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Repair work was necessary last week when a mud slide damaged the water intake line for the Port Mellon Pulp Mill. A new piece of the special wooden pipe was successfully spliced into place by the week's end.

Caused by heavy rains

Mudslide damages mill water line

Disaster was narrowly averted last week when the pipeline feeding Port Mellon's huge water needs was buried under a mudslide caused by last month's heavy rainfall. In the process the forty-two diameter pipe was squashed to an oval shape in one of its sections. The pipe did not rupture since it is made of pressurized creosoted wood spliced together to form a pipe that will withstand a fair degree of stretching.

The area of the pipe that has to be repaired was dug out carefully from the sixty-foot high mudslide. The accumulation of debris contained some big logs displaced by the mudslide onto the pipe.

The slide was discovered by the water utility man whose daily rounds take him by the road adjacent to the pipeline. A specialist from town was brought in to repair this special type of line since it requires a specialized knowledge to splice a replacement section that can be fitted to the remaining pipe.

The flexibility of wood under stress such as was experienced last week makes it preferable for such a pipeline but the art of repairing that type of line is dying slowly and experts in the art are getting hard to find.

The Rainy River Valley feeds the Port Mellon water line with thirty-two million gallons a day. The mill, however, had the requisite material on hand to effect repairs. As of Saturday morning the affected pipe had been repaired and the mill was operating normally.

Denley to conference

Superintendent Denley will apply to attend the twenty-seventh Canadian Education Associations course in Educational Leadership to be held in Banff in May, as recommended by the Management Committee and approved at last week's School Board meeting.

As this conference is limited to seventy-five persons from across the country, early registration is essential. In thanking the Board, Denley spoke of the importance to him of this opportunity to improve his skills and of the special importance of this year's conference, which will be evolving ideas and directions for the Eighties.

Trustee Van Egmond expressed interest in attending such a conference but felt he might be out of place among the professional educators and Ministry of Education officials. On the contrary, Denley assured him, Trustees can make valuable contributions providing a balance between politicians and professionals.

The Board asked that the Superintendent make a comprehensive report on his return to share with them and others the ideas and perspectives generated at such a meeting.

The crew of the C.B.C.'s show *The Beachcombers* was back at work in Molly's Reach last Sunday.

Madeira Park - March 31

Meeting on Hydro line scheduled

By Pender Harbour & District Ratepayers Association Publicity Committee

Sechelt Peninsula residents will get a chance to make their feelings about the latest Cheekeye-Dunsmuir powerline plans known to B.C. Hydro at a public meeting to be held March 31 in the Madeira Park Community Hall. The meeting, which will be jointly sponsored by the Regional District and the Pender Harbour Ratepayers, will also be attended by representatives of the Environmental Land Use Committee, the government agency which has approving responsibility for the line, and will be covered by media.

According to Area A Director, Joe Harrison, Hydro has now received cabinet approval for all sections of the powerline route except the one between the proposed Malaspina substation near the Kleindale High School and Cape Cockburn on Nelson Island. All of the three routes across the northern peninsula originally outlined in Volume I of the Beak Report are still under active consideration by Hydro, in addition to the new preferred route south of Sakinaw Lake as outlined in Hydro's new Special Report on the Sechelt Peninsula.

"It is important that residents from all of the areas affected by possible routes, which include Irvines Landing and the south end of Sakinaw, the mid-Sakinaw area, the area between Sakinaw and Ruby Lakes, the Earles Cove area and the West Lake area on Nelson Island, come to this meeting prepared to discuss the problems they see in their areas," says Ratepayers Secretary Howard White. "While Hydro seems very closed to any suggestions about moving the powerline out of the north peninsula, they do seem quite open to any input we have on the selection of this particular segment. It is quite possible the area finally chosen will be the one that puts up the least opposition," White added.

Any parties wishing further information on the meeting are asked to contact Howard White at 883-2730 or Joe Harrison at 883-9958. The Ratepayers are asking for help in preparing briefs on all aspects of the powerline question, including such major alternatives as the Reception Point route and the Jervis Inlet route, the use of herbicides, and the need for the line.

White is particularly excited about the effect that the new decision to ban the use of the herbicide 2,4,5-T in the U.S. may have on the campaign to have its use stopped in B.C.

"It has now been accepted that 2,4,5-T is causing miscarriages in pregnant women who become exposed to the herbicide and state authorities have ordered its use halted," White says. "This is the same chemical Hydro is using in the Pender Harbour watershed and the same chemical they have vowed to continue using on the proposed powerline in spite of all evidence against it shown to them by protesters," he adds.

"One of the questions we can ask them on March 31 is what they plan to do in light of the new U.S. action suggesting the protesters were right all along."

Puchalski easy winner in trustee election

Bruce Puchalski easily won election as school trustee at the election held on Saturday, March 3. Puchalski polled 263 of the 353 votes cast with each of his rivals, Brian Steick and Peter Bandi, polling forty-five votes.

The poll by poll breakdown of the vote indicates that Puchalski was the clear winner in all areas. In Langdale he polled seventeen votes to six for Steick while Bandi garnered no votes in that poll. At Elphinstone, Puchalski drew twenty-seven votes to six by Bandi with two votes going to Steick. Most of the margin for Puchalski was run up in Roberts Creek, however, where he drew 120 votes to nine for Bandi and thirteen for Steick. Davis Bay polling station recorded fifty-one votes for Puchalski, twenty-two for Steick, and twenty-nine for Bandi. On Bowen Island there were forty-eight votes cast for Puchalski, two for Steick and one for Bandi.

As a result of this election, Puchalski will serve out the balance of the term of retired trustee Tim Frizzell who resigned for personal reasons. The newly-elected Puchalski will face election again in November if he decides to run for re-election.

What next? Keah the owl seems to ask as she gets her picture taken. The wise old bird accompanied the guest speaker at the meeting of bird enthusiasts last week. See story in the Wildlife Corner.

Joint building planned

The Regional Board and the School Board are investigating the joint use of a portable classroom complex to be set up beside Chatelech School. The complex would replace the present board offices in Gibsons and Sechelt.

Regional Directors were told that 4,000 square feet would be available to them as opposed to the 3,200 square feet their present facility contains.

New coin telephones for coast

Conversion of coin telephones on the Sunshine Coast to the new single slot type is being carried out by B.C. Telephone crews beginning March 12.

Bob Ostler, B.C.Tel's customer service manager, said the new sets will be more reliable because they will better withstand cold weather, heavy usage and vandalism attempts.

"The greatest benefit, however, will be access to the operator, repair service and directory assistance, without needing a coin," Ostler said.

There will be a different method of making calls from the coin telephones as they are placed into service.

"On local calls, coins are not deposited until the party answers — once the dime is inserted the circuit is established," Ostler explained. Previously, a dime had to be deposited before dialing.

Instructions will be posted on the phones giving details of the new method.

BC Telephone names new manager

Recently named B.C. Tel's district customer service manager — North Shore, Bob Ostler is now responsible for operations thoughout the company's North Shore District which ranges from North Vancouver to Powell River and includes the Sunshine Coast and Squamish/Pemberton regions.

Ostler brings a wide range of experience to his new post. Prior to his current appointment, he was computer communications manager, a position held since 1974. He had been involved primarily in Vancouver Island locations.

He replaces Bob Dickinson who moves to the B.C. Tel head office in Burnaby as customer service manager, Headquarters.

Fresh from Africa

New Pender nurse has colourful background

By Howard White

Those who watch C.B.C. television's excellent public affairs series **The Fifth Estate** may have already met Trudy Finlay, the new nurse at the Pender Harbour Health Centre. Last year the series did a segment on Canada's foreign aid programme with a very interesting episode covering the work of CIDA and CUSO in Ghana. Canadian personnel there were trying to get the Ghanans to use good disease-free water by establishing clean community wells, but as a CUSO nurse explained to interviewer Eric Malling, the job was not as easy as it seemed. When the clean water finally was made available, many older tribesmen refused to drink it because they didn't like the taste. There was nothing to it, in their view. They missed the good old mud and germs.

The CUSO nurse who told this curious story was Trudy Finlay, who took over duties as the Pender Clinic's full-time nurse last week.

Trudy, an R.N., was born and raised in Agassiz, B.C. She attended the University of British Columbia as a music student, earning her Bachelor's Degree with a voice major. She had originally intended to teach, but after finishing her degree decided to take up nursing and finished her training at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster in 1972. After graduation she spent six months at the Williams Lake Hospital specializing in pediatrics and then put in two years nursing at the general hospital in Chilliwack before going to Ghana as a CUSO volunteer.

If things are a bit quieter on her new job than they were at the medical clinic she used to operate by herself in Ghana Trudy won't complain. After spending three-and-a-half years in the African

bush country, sometimes with her nearest white neighbour twelve miles distant, she is ready for a different sort of challenge.

"Before I came here I had a chance to take over a nursing post in the north where I would have been on my own with no doctor around," she says. The government tried to persuade her to take the job because they felt she was the only person available who could handle it. "I turned it down because I'd had enough of that sort of thing for a while, but I still couldn't bring myself to go back into a hospital." When she heard about the Pender Harbour Clinic from the nursing association it seemed just the sort of thing she was looking for.

In addition to the overwork and isolation she encountered working in the wilderness clinic in Ghana, Trudy found the work somewhat frustrating. The preference for foul water wasn't the only unhealthy local attitude she had to fight. The leading killer amongst children there was measles and because the native women believed a child with measles would die if it fell asleep, they often put pepper or chicken manure in a sick child's eyes to keep it awake, sometimes causing blindness. They also refused to wash a child with measles, and when they did wash a baby the practice was to alternately plunge it into a basin of hot water, then cold. In face of these age-old beliefs the white medicine lady's teaching didn't always win ready acceptance, and often cases would come into the clinic only when all else had failed and the patient was beyond help. She suspects medicine men sometimes sent patients over when they knew death was near, just so whiteman's medicine would take the blame. In trying to build people's confidence it didn't help that the clinic was frequently unable to get basic supplies and the vaccines they gave had often lost their effectiveness in transit.

Trudy thinks small-scale CUSO-type foreign aid projects are more effective than the massive projects undertaken by CIDA and she is proud of the fact she eventually put herself out of work by training two African nurses to take over, but after labouring three-and-one-half years under CUSO's policy of paying volunteers according to native pay scales, she is looking forward to being back on Canadian wages. It has also been a long time since she had a piano in her home and she misses her music, so she is delighted at the level of musical interest she has so far encountered in her new community. She has already been approached to give piano lessons and would like to, although she feels it's too late to start this season.

How long will she stay? A few years anyway. Beyond that she isn't certain. Sometime she would like to go back to school and take up midwifery. But that's just an idea and it could change — who knows? Right now her thoughts don't go much beyond the excitement she feels for her new job and new community.

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Schools and Taxes

There was a meeting held in Elphinstone School last Wednesday evening involving members of the various local governments and the School Board. Its purpose was to go over the 1979-80 budget for School District #46 and it would seem that the representatives of local government were by and large satisfied that the concern of the School Board is to provide quality education locally and satisfied that such education had to be paid for, and that the expenditures being made locally for education were justified.

This said, however, it is instructive to look at a letter addressed "to all Mayors and Elected Municipal Officers" by David Kendal, President of the B.C. School Trustees Association. It would be quite fair to say that the B.C. School Trustees Association has never been known to be a particularly radical organization and with this in mind the facts and figures conveyed in Kandal's letter take on added impact.

He begins by quoting a survey conducted by Koenig and Gowdy of the University of Victoria which showed that only 15.6% of the taxpayers felt that they received good value for their federal tax dollars; 39.2% said that they felt they got good value from the provincial government; while 51% felt that they received full value from local government for their municipal and tax dollars.

Kandal goes on: "These statistics are encouraging because they come about, not as a result of, but despite provincial government influence, despite provincial government officials constantly holding local governments up to public ridicule."

Kandal pointed out that in the last five years the cost of the Basic Education Programme has risen 75%, set by the provincial government; that in the last five years the local share of basic school costs has gone up 101%, set by the provincial government. Meanwhile the provincial government's own share of the Basic Education Programme has gone up only 45%.

This is the same provincial government which has just issued stern instructions to local governments to keep their spending down and which has proudly announced an annual surplus — of our money — of $145 million for this year. This is the same government which has amassed a total of $316,700,000 in the past three years — of our money. This represents an extra tax levy of $436 for every household in B.C.

There is no great secret to the accumulation of governmental surpluses. If the government consistently shifts more of its financial reponsibilities to local governments and the individual property owner for such massive expenditures as education, as the President of the B.C. School Trustees Association has pointed out, then it will amass a financial surplus on its own books.

It bears saying again and again that government is not a business. It is not in the profit-making field. These huge surpluses are not, as Bennett would have us believe, an evidence of business-like administration, but a misappropriation of public funds. That $436 per household should be in your pocket and mine, or helping to finance education throughout the province, not in the Socred political war chest in Victoria.

It is the small business man and the salaried worker who pay a disproportionate share of the tax dollar; the little man in short. The sooner we get that straight the better.

The Choice of Alternates

A reader and a voter in Regional District C phoned this week to discuss the method by which Alternate Directors are chosen for the Regional Board. The substance of the gentleman's point of view was that with the choice of an Alternate being left entirely in the hands of the Director it is entirely possible that a seat on the Board can come to be filled by someone who could not get elected. This is undemocratic.

Why, he asked, shouldn't someone seeking election to the Regional Board be requested to name his Alternate at the time of his own election. That way they could be elected as a team much as the American President is chosen. A Vice-President in the American system is little else but an alternate President and his name is on the ballot at election time. If the practice was followed by aspiring Regional Directors the public could exercise some additional and justifiable control over the choice of their representatives.

...from the files of Coast News
We Remember When

5 YEARS AGO

Fred Kirkham of Reed Road will be one hundred years old on March 6.

Regional Director H.F.Harris' recommendation that Soames Hill be acquired as a park seems to be producing results.

Police are still investigating the cause of the fire which gutted the Harvey Department Store. The building burned down February 22.

10 YEARS AGO

Considerable coverage, including radio and television, is being given to the charges laid by MLA Tom Berger against the Sechelt RCMP for brutality against the Sechelt Indians.

A $1,500,000 by-law is on the books at the Regional Board office. This is the amount necessary for installation of the water system. Repayment would be by the sale of debentures.

15 YEARS AGO

Sechelt is finally to get its own liquor store. This word came in recently from K.Wookland of the LCB. The first request for one was ten years ago when 684 residents signed a petition requesting the establishment.

Four hundred Lions are expected to attend the Charter Night of the Sunshine Coast Lions Club on Saturday night. Representatives from as far away as the United States are on the guest roster. A special boat will bring them from Horseshoe Bay.

20 YEARS AGO

Fortunately no one was home when the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Butler of Roberts Creek burned down. Neighbours tried to save the home but the flames were too hot for them to approach it.

Pender Harbour Notes...Oliver Vallee of Kleindale broke his leg in a logging accident. Peter and Nels Hanson of Middle Point returned from camp on Redonda Island, where they each broke a right arm in another logging accident.

The Wilson Creek Teenage Club held its first meeting at the Community Hall.

25 YEARS AGO

It has come to light that a resident of the coast is in possession of a London Evening Post, dated September 29, 1774; there are only three in existence. The Coast News hopes to be able to quote passages from it verbatim, in future issues.

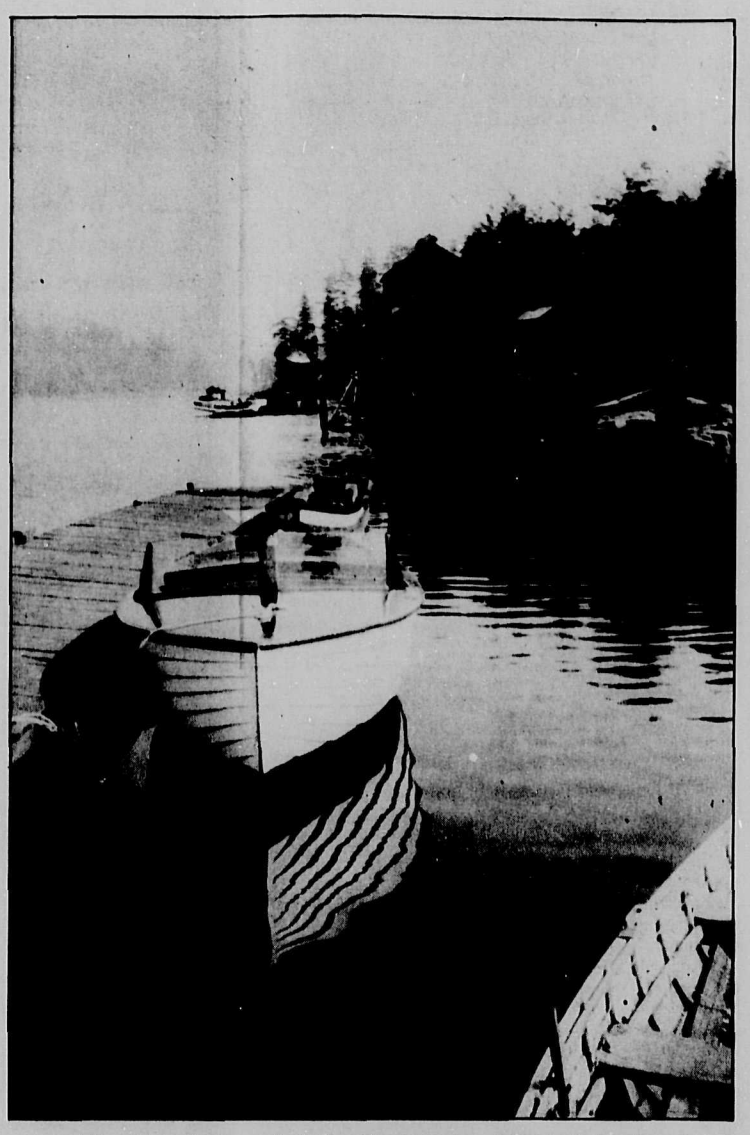
Every man and grown boy in the Sechelt area banded together to search for five-year-old Gene Dingee of Selma Park and a family friend, Mr. Brooks. They were found the following morning. After realizing that he was lost, Brooks built a fire and they spent the evening in the bush.

30 YEARS AGO

The Sechelt Legion voted unanimously that Indian ex-servicemen will be invited to join the club.

A $15,086 contract was awarded to the Mackenzie Barge and Derrik Co. for the dredging of Gibsons Harbour.

The Roberts Creek Auxiliary VON re-elected Mrs. Edmunds as President, and Alf Whiting was voted in as president of the Gibsons Kinsmen.



The old smoke house built by Robert Donley at Donley's Landing, Pender Harbour, in 1915, to process herring, and which was finally dismantled some time in the 1940's. Mrs. Ida Higgs, nee Donley, talks with Bert Nelson about growing up in Pender Harbour, on the third of the "Pioneers of the Sunshine Coast" programmes to be shown Wednesday March 14 on Cable 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Gibsons and 7:30 p.m. in Sechelt. Dividing line between the systems is Maskell Road. Courtesy of Coast Cablevision and Mr. Carl Bobardt. Photograph courtesy of Mrs. Ida Higgs.

Musings

John Burnside

The events on the world stage are unbelievably grim. What's taking place in the Far East, the Middle East, and in Africa is casting an unavoidable shadow over our lives. The 'balance of terror' which has been the tactic which has held us back from global conflict since the end of the Second World War may be becoming an obsolete tactic in the eyes of the world powers. We have been told that immense stockpiles of nuclear weapons have been built up solely to ensure that no nuclear war will ever take place, despite the evidence of history that new weapons are inevitably put to use if they are available.

The root cause of the next war, if there is indeed to be one, will be the root cause of almost all wars. Economic gain of resources or retention of resources. The stage has been set by the enormity with which the finite and non-renewable resources have been squandered in the last few decades. The United States of America have not been self-reliant in the matter of the resources with which to fuel their vaunted standard of living for many years and now with more and more industrialized nations pressing for resources and with the Third World or storehouse nations, with the exception of Canada, beginning to question the monopolization of their resources by the rich and powerful, a squeeze is beginning to be felt affecting the basic availability of the raw materials of power and wealth and it would seem that the evidence available is pointing not towards co-operative use of the world's resources but a competition for them waged with nuclear weapons.

In a recent article in the Georgia Straight, noted Vancouver journalist Ben Metcalfe writes: "Diplomatic and military correspondents of the serious international press (which essentially excludes Canada's three main national newspaper monopolies) have lately discerned a variety of subtle and not-so-subtle signs in United States/NATO policies and postures indicating that the nuclear war option now has been embraced and awaits only its proper time to ripen." Metcalfe quotes U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown in a recent interview in the Washington Post as stating that there is an increasing likelihood of the United States and the Soviet Union "being dragged into a nuclear war" for the sake of resources. Brown was speaking in the light of threats to the traditional United States resource colonies such as Iran, the Middle East generally, and Africa.

The thrust of Metcalfe's article is that there has been a recurring series of leaks indicating that the United States could fight and win a nuclear war, that the option of nuclear war has crossed the threshold of 'thinkability'. He points out that a major campaign has been undertaken to re-acquaint the American people in the ways of civil defence and that even in good old Canada Defence Minister Barney Danson has created an elite Special Force out of the First Airborne Regiment, equipped with riot vehicles, water cannon, manacles and truncheons to 'pacify' Canadian cities in the event of nuclear war.

Now, we have lived on the brink of disaster worldwide for over thirty years and perhaps the latest international manifestations will pass leaving us safely still astride the tightrope of terror, but things do not remain the same indefinitely and if the major world powers are intent on fighting over the world's dwindling resources rather than pooling their technological expertise in the search of replacement possibilities then the world as we know it may be accelerating to its end.

Over fifty years ago 'the war to end all wars' was fought in the trenches of northern France and nothing that has happened in my lifetime indicates that the species called man has found an other method than dreadful slaughter to settle his disputes.

The technological developments that have taken place in that fifty years and the means of waging war that we have seen developed since, would indicate that nothing has or can prepare us for what might happen in another global conflict. It is this century, let us remember, that has brought the techniques of total warfare against non-combatants to a high art and the means with which such a war would be waged are beyond our wildest imaginings.

A generation ago in August, 1945, two single bombs levelled two separate Japanese cities. By the standards of today's technology those bombs are primitive. A devastating range of horrors have been developed from the nuclear bomb to the neutron bomb whose function seems to be nothing less than total depopulation of its target leaving the man-made structures intact after the men, women, and children associated with them have been destroyed.

In some strange dream have we lived while our leaders moved on with these dreadful preparations and if, in fact, the day is approaching when these unspeakable forces are unleashed on our species and our world, the survivors, if there are any outside of the luxurious bunkers built to protect the elite, will not even have the comfort of telling themselves that they were surprised. We have bickered and fought amongst ourselves on a myriad of issues whilst the great issue of survival of our species may have gone by default.

Slings & Arrows

George Matthews

Last Wednesday night, the C.B.C. aired its television movie production, **Drying up the Streets**, and it apparently survived the unfortunate conflict with **As You Like It** and **Charlie's Angels** well enough to have caused some interest and controversy.

The Canadian production, starring Don Francks and Sarah Torgove, "examines the ugly and cruel world of drugs and prostitution". Francks portrays a middle-aged, dropped out, former Simon Fraser University chemist whom we meet as he is withdrawing from heroin addiction. From this auspicious introduction, we are guided by our new friend on an Orpheus-like descent into the bizarre and depraved underworld of drugs, prostitution and pornography in Toronto, on a search for his teenage daughter.

The guided tour of the seamy side of Toronto shows some brutally frank scenes of strip joints, whore houses, child pornography, perverted sex, snuff films, heroin factories and pill popping orgies. The chemist, who seems quite at home amongst these horrors, finally finds his daughter, now leading an upright life in a foster home, but chooses not to communicate with her. He finds instead a surrogate daughter and spends most of the film trying to save her from exploitation and heroin addiction. In the end he saves the girl, helps bust the bad guys, and returns, renewed, from his underworld odyssey.

As far as production is concerned, this made-for-T.V. film confirms the fact that the C.B.C. can produce télevison drama as well as anyone. The acting, sets, camera work and direction are superb. As technically fine as it is, however, the film does contain some serious and disturbing flaws, and herein lies the source of the controversy this production has already created. Instead of an objective study of some sordid facts of life, the film chooses to be didactic and moralizing. Instead of a serious attempt to explore the complexities of human character and emotions, it chooses to be simplistic and shallow.

The characters are thinly disguised stereotypes. The university professor for example comes across as a caricature of Timothy Leary. The police officer never emerges as anything beyond a clean-cut Beast of Buchenwald. The baddies are all very, very bad, the goodies very, very good and those in the middle are at least struggling for righteousness. The characters are, in short, melodramatic, right down to the black pimp in the white hat who drives a Cadillac.

There are features of the film which are truly disturbing. For example, spurious connections are made between protest movements of the Sixties, encounter group participants, marijuana smokers, child pornography freaks, heroin addicts, sodomites, pimps and gangsters; as if all of these things were a part of the same thread of aberrant behavior. Oversimplified patterns of behavior are developed. First comes marijuana smoking, then pill popping, then L.S.D. trips, leading right towards heroin addiction, lust, avarice, greed, child pornography and finally to the ultimate depravity, snuff films. Certainly these are forms and degrees of deviant behavior, but to imply that there is a direct causal relationship between these depraved activities is naive and even dangerous.

From a civil liberties point of view, the film portrays a clean-cut cop who is so morally self-righteous that his flagrant abuses of the main characters' rights are not only glossed over but condoned as necessary elements of the criminal justice system.

I will admit to some ambivilant feelings about the programme. On the one hand, I found it fascinating and entertaining; while on the other, the naive moralizing was disturbing. The film is clearly more didactic than dramatic and, as with any device that spends more time lecturing than exploring, it ultimately fails.

Reaction to the programme was immediate. It was discussed in the House of Commons on Friday and has been discussed widely by television viewers. It won't be long before some self-righteous citizen insists it be shown to every high school kid in the province. When it's shown again, it should get a wider audience because of the publicity. If you get a chance to see it again, make sure you put plenty of salt on your popcorn.

Ludhiana Rail-Crossing

Black locomotives
choke the ochre sky.
Railtracks fly into
the industrial horizon.
Ludhiana walking bridge
black with venereal orphans,
mendicant faquirs, mystics of pain
squatting in the swelling heat:
The hissing sun makes tar.

Blue veins billow
on the back of
the beggar's black hand.
An old man's
skeleton sleeps stretched
on a dirty grass mat.
Beside him the boom echoes
in the hollow of a big brass pot.

Young ones search
every face that hurries by
trying to share a swell of pain.

Groaning locomotives
earth convulsions,
the black bridge trembles.
The old man awakes.
Black iron monsters
rage in a pant.
Syphilitic tissue covered eyes
roll in the heated holler
of noon.

by Nirmal Sidhu

Trying to give an old dog new teeth.

Letters to the Editor

Sunshine Coast Festival

Editor:

As Chairman of the Music Festival, I would like to draw your readers' attention to several new features of this year's Festival. We are featuring evening programmes of what are bound to be highlight performances, and well worth the effort of attending.

On Monday, March 12 (see our ad for times and places) we present the largest Speech Arts and Drama Section of the Festival to date, culminating with the evening performances of three high school plays. Come and see what excitement these young people generate. Following that, on Tuesday evening at the Band Festival, bands from Powell River and Squamish join all of our local bands in a crescendo of sound that along with the wit of our adjudicator, Mr. Fred Turner, will leave you talking about this evening for weeks.

On Wednesday evening we feature the top pianists and vocalists of our area, along with a popular feature that is exclusive to our festival, which shows the spirit of our community, the "Age Sixty-Five or Over Vocal Solo" category. A fun evening.

On Thursday evening, something special. The "Musical Comedy or Light Opera Vocal" category, choral groups, and a new item in our Festival this year, the possibility of a Championship Playoff in Senior Piano. Suspense with top entertainment on the last evening of the Festival. I've been talking about the evenings, but you will find interesting and thrilling performances all day, every day at the Festival.

But the Festival really begins this week on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th of March. Dancing, at the Twilight Theatre, with a flashy evening programme of dance, also at the Twilight.

The Dance Festival has developed into our largest section, with 230 entries from Nanaimo, Coquitlam, Burnaby, Vancouver, North Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast. This section of the Festival has become a boost for local businesses, as hundreds of performers, parents, teachers and adjudicators arrive, many of them having to stay overnight, patronizing motels, restaurants and shops in a holiday mood.

The success of the Dance Section of the Festival is due in large part to two public spirited people who are not even members of the Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Boothroyd, owners of the Twilight Theatre, who along with their son, organize and facilitate the logistics of this complicated programme, with its costumes, dressing rooms, music, P.A. systems, backstage communications, and split second timing. Not to mention foregoing the bread and butter revenue of their theatre while we are using their facilities. Special thanks from the Committee and the community.

I also need to thank you and the editors of the other Sunshine Coast newspapers for your support of this worthy community effort.

If some people think that young people are all going to the dogs these days, all they have to do is come to the Festival to see that they are not. It can be a revelation if you have not attended the Festival before. Don't forget, all performances are open to the public.

Peter L.Prescesky

Highway Complaint

Editor:

This is a copy of the letter I have sent to Alex Fraser, the Minister of Highways:

Dear Sir:

On February 19, two people who are very close to my family almost lost their lives. Their truck plunged into Trout Lake on Highway 101, after swerving to avoid a car that was out of control, due to the black ice on the highway. The black ice condition occurs regularly and people who are not familiar with the highway have no forewarning. I am appealing to your department to post proper signs warning of the dangerous ice conditions, and to maintain regular salting through the winter months.

(signed)A Disgusted Taxpayer
Doreen Richardson

Thanks to Ken Clarkson for his prompt and efficient towing service and Greg Lemky for his kind assistance.

D.Richardson,
Halfmoon Bay, B.C.

Concern

Editor:

Just a tidbit I would like to pass on to any concerned readers; for self-researchers here is an address: Department of Military Affairs, Government House, Washington, D.C.

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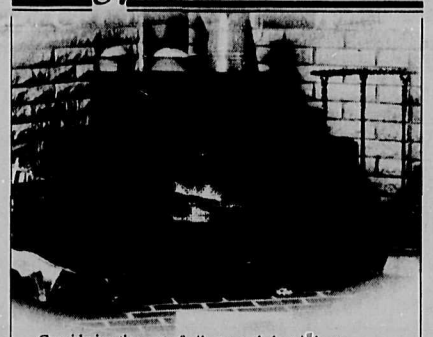

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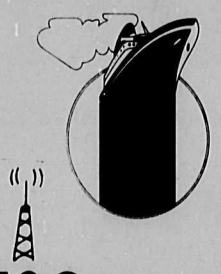

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Pages from a Life-Log
Peter Trower

Sweat a Hard Cargo Part II

In 1906, Fitz St.John, in company with a number of others, formed a new union among the lumber-handlers, the majority of whom, as noted, were Indians from the Capilano Reserve. They decided to affiliate with the International Workers of the World, more commonly known as the Wobblies, then in the first flush of their radical crusade. They became the Lumber Handler's Union, IWW No. 502 and elected a man called George Walker as their president. St.John became secretary and himself designed the local's insignia, a crossed peavey and crowbar. For the first years of its existence, the union held its meetings in the Native Hall of the main North Vancouver Indian Reserve. It maintained the spark. For the rest of the men who laboured on the docks, there was no representation whatsoever. It was 'take things as they are or go hungry!' until 1912. There is no record of other organizing activity on the waterfront between 1903 and that date.

Paddy McDonagh came round the Horn from his native Glasgow in 1910, an arduous journey that took seventy-two days. The ship's eventual destination was New Zealand and he had signed-on for the duration of the voyage but the ordeals encountered so far had soured him on further sailing. This place called Vancouver looked a likelier bet. Quitting the ship, he sought employment around the docks. Still clear-headed and active at ninety-two, he remembers those grim, early days, lining-up hopefully for the chance to sweat a hard cargo in some rusty hold when safety-regulations were unheard-of and the siderunners drove you like bosuns with rope's-ends of invective. For two years, he eked out a haphazard living along with the rest until the International Longshoremen's Association was established in 1912 and the men once more had a voice. After this "things got a little better". Instead of having to show up at whatever ungodly hour a boat happened to make port, the crews were now picked the previous evening. Paddy still keeps among his mementoes his original ILA membership-book and pin. The new union merged almost immediately with the still-flourishing Lumber-Handlers. While the merger were being negotiated, Fitz St. John went to Chemainus to prevent the stevedore companies making an issue of his leadership. He returned when matters were consolidated. McDonagh worked his way up to winch-driver, a trade he was to stick with for most of his forty-six years on the docks and was instrumental in getting the unsafe rope-slings then used for cradling loads, replaced with steel cables. He and Fitz St. John were well acquainted and often worked the same boats. He recalls a humourless incident that occurred when the West Indian was side-running. McDonagh was running the double-winches and St. John was giving him hand-signals from the hold. It was quite dark below and St. John's complexion tended to become one with the background, making him very difficult to see. He tried using a whistle for a time but a loading-dock is not the quietest place on earth and this was none too satisfactory either. St. John solved the problem. He disappeared during the lunch-break and returned wearing a gleaming white dress-shirt and gloves. "Can you see me now, mon?" Always it was tough but some times were tougher than others. Paddy recollects one ship that came in with rails for the PGE at Squamish in one hold and machinery for the Ocean Falls pulpmill in another. As was the custom then, he and five other men were sent upcoast with the boat to help unload it. They received some extra compensation for this so the money was reasonable-enough but the accommodations left much to be desired. For the duration of the three-week job they were compelled to sleep on straw on the poop-deck in the company of three pigs. Though it rained constantly, there was no provision made for them to dry their clothes. The longshoremen were obliged to work in the same sopping gear, day after day. Hard-earned dollars in hard-luck times. But things were rugged all over then for the working-stiff. Sure, a man could always try another racket, logging maybe. But from what you heard tell, things there were rougher yet and they killed a good many more men. No union either. So you stayed on the beach.

Two years after the formation of the ILA, Canada found herself embroiled in the first World War. The distant rumble of that conflict and the resultant upsurge of shipping-activity to meet its bloody needs took precedence over other matters for a time. Although the general state of affairs on the waterfront was a long way from good, things had been improved somewhat and it was, after all, a lot better than the trenches. Paddy McDonagh remembers a minor-strike among the lumber-handlers in 1916 but it was evidently of short-duration. Hiring-practices altered slightly during this period. A list of work available was now posted at the union hall and the men were now able to study this before proceeding to the dock of their choice. At this point, the men were picked by the same line-up system except that a business-agent was now present to see that foremen did not start choosing crews before the appointed starting-time. This varied between 7:00 and 8:00 on the day shift. There were also line-ups at 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. Jimmy Greer, who started on the docks in 1917, recalls the rate then as being 80¢ per hour straight-time and $1.20 overtime. The men worked ten-hour shifts and coffee-breaks were strictly a thing of the future. National Registration was then in effect and any man without a card was forbidden to work under risk of severe penalties to both himself and his employer. Greer remembers: "There was an incident about this time when a longshoreman was taken off an Australian ship berthed at Pier A. Evidently he had not complied with some part of the Military Service Act and was taken in charge. The men working the ship walked off in protest. As far as I can recollect, this happened in the a.m. The employers wanted the work to proceed and at 1:00 some men other than ILA members showed up to continue work on the ship. The Australian crew, I suppose at the request of the ILA, objected to these men and the Captain decided to pull away from the pier and laid in the stream until the following morning when the ILA men returned to work."

To be continued

Film Society

By Allan J.Crane

There were sixty-eight people at **Les Vacances de Mr. Hulot**, although it seemed that the audience was larger because audiences for **Modern Times, Romeo and Juliette** and **8½** averaged less than forty. There were two people who obviously found the film tedious since they left about halfway through the film. The general reaction, however, was overwhelmingly positive. Thirty ballots were completed and only two rated the film less than "Very Good". One viewer remarked: "Hulot dragged a bit but excellent anyway." Others commented on the film with remarks such as "Super", "Entertaining", and "Light-hearted", and "Amusing".

Reaction was also generally favourable toward the two short films screened, Disney's 1936 cartoon, **Mickey's Grand Opera** and the 1977 National Film Board production **Bead Game**. Seventy percent of the ballot rated **Mr. Hulot's Holiday** "Excellent", twenty-two percent "Very Good", four percent "Good", and four percent "Ordinary", giving an audience reaction index of 88.5.

The Film Society's next presentation is Peter Glenville's wonder film **Becket**. The film is based on Annouilth's play and it depicts the relationship between King Henry II and Thomas, Archbishop of Canterbury. Peter O'Toole plays the role of the King and Richard Burton that of the Archbishop. The film is scheduled to play on Tuesday, March 13 at 9 p.m. at the Twilight Theatre. There will be an assessment of the film in next week's column.

Sunshine Coast Festival

The 1979 Sunshine Coast Music, Drama and Dance festival gets underway this week when the Programme of Dance Competitions takes place at the Twilight Theatre on Thursday and Friday, March 8—9. There will be three sessions on Thursday, at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. On Friday there will be two sessions in the Dance Section of the Festival, at 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Admission for the public will be 25¢ for each session and 50¢ for the entire programme. Participants are requested to arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to dance time.

Other competitions will be held next week with the Speech Arts and Drama being held on Monday, March 12. The initial sessions will be held in the Elphinstone Bandroom at 9:15 a.m. and two other sessions in the Elphinstone Auditorium at 1:15 p.m and 7:00 p.m.

In the Music Section of the Festival, the Band Competition will be held on Tuesday, March 13, in two sessions in the Elphinstone Auditorium at 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Piano and Vocal Competitions will be held in five sessions on Wednesday, March 14 and Thursday, March 15. On Wednesday, the sessions will be held at 1:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Thursday, the times of the sessions will be 9:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. All sessions in the Elphinstone Auditorium.

The Honours Performance for the winners in each category will be held in Elphinstone Auditorium on Saturday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. Admission for the Honours Performance will be $1.00 for adults and 25¢ for students.

Chairman of the Festival Committee, Peter Prescesky, paid particular tribute to the work done to assist the committee by Ray Boothroyd of the Twilight Theatre.

Ellingham's Astrology

By Rae Ellingham

Week Commencing: March 5.
General Notes: Mars, planet of action, opposes Saturn, planet of restriction, indicating a brief period of delays, frustrations and set backs.

Recently started projects may face unexpected snags. Advice is to show patience and hold on for inevitable burst of fresh energy. Foolish persons will charge around achieving very little. The wise will simply wait.

The following prognostications point to the areas where self control will be needed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
There's frustration behind the scenes. What you started in secret may have slowed down too soon. Advice is to put aside schemes and come out into the open. Inspiration will return afresh. Matters linked to hospitals or institutions may face delays. Expect to make new friends and acquaintances this month.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Long-range plans, hopes and wishes face temporary hold ups. Resist urge to scrap future programmes. If you're prepared to wait, solutions will arrive. Those involved with groups, clubs, societies or committee work must show patience and understanding. Companions' behaviour may be disappointing. Prepare for increased popularity with superiors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Matters related to position, career or public standing bring passing anxieties. Pushing recent success is a present waste of energy. Wise Geminis will forget fame or prestige for a few days. Employers, bosses and those in authority will say 'no' to your original ideas. Looks like pleasant, long-distance communications are for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Your philosophy, beliefs or ideas are about to be tested. Others demand proof of your convictions. Temptation is to force the truth down the throats of the unenlightened. Advice is to keep opinions private and offend no one. There's news of delays far away. Long awaited visit may have to be postponed. Borrowing money or equipment becomes easier this month.

LEO (July 23-Aug.22)
Delays and frustrations are linked to other people's money and possessions. Getting what you want from close associates is impossible this week. Even loved ones are stingier than usual. Put aside all documents related to tax, insurance, loans or shared expenses. Believe it or not, relations with marriage partner or mate improve this month.

VIRGO (Aug.22-Sept.22)
Recent negotiations or dealings with partners face temporary frustrations. Someone you were relying on may have to back down from commitment. Sign no new contracts or agreements till next week. Meanwhile, reassure loved one who is feeling tense and irritable. Work-scene atmosphere becomes more relaxed this month.

LIBRA (Sept.23-Oct.23)
Employment and health matters face short-lived delays. Trying to get things moving on the job brings boredom and doubt. Sit back and let co-doubt. Sit back and let co-workers do all the complaining. As usual, health upsets are linked to anxiety and stress. Medical appointments may have to be postponed. Be glad that new social whirl starts this month.

SCORPIO (Oct.24-Nov.22)
Social activities, pleasures and amusements grind to a temporary halt. Responsibilities catch up with you again. Advice is to stay home, keep promises and work on commitments. Flirting with that special someone brings results next week. Meanwhile, save your energy. Those with children now have to share their frustrations. The desire to beautify living space is felt this month.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.23-Dec.21)
Recent domestic activity slows down. It's time to take a break from household bustle. Those in the middle of decorating or remodelling may have to wait for supplies or materials. Hard work resumes next week. Land or real estate transactions face delays. Family members are stubborn. Local journeys and visits are sources of upcoming happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec.22-Jan.19)
Accent is still on frustrating, short-distance communications. Local visits, messages and phone calls won't bring the results you expect. Advice is to save non-essential journeys till next week. Try a night with the phone off the hook. Drive carefully next weekend. You'll soon be in the mood to buy quality items, clothes and pictures for your room.

AQUARIUS (Jan.20-Feb.18)
Venus in your sign says it's your turn to spruce up appearance, change that hair-style and buy the clothes that will enhance your good looks. Personality becomes charming, irresistible during the next three weeks. Meanwhile, have patience with financial delays. Cash transactions should be checked for accuracy. Buy nothing mechanical till next week.

PISCES (Feb.19-Mar.20)
Although two-year action cycle has started, you'll have to face temporary setbacks for a few days. Looks like envious associates are determined to block your recent courageous moves. Advice is to ignore the opposition. Believe that you now have the energy to overcome the obstacles which have held you back. Meanwhile, secret love affairs will tempt the adventurous and lonely.

Meditation

The Transcendental Meditation Society recently announced a new breakthrough. "Forty research co-ordinators have recently completed their training and will co-ordinate scientific research projects in over twenty-five countries throughout the world. This research programme, which is based on what the scientists describe as a 'breakthrough in research in consciousness', is designed to make every country self-sufficient in research on the growth of higher states of consciousness in the individual, and in the scientific study of the rise of national invincibility."

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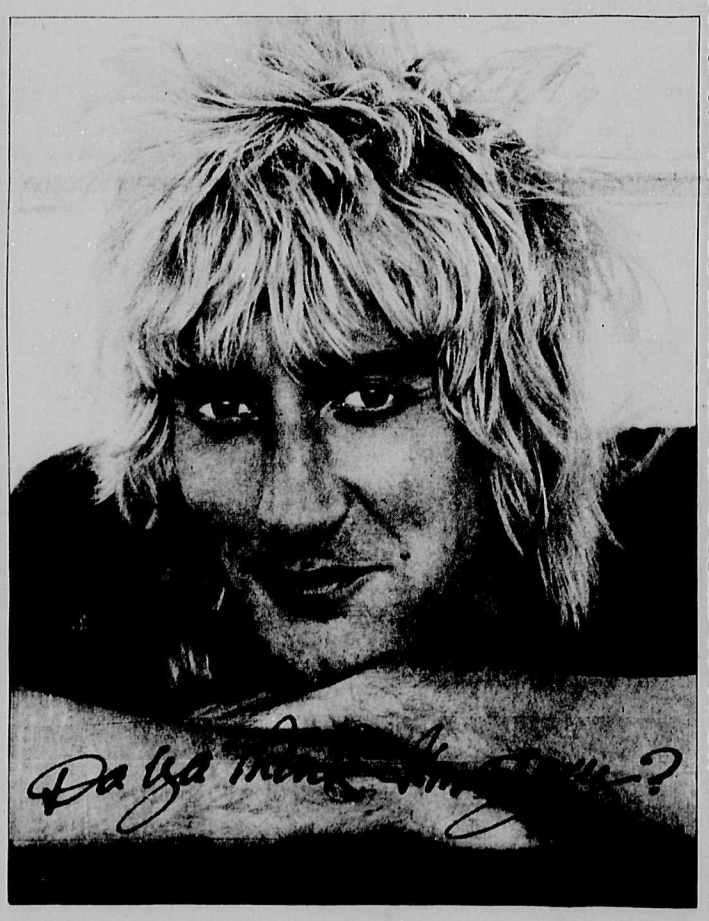

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Book Review

An appreciation of Poe

By John Moore

I missed my anniversary. As of February, I've been contributing to the Coast News for a year; an appropriate time, I think, to thank everyone on the newspaper staff, and all of you who've waded through my often murky prose week after week, for one of the most interesting and rewarding years I've ever spent.

I've been wondering lately what it was that ever made me want to write. The other night I discovered, by chance, part of the reason. Looking for something to read in bed, my hand fell on a copy of **Tales of Mystery and Imagination** by Edgar Allan Poe. Halfway though "The Pit and the Pendulum" I realized why it had been so long since I'd read Poe in bed. Though he no longer has the power to make me sleep with the light on, the way he did when I was fourteen, Poe is still a force to be reckoned with. How else can you describe an author whose slender stock of verse helped fuel the fires of genius in Charles Baudelaire and generations of French poets; an author whose prose contains so many definitive "classic" examples of short stories of various genres: the Gothic horror tale, the science-fiction story, the detective story; an author whose psychological and philosophical observations have been recognized as a major influence on modern thought?

What makes this all the more remarkable is the fact that Poe's verse ranges from mediocre to bloody awful, his prose is mannered and exotic, his plots are often clumsy, and his characterization frequently one-dimensional. For all that, his stories and poems remain unforgettable and his influence on Western literature so profound that even T.S. Eliot (who would dearly have loved not to have had to consider Poe at all, since Poe throws a hefty wrench into his conception of culture), was forced to confess, "One can't be sure that one has not been influenced by Poe". Truly, it's almost impossible not to have been influenced by Poe. In spite of periodic condemnation of his grotesque style and macabre subject matter, his work has been anthologized and studied in the educational system where ever the English language is read.

The reason is obvious: teachers need material which interests their students, particularly young students who are just being introduced to literature. Poe succeeds where even Shakespeare can't muster a smattering of polite applause.

Like most people, I discovered Poe in my early teens. The secret of Poe's persistent influence on Western literature lies, I suspect, in the fact that for many young people, this is the first writer they encounter who demonstrates the real power of the language; not merely its power to convey information, but to create whole worlds out of words, to totally dominate the sensibilities of the reader. His power to do this stems precisely from those extravagances of style and subject for which he has been chastened by the critics. T.S. Eliot suggests, rather condescendingly, that Poe's popularity with adolescents stems from the fact that "the forms which his lively curiosity takes are those in which a pre-adolescent mentality delights: wonders of nature and of mechanics and of the supernatural, cryptograms and cyphers, puzzles and labyrinths, mechanical chess-players and wild flights of specualtion". All this is true, to some extent, but by attempting to dismiss Poe as a kind of intellectual toymaker for arrested adolescents, Eliot misses the point. It is rather the hypersensitive Roderick Usher, the vengeful Montresor, the guilt-haunted narrator of "The Tell-Tale Heart" and the whole gallery of Poe's hysterical heroes with their violently disordered emotions who make a direct and powerful appeal to adolescents who feel themselves, like the characters, victims of emotional forces beyond their control or understanding.

Even now, when I know from endless re-readings that the sufferer is rescued from the infernal Pit and that the sailor survives, miraculously, the descent into the Maelstrom, I can still re-read the best of Poe again and again. The secret of his staying power is his depth. Despite attempts to write him off as a drug-addicted dissolute hack (the most serious of these by, ironically, Poe's own literary executor, Rev. Rufus W.Griswold), critical examination reveals beneath the surface of his writing the same rich veins of theme and symbol which characterize the work of any great writer. In the few pages of "The Tell-Tale Heart" Poe achieves what it takes Dostoyevesky the whole of **Crime and Punishment** to equal. The inexorably descending razor's-edge of Time in the "Pit and The Pendulum" compares favourably with Franz Kafka's **In the Penal Colony**, another tale in which the workings of the universe are expressed in terms of infernal machinery. In many other tales, like "William Wilson", in which a man is dogged by his physical double and moral obverse, or "The Domain of Arnheim", in which a wealthy eccentric artist uses the natural landscape to create art on a grand scale, Poe is the equal, if not the direct antecedent of the Argentine parable-maker, Jorge Luis Borges.

But it is no more necessary to read Poe in this kind of critical depth to enjoy him, that it is any other great writer. Literary critics too often imply that unless a work is read with their own particular brand of minute scrutiny, the reader is wasting his time. This is academic bilgewater. Any novel, story or poem that can't be navigated without a critical commentary isn't worth the paper it's printed on, much less the time it takes to read. Critics are rather like those odd kids who have to take everything apart to see how it works. I'm not running down the analytical impulse; without it there'd be nothing to understand in the first place, but to appreciate the wonderful effect of the mechanical chess-player it is far from necessary to know exactly how the effect is produced. For most of us, the knowledge all too often spoils the effect entirely.

If you don't mind reading literary criticism and you like Poe, you might try **Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe Poe**, by Daniel Hoffman (Anchor Press, 1973 $2.85). It's a free-wheeling critical appreciation, full of interesting observations, very readable, marred only by the author's over-appreciation of his own cleverness, but worthwhile. A little more difficult is Michel Butor's **Histoire Extraordinaire** (Cape Editions, 1969, $2.00 several years ago). Butor is one of the most important contemporary critics of French literature and his book is really about Baudelaire, but the French understood and appreciated Poe before anyone in his own country really did and Butor's insights into Poe are very penetrating. (You can kill two birds and pick up a lot about Baudelaire while you're at it.) The only problems you might have are geting hold of the book in the first place, since Jonathan Cape Ltd. is a small publisher and I haven't seen the book around much, and ploughing through what seemed to me some pretty awkward passages (probably the translation). Well, the razor-sharp pendulum has descended another few inches and the rats are gnawing at my bandages. Time to go...

Horizon Theatre

We are the Horizon Theatre Company, and you'll be hearing from us soon. You will see us for the first time this April in a potpourri of your favourite scenes, then look for us again in the late spring with our first full production.

Anyone still wishing to join our little company is welcome to attend any of our regular meetings, Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., in the Roberts Creek Elementary Gym. We have organized a workshop in voice projection as well as an evening of Mime with Gerardo Avila, and on March 17 our energetic troupe is off to Vancouver again to see the current playhouse production "Tales From The Vienna Woods" — a poignant look at Viennese Society during the Depression, and the rise of Hitler.

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Hunters' training

Gibsons Wildlife Club will put on a C.O.R.E. (Hunter Training) course beginning March 9, 1979 at the clubhouse on Highway 101. There will be some ten sessions in all — the topics being: Outdoor Ethics, Gun Handling and Hunter Safety, Why We Have Regulations, Animal Identification, Some Birds of B.C, and Survival and First Aid.

Successful completion of this course is necessary for a person to obtain a first hunting licence. So anyone planning to get their first hunting licence next fall should definitely take the course now.

Should someone not be interested in hunting, he/she may still take the course as there is much valuable information of interest to anyone in the outdoors.

Minimum age is twelve years. Fee is $20 for the complete course and course material. Registration night and the first session will be at 7 p.m., March 9.

Contact George Ruggles at 886-7703 or Andy Anderson at 886-2022 to signify a wish to take the course, or for further information.

Students research TV

A small group from the Elphinstone Student Research Productions went to North Vancouver recently to have a look at the TV studios at Capilano College and Northwest Cablevision. The students learned a good deal from the people at both places on how to go about creating a proper studio. Our studio at Elphinstone underwent drastic changes after this trip as we used the examples of more sophisticated studios to improve our own. New ideas such as black walls which absorb extra light, diffuse shadows and provide a contrast to the subject, carpeting, and plants have made the ESRP studio rather impressive and improved our picture.

At Capilano we watched some simple tapes being done by individual classes learning interview techniques. This serves a dual purpose as it gives the students more confidence in front of a camera as well as learning from the interview itself.

At Northwest Cablevision, they watched a more professional interview in the process of being taped.

Third pioneers program

The third of the Pioneers of the Sunshine Coast programmes will be shown on Cable 10 on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. on Gibsons Cablevision and at 7:30 p.m. in Sechelt. The dividing line between the two systems is Maskell Road.

Mrs. Ida Higgs of Gower Point Road talks to Bert Nelson about growing up in Pender Harbour. Her parents, Robert and Clara Donley came to Bargain Harbour in 1909 and camped on the beach near the Japanese logging camp. The following year they bought Edgecombe Island and moved over there, where Ida's brother, Bill, was born in 1912 — the first white child born in the Bargain Harbour area. In 1913 the family moved to what became known as Donley's Landing on the eastern entrance to Pender Harbour where Robert Donley built a store, the first of several. This building, which also housed the first school and was the place where residents voted in elections is still standing and being lived in.

Robert Donley must have been a remarkable man. He'd lost an arm in an explosion in Detroit, yet he cleared land, built cabins, wharves and floats, and a large smokehouse. The smokehouse, in which some of the bricks salvaged from the older cannery in Bargain Harbour were used, was for smoking herring; the kippers sold to such far away places as Britain and Australia attracted the first Scottish settlers to the area, who brought their families to live in the cabins built up the hillside behind the store.

Mrs. Higgs recalls many interesting stories of the resourceful people who settled this area; of her first train ride on Anderson's logging train; of the Reverend Pringle from Vananda who kept a small library in the store; of the Gonzales of Irvings Landing; and many others.

Arrangements are being made to have the videotape shown in Pender Harbour on March 15 — please watch for details next week.

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Individuality not expressed

CBC and media myths

By Maryanne West

I was taken to task for disparaging remarks about Rene Simard in this space recently. They were not of course intended personally, nor do I think C.B.C. should not produce network variety shows in Vancouver. It's just that I think it's less than honest to describe them as fulfilling the C.B.C.'s promise to British Columbians for programmes which reflect and express the diversity and quality of West Coast life.

While I understand young Rene's ambition to use the C.B.C. as a launching pad to stardom in the U.S. (it's a Canadian tradition isn't it?), and therefore the use of a slick Hollywood format, do we always have to copy the Americans?

Inevitably we're going to come up second best — a country with such a relatively small population just doesn't have the market to generate the revenue necessary for such lavish productions. The C.B.C. will tell you that it's a fact of life that we're so hooked on American formats it's the only way to get an audience — a mass audience, that is. Whether this is true or not, and media people who tend to live in the very small world of media people undoubtedly believe it, it's very important that we challenge the accepted mythology regularly before we get stuck in a rut and continue to do things in a particular way because "that's how it's done", not noticing that we're allowing the format to control the content, instead of the other way round.

Basic to the discussion is the premise that Canada is different from the U.S. — not better or worse, but fundamentally different. We have evolved as a nation along parallel but distinctly different lines, we have a different form of government, quite distinct environmental differences, and a society which is consciously trying to create a complex ethnic mosaic. If this isn't the case, then we're wasting our time because obviously we would in many practical ways probably be better off to join the U.S. So as Canadians are a distinct North American species, shouldn't our national television reflect our individuality in innovative and creative ways, rather than so often depicting us as the poor relation trying to keep up with the Jones?

It seems to me that there is an alternative to joining them if you can't beat them. If you can't compete then do something absolutely different so that comparisons are impossible. That doesn't mean leaving variety and sitcoms to the U.S. and concentrating on documentaries — the U.S. can do these well too. I can't believe there is only one acceptable format and no other ways to present news, or public affairs or musical talent. In fact if the continual complaint about TV that it's always the same is anything to go by, any new and interesting approach should be a winner, and why shouldn't Canadians be as creative and imaginative as anyone else? Obviously the bright ideas just aren't getting through, or no one has the courage to go for broke once in a while.

Why, I ask myself, all this expensive hype to produce popular music shows? If the performer or group is any good surely that talent not only can stand up by itself, but is diminished by "cheap" gimmickry. It seemed insulting, for example, not only to Andre Gagnon in a recent special, but to the audience as well, to dress him up like a dog's dinner and make him act like a circus clown. An hour just watching him play would have seemed short to his fans, but somehow with all the flashing lights it seemed endless and we never did get down to really enjoying the music.

If C.B.C. brass were quoted correctly, Knowlton Nash was chosen for the National because he has the potential to develop into a guru like Walter Cronkite. Quite apart from the age of gurus coming fast to an end, do we have to copy the Americans? If they still think news is made credible by a "father figure", that's their business. It doesn't have to be carved in stone for the rest of the world. Maybe Canadians are more sophisticated and are more interested in the news than in the messenger. If the Americans can afford, and they think it necessary, to make stars of their newsreaders and pay them exorbitant salaries to prove the credibility of the news, that's their business. C.B.C. surely would make more sense and gain immeasureable support if they said honestly — "Sorry guys, we just can't afford it, and we have other priorities, such as improving the Canadian content of the news rather than just filling up from the wire service with every disaster the world over — and that takes reporters in the field."

Lifting a format directly from a popular American show inevitably invites comparisons, greatly to the disadvantage of, for example, **The Fifth Estate** which is so carefully patterned after **60 Minutes**. If they were scheduled back to back which would you rather watch?

If it's important for Canadians to have their own talk show to provide a showcase for Canadian thought, art, talent, whatever, then let's have one, and let's face the fact that it may take several years to build an audience. So what did C.B.C. do — put it back to back with Johnny Carson, not only inviting comparisons with a programme which should be quite different, but at the same time scrubbing a loyal audience for a programme of old movies, something we were doing well. We even borrowed an American title from **Saturday Night Live**. Had we scheduled **90 Minutes Live** earlier in the evening, we would undoