.Stage: 1:05 p.m., Sounds of Murder by Ian Rose. Set in Stanley Park; an ornithologist recording bird songs inadvertently tapes a murder and becomes embroiled in the intrigue.
The Entertainers: 4:35 p.m., Monty Phython special, including interviews.
Celebration: 9:05 p.m., Poles Apart — a documentary looking at Christianity from its extreme ends: the fundamentalists and the God-is-Dead theologians.
Monday
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m., begins a 15-part series of readings from A House for Mr. Biswas by V.W.Naipaul — the story of an East Indian family in Trinidad.
FM Radio
Saturday
9:05 p.m.: Part I—Conversations with Painters, first of a series. Russell Keziere talks with Joe Plaskett. Part II—Judith Forst, soprano, Robert Rogers, pianist in recital — Cantata, Arianna a Naxos, by Hadyn. Part III—Oscar Wilde, Puritan, Sinner and Dandy—Wilde's inner drama, by Errol Durbach.
Sunday
Celebration: 10:05 p.m., Christian prisoners in the Soviet Union — compilation of recent data.
C.B.C.Television
Wednesday
The Great Detective: 8:30 p.m., a new drama mystery series starring Douglas Campbell as the robust Inspector Alastair Cameron. Set in the late Victoria era the first episode, The Case of the Magic Mandarin shows Cameron newly arrived from Glasgow to take charge of his young neice Prudence (Tracy Brett) and finds himself involved in a strange murder case in which the prime suspects are a travelling magician and an old lady (Jane Mallett) who claims to be Queen Victoria's sister!
Sunday
Science Magazine: 7:30 p.m. The Invention of Writing. Bats—research into their eyesight and ability to create memory maps. Steam Machinery—visit to the Cookstown Steam Festival.
Superspecial: 8:00 p.m., Paul Williams and His Ladies —Salome Bey, Julie Amato, Melissa Manchester, and Diahann Carroll.
The Albertans: 9:00, Part II.
Monday
Man Alive: 10:30 p.m., The Holdemans — focus on a band of people cast out from their church.
Tuesday
The Fifth Estate: 9:30 p.m., State of Siege, inside story of the kidnapping of late Italian Premier Aldo Moro.
Fortunes: 10:30 p.m., Interview with Sheikh Yamani of Saudi Arabia, by Wendy O' Flaherty.

Regional

A second draft of the proposed Official Regional Plan for the Sunshine Coast is now available for review by members of the community. The first draft of the Regional Plan was reviewed by Regional Directors and their respective APC's and Councils. Their comments were incorporated into this second draft of the plan. A series of public meetings will be held in early 1979 to discuss various aspects of the plan. Copies can be obtained from the Regional District office and are available free of charge.

Court news of the week

At the Provincial Court held in Sechelt on January 10, David Reid was given a $100 fine for being a minor in possession of liquor.

Fredrick Kelway was fined $300 for driving with a blood alcohol count of over .08. On a similar charge, John Woods received a $250 fine, plus a further $800 fine for driving while under suspension.

Douglas Crosby was charged under the litter act and was given a $100 fine.

Malcolm Cameron was fined $500 for impaired driving.

Norman Hope received two $25 fines. One for having no fire extinguisher on board his boat and as second for not having the required number of life jackets.

William Shoup was found guilty on four counts of issuing forged documents and was given one year's imprisonment on each count. The sentences are concurrent.

Six months probation and a $300 fine was handed down to Donna Winchester on an impaired driving charge.

Schools discussion(cont'd)

Another of the local committee's recommendations was that there should be more teacher involvement in the selection of text books. Colleen Elson spoke of the obstacles to learning which were occasioned by outdated texts. From the floor, Trustee Hodgins commented on the difficult reading level of many of the Social Studies and Science text books used in high school. A teacher in a Science class with a science text book which the students cannot read is not in a position to teach reading, he said.

Discussion of the recommendations of the local Mathematics Committee took the form of a debate. The recommendations which were debated as resolutions were:

Computational skills should be stressed at elementary schools until they become automatic.

A panel of mathematics teachers should be appointed to revise mathematics texts and point out suitable ones for appropriate grades.

Mathematics should be taught on a full year rather than a semestered basis.

Core curriculum should be followed extensively in the teaching of mathematics.

Arguing for the recommendations were Alec Muncaster, a senior student at Pender Harbour Secondary School; Verne Wishlove, principal of Madeira Park Elementary School; Trustee Al Lloyd, a resident of Pender Harbour; and Romeo Talento, a Science teacher at Pender Harbour Secondary School. Arguing against were David Nowoselski, a Mathematics teacher at Elphinstone Secondary School; Mrs. Hoops, a parent from Hopkins Landing; Brian Butcher, principal of Sechelt Elementary School; and Maureen Forsythe, a student from Elphinstone Secondary School. The moderator was Becky Mills of the University of Victoria, a former teacher of Mathematics at Elphinstone Secondary.

Romeo Talento spoke of the fundamental importance of learning the four basic computational skills in Mathematics. He was countered by Maureen Forsythe who said that the opposition was very old-fashioned. Calculators, she said, are as common as wrist watchers, and they can be fun. It's just a waste of time learning the twelve times table she asserted. Supporting Maureen's arguments Brian Butcher said that drill is boring and frustrating. "Let the calculator do the teaching," he said.

After the discussion and the debate had concluded, Superintendent Denley assured the meeting that the reports of both committees had been taken seriously and that he had, in fact, taken them both up personally with the Ministry of Education which had regarded the reports as significant. The total system, he said, moves slowly and if the big wheel can be moved an inch in the right direction progress has been made. "A centimetre," metricated Ed Nicholson.

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Warnock: Passed away January 12, 1979, Martha Annie Warnock, late of Madeira Park, aged 84 years. Survived by three sons, Edward, James and Bill; three daughters, Cledia Duncan, Luella Duncan, and Nina Almas; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-six great grandchildren; one great great grand daughter; and a sister, Agnes Mullen. Funeral service, Tuesday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m., in the Pender Harbour Community Hall, Paster Fred Napora officiating. Interment, Forest View Cemetery. Devlin Funeral Home Directors.

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CHERYL ANNE PARK RD: Roberts Creek. Excellent two bedroom starter or retirement home in quiet subdivision only four miles to Gibsons. Home is on a nicely landscaped lot and only one block to level beach. Some view. Can be purchased for under $2,000 down and with such low payments there is no reason to rent **$37,000**

LANGDALE: This non-basement Langdale three bedroom view home features extensive use of granite on exterior and huge walk around fireplace. Modern kitchen has solid walnut cabinets and built-in dishwasher. A garage and workshop round out the picture. **$49,500**

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JOHNSON RD: New home under construction. The ideal time to purchase is right now, so you can choose your colours. Three bedrooms, diningroom, family room and utility room. **$48,500**

LOOKOUT AVE: Near new three bedroom home in good condition on large view lot in new subdivision just past the Sunshine Coast Arena in Sechelt. Boating facilities close by. Owner is transferred and you may have immediate possession. **$51,900**

MALAVIEW RD: Quality built three bedroom ranch style home on treed landscaped lot in area of new homes. Located on quiet cul-de-sac providing safety for children and pets. The home is in immaculate condition and features separate diningroom, wall to wall carpeting, spacious kitchen, utility room and double windows. Easy walk to elementary school. **$45,900**

CHERYL ANNE PARK ROAD: Large three bedroom home with finished heatilator fireplaces up and down. Situated on approcimately 1/3 of an acre on a no-through road. Neatly landscaped and nicely treed. Rec room roughed in with finished bathroom downstairs. *Double windows throughout. Excellent* family home. **$57,900**

FIRECREST RD: Three bedroom home in quiet rural subdivision surrounded by ALR properties on all sides. One mile from schools and shopping. Large open livingroom with fireplace. The full basement hs a finished fireplace for your rec room ideas. **$49,900**

ROSAMUND RD: Safeway Doublewide on fully landscaped lot on Rosamund Road. Separatee garage and metal storage shed. Lots of shrubs with bark mulch. Good vegetable patch. This is an extremely well built unit—built in the Prairies for nothern living. **$39,900**

DAVIDSON RD: Lovely new three bedroom home in Langdale Ridge. 1236 sq.ft. upstairs. All large roems. Double windows throughout, sundeck and full unfinished basement. Situated on nearly ½ acre, 90x200 with private access road. All this and a beautiful view of Keats *Island and surrounding waters.* **$53,900**

FAIRVIEW & PRATT RD: Excellent starter or retirement home. This nicely appointed single bedroom home features a large livingroom with cozy brick fireplace. Many wood feature walls. Property is nicely landscaped and completely fenced. Large carport with storage shed *at rear. Some appliances included.* **$32,900**

WHARF ROAD: Executive home. Large Spanish style home. Deluxe in every respect. Finished on two floors with quality workmanship and materials. Large sundeck and carport plus separate heated double garage. Large lot mostly landscaped. A bargain at **$80,000**

REVENUE

WINN ROAD: Fourplex. Positive cash flow with eleven thousand dollars revenue per year. Top units contain five bedrooms with one and a half bathrooms. Lower suites are largi" two bedroom units. Low maintenance and good return make this an excellent investment value. Close to all the amenities. Financing available. **$89,900**

FAIRVIEW RD: Revenue. Duplex on a ½ acre lot represents the ideal investment property. There are 1,232 sq.ft. in both *of these side by side suites. Features are* post and beam construction with feature wall fireplace and sundecks. There is appeal to separate rental markets with a two and a three bedroom suite. Assumption of present mortgage makes purchase very easy and a yearly income of over $7,000 makes this property hard to beat. **$75,000**

HENRY ROAD: Well built duplex on level acreage in rural Gibsons. Each side contains livingroom, diningroom, two bedrooms, kitchen, laundry and storage room. Included are two stoves, two fridges and curtains. **$85,900**

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LOTS

UPLANDS RD: Tuwanek. Ideal recreation lot in beautifully wooded and park-like setting. Zoned for trailers. This lot overlooks Sechelt Inlet and the Lamb Island. **$8,900**

WAKEFIELD RD: Good building lot on water and power overlooking Georgia Strait and the Trail Islands. This is a corner lot in a newly built up area. **$12,500**

McCULLOUGH RD: Wilson Creek. Close to one acre of treed property with subdivision possibilities. **$22,500**

COMMERCIAL WATERFRONT: Gibsons. With waterfront as scarce as it is this double use lot represents real value. **$33,000**

GOWER PT.RD. AT 14th: Nearly ½ acre of view property. Approximately 80x 250. R2 zoned with two distinctive building sites. Local by-laws allow two dwellings on this property. Partially cleared. Close to Gibsons and close to the beach. **$16,900**

SOUTH FLETCHER: At School Road. Two lots 40x150 each. One lot has a cottage which could be rented. These lots are mostly cleared and ready for building. A spectacular view of the entire Bay area and Keats Island. **$27,500**

GRANDVIEW & PRATT: Building lot in a fast growing area. Approximate size is *146x141x74x125. Present all offers on the* asking price of **$11,500**

SCHOOL RD: Three view lots 73x110. On sewer. Three blocks from schools and shopping centre. Cleared for building. **$16,000 ea.**

SMITH ROAD: Cleared view lot close to ferry terminal and ocean view. Triangular shaped lot with good building site. **$14,000**

CHERYL ANNE PARK RD: Roberts Creek. Large lot with beautiful trees and some view on quiet cul-de-sac in area of fine homes. Before you decide see this attractive low priced property. Owner will consider terms. **$12,500**

LAUREL RD: Sechelt. Approximately 72x297 nicely treed, some clearing on the lot will create a beautiful Davis Bay view. Almost ½ acre of view property is hard to find. **$17,900**

LAUREL RD: Sechelt. On the high side of the road this Davis Bay view lot will be all your dream home ever imagined. *Priced to sell and waiting for you to build* on. **$14,900**

LANGDALE RIDGE: Davidson Road. Bargain price on this lot amongst attractive new homes on quiet cul-de-sac. **$8,950**

MAPLE ROAD: .97 of an acre on Maple Road (drive down Pine Road). Southern exposure with water and island view. **$19,000**

ACREAGE

PARK ROAD: Gibsons. Excellent prospects for the one who holds this potentially commercially zoned 5 acres. Lightly cleared, close to shopping centre and schools. **$59,000**

LANGDALE: 4.31 acres. Excellent holding property right across from the ferry terminal. Langdale Creek is the eastern boundary of this property. **$39,500**

CONRAD RD: Next to Camp Byng. 2½ acres with limited access. Leek Creek runs through this partially cleared level acreage. Zoned for mobile homes. Excellent for your hobby farm. **$19,900**

SCHOOL ROAD: 1.56 acres adjacent to the elementary school. Could be subdivided to lots. On sewer and all services. **$58,000**

O'SHEA & ABBS RDS: Approximately *2½ acres of prime, view property ap*proved for a ten lot subdivision by the Village of Gibsons. Included is a complete set of engineering drawings outlining size of lots and services required. **$51,500**

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HOMES

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GIBSONS: Hillcrest, 3 bdrms on quiet cul-de-sac. Panoramic view of islands and salt water. Fireplace in livingroom, large family kitchen, underground wiring. $49,000.

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LOTS

Lot 70'x150' facing on Lower Road at Cheryl Ann Park Road, cleared ready to build, water and power. $11,000.

LOWER GIBSONS: Three lots Lower Gibsons, corner School Road and Highway 101; tremendous potential, high traffic area. $175,000.

ACREAGE: 6.9 acres on level lot; beautiful property with year-round creek and well-treed with alder, maple and fir; highway access at Wilson Creek. Would make fantastic private estate or other development. Call John Black for map and details. 886-7316.

WHARF ROAD: Langdale, good retirement area, lot 65'x193'. Try your offer.

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GIBSONS: Level cleared lot in Gibsons Village on sewer and water, 62'x182' obtainable with small down payment of $3,500. For further details phone Karl Bull, 886-2814.

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On January 30, and February 6, 1979. For information contact B. Tyson, Public Health Nurse, Gibsons Health Clinic.

SUNSHINE COAST POTTERY GUILD
Monthly meeting: January 22, Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Craft Studio, Gibsons. New potters are welcome.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS
On January 28 at 2 p.m., at the Masonic Hall.

PENDER HARBOUR LIBRARY
Membership fees are due in January and are $2.00 for four books, or $3.00 for six books for a two-week period. This is an annual membership. HOURS: Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30—3:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1:30—4:00 p.m.

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of the Gibsons Public Library Association to be held in the Public Library on January 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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Every 2nd Monday—Roberts Creek Hospital Auxiliary, 11 a.m. St.Aidan's Hall.

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SUNSHINE COAST ARTS COUNCIL MEETING
Third Tuesday of each month, at Sechelt Elementary main building. Mr. Lizee's room, at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome.

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lost

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Woman's wedding ring. Lost Monday, January 8. **Reward.** 886-9760. #3

found

Fairly large black and white male cat, very friendly. In the vicinity of North Rd. 886-9791. #3

Set of keys (2) with yellow round tag with name 'Fowler', Gower Point Rd., Ocean Esplanade. See Coast News Office. #3

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Wildlife corner

R. Allen

By Ian Corrance

Coyotes

I had a call from a woman on Pratt Road, to see if I could identify a bird for her. While we were talking, she asked if it was possible that she could have seen a coyote on her property. Coincidentally I happened to be browsing through the Express and noticed a piece by Glen Bohn which pointed out that this is the time of year that coyotes are in love and consequently they are seen more often. Their normal habit is to hunt early in the morning, but at this time of year they're out cruisin'.

Ambassador of Bowen

A rather inebriated acquaintance accosted me recently, stating that stories about dogs and cats have no place in a wildlife column. I agreed with him completely, so here's another one.

It seems that Bowen Island is still having dog troubles. The last time I was over there I had coffee with a man who had lost a couple of sheep to dogs running loose. The latest episode involved a pack of dogs that ran down and killed a smaller one. Sam, locally called the Ambassador of Bowen, was found beside the body of the dog, and it looked for a while as if his days were numbered. Two things saved him. He is a border collie with a white ruff, so if he had been in on the kill he would have had blood on him, plus public regard for Sam was such that it was inconceivable that he could have done it. A letter even appeared in the local paper as a testimonial. Sam's been acquitted, but he's been put under house arrest.

Two or three of the dogs involved have been shot, and it sounds like the vigilantees are hot on the trail of any loose animals. Maybe the dog catcher isn't such a bad idea after all.

Another one

Fran Bourassa is going on holidays for a couple of months and is looking for someone to look after her dog. It's a spayed female English setter, with a kindly disposition. Doesn't chase chickens, and won't retrieve sticks. Phone the Cedars, 886-9815, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fran is leaving in the first half of February.

Tony Westman was vigilant while waiting for the birth of a beluga whale last year at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Beluga birth movie

Tony Westman of S.F.U. took a film sequence of the birth of Tuaq, the baby beluga which was born at the Vancouver Aquarium. Working on a miniscule budget and the uncertainty over whether his months of patience would produce anything, he came up with a film that could be in the running for an Academy Award.

Those of you with cablevision can watch this acclaimed footage on Channel 9 at 10:30 p.m., Friday, January 19.

Springtails

If any of you have noticed purplish blotches appearing in your gardens, beside melting snow or invading puddles, don't worry, it's not the return of the Blob. They are formed by millions of flea-like creatures called springtails. Before you go running for the Raid, calm down. From what Dave Smethurst, the science teacher at Elphi has found out, they won't bother us.

Apparently these wee creatures thrive on fungus attached to dust particles caught by falling snow. When the snow begins to melt, out come the springtails. Dave has seen them on the playing fields at Elphi and up on Forbidden Plateau.

A friend of mine has a camera adapter for the microscopes at the school and if I can get a hold of him, Dave has offered to let me try and take some pictures of them. It should be interesting.

I'm still looking for a place in the Pender area for Keith Simpson, the fellow who is banding the great blue herons, so if you have a place that you want to rent for about eight months, starting in February, give me a call at 886-7817 or 886-2622, ta.

b.c. & yukon

Reporter and Reporter-photographers are required to handle the expanding operations at the Northern Times, a morning daily newspaper published in Whitehorse, capital of the Yukon. Send resume and full particulars to Editor, Yukon News, 211 Wood St., Whitehorse, Yukon. #3

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Experienced reporter for Southern B.C. weekly newspaper, away from the Lower Mainland. Successful applicant must be fully experienced, and able to produce. Job offers opportunity for advancement. Steady position, good salary and other benefits go with the job. Please forward job application including references, employment history and samples of writing to: Box 134 BCYNA, 808-207 W.Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C. #3

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Lockstead

In times of economic stress, union bashing becomes fashionable. Labour historians have known this for some time. In the Dirty Thirties for example, the percentage of the British Columbia workers that were organized sank to the abysmally low mark of 7.2 percent of the labour force. In 1979, with unemployment at record highs, we are witnessing similar signs of "labour-as-the-scapegoat".

Our tactics in 1979 are much more subtle than those of the Thirties. Unions are not outrightly decertified. Instead, their powers to bargain collectively are seriously inhibited. In the case of B.C.'s public employees, the proclaiming of Section II of Bill 46 by the Social Credit government practically does away with the right of public employees to withhold their labour. Strikes are, for all intents and purposes, no longer a weapon in labour's arsenal.

What was particularly galling for the over 100,000 employees affected, was the ham-fisted way in which they were brought under the strike-crushing provisions of the Essential Services Dispute Act. It amounts to either hypocrisy or deception on the part of Labour Minister Allan Williams.

When Mr. Williams brought down his legislation during the West Kootenay Schools dispute, he made much of the conditional nature of Essential Services Section II. It might never be proclaimed, he implied. Mr. Williams talked about the labour department's research which would have to be done before the restriction of the right-to-strike would be brought into law. A month later however, with neither a dispute as provocation nor a piece of research in his hand, Mr. Williams signed the order-in-council that emasculated public sector employees.

The strategy is obvious. In the election that seems inevitably set for the spring of this year, it will be the Social Credit party, having lined itself up with everything that's good and holy, *against the NDP and labour.*

Classes for men

Undoubtedly there are many men whose work requires that during the day they be relatively sedentary, or who are by nature active and energetic, or who would, for a variety of personal reasons, like to become more so — and who would therefore like the opportunity to spend time indulging in some exercise or sports activities in the evenings. In response to this wish, a "For Men Only" programme is being offered in Chatelech Gymnasium every Monday evening, and will provide just such opportunities for men of all ages. From 8:30 until 9:30 p.m., the mezzanine will provide the space required for some circuit training (stations of exercise procedures, i.e. push-ups, sit-ups, etc., done with whatever level of exertion, and in such numbers as suits the individual), pre-empted by stretching and limbering exercises. Following this will be an hour of more vigorous activity, ranging from volleyball to basketball to floor hockey to soccer, lasting until 10:30 p.m. For men who would be more interested in just playing basketball, the gym will also be available for Men's Basketball from 9:00 until 10:30 p.m.

The fee for this programme is $8.00 for ten sessions, or $1.00 per evening, and showers are available after the class which begins January 22. For more information or to pre-register, please call 885-5440.

Student forum

To investigate the potential of community channel television on the Sunshine Coast, the local cable company, the school district, and a community channel committee would have to cooperate. It is hoped that the forum to be sponsored by the Elphinstone Student Research Productions in the spring of 1979 will bring these people together along with CRTC commissioners and other resource people, to show how a community channel television might be organized, financed, maintained, and therefore, serve the needs of the citizens of the Sunshine Coast.

The Elphinstone Student Research Productions plans to invite community groups, clubs, associations, etc. to present briefs at the spring forum. The purpose of each brief will be to show how the community channel could work for them and what commitment in participation or in funds might be made. We will be contacting people concerning the briefs in the near future. Perhaps from this forum will develop the beginnings of the idea of community channel television on the Sunshine Coast.

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Guess Where

The usual prize of $5.00 will be awarded for the correct location of the above drawn from the barrel. Send your entries to the Coast News, Box 460, Gibsons. Last week's winner was Cole Edwardson of Box 196, Madeira Park who correctly located the burnt house at the end of Francis Peninsula Road past Indian Islands Marina.

Come cry with me

By Ann Napier
Write Box 3, c/o Coast News

Dear Ann:

There has been some discussion in our family about the value of Christmas for children, and the disadvantages of teaching them to be good so Santa will remember them.

What do you think about the build-up and legend of Christmas? **Wondering**

Dear Wondering:

I have a very biased view as I love Christmas. Santa was always good, even though he didn't always follow my list. It teaches children the pleasure of giving as well as receiving. If they plan and make a gift they have that much more benefit. Fairy stories are a part of our life and imagination. I think it is good. Children that have a good home and relations have it good. Those without ties and loved ones are not as doted on, but can learn to think of others, and all through the year make or buy a gift here and there and keep the warm feeling of giving. It's like a bribe to say, "be good and you'll be rewarded," but it's a basic tool of training animals and children — a spank if you are unruly and a reward when you are doing the comfortable and expected. Life does it to you anyway.

Dear Ann:

My lover gave me a diamond ring for Christmas. I am concealing my extra-curricular activity. How can I explain this ring? I'd like to wear and enjoy it but I'm fearful my husband will ask a lot of questions I can't answer. **Torn**

Dear Torn:

You might be ripped too. You can say you saved the money to buy this ring and thereby get your grocery allowance cut. You can say your mother gave it to you but as you can see, all these excuses sound weak. To wear it when you are alone and sparkle in silence, is the best answer I can think of. Explaining a secret gift takes an experienced liar.

Traffic statistics

	FATALS	PROPERTY DAMAGE	INJURIES	TOTAL
GIBSONS				
1976	3	160	56	219
1977	4	180	37	221
1978	3	195	35	233
SECHELT				
1976	1	155	52	208
1977	3	178	49	230
1978	3	188	37	228

IMPAIRED DRIVERS
GIBSONS: 1976—53; 1977—75; 1978—88.
SECHELT: 1976—54; 1977—64; 1978—69.

Police news

Gibsons Area

January 7: A break-in at the Seaview Market netted thieves approximately $200 worth of cigarettes. The brands were mostly Players Filter, Players Light and Export. A quantity of antique furniture was stolen from a residence on the Ocean Beach Esplanade.

January 11: A dealer's licence plate 44401 was stolen from a vehicle in Gibsons. A battery was removed from a 1967 Plymouth parked at the Langdale ferry terminal.

Sechelt to Earls Cove

January 6: A chimney fire at a residence in Middlepoint caused $400 damange. On the Garden Bay Road a van backfired, causing a fire. The extent of the damage is not known.

January 8: A battery was stolen from a 1969 Ford parked at Wilson Creek.

Children injured

Road conditions over the past two weeks have contributed to a rash of accidents.

On the third of this month, seven year old Paul Fournier was struck by a car on North Road, close to the Fire Hall. He suffered a broken pelvic bone and a cracked femur. He is being treated at St. Mary's Hospital and is expected to be released shortly.

Icy conditions also contributed to an accident on January 8 at Granthams Landing, in which seven year old Grant Olsen suffered a broken leg.

On the 9th, another youngster was involved in an accident on Highway 101 and Shaw Road, when his bicycle ran into a van. No further details are presently available on this accident.

No charges were laid in the above incidents.

Between the 8th and 10th of January, there were five traffic accidents. In all cases, only property damage was reported.

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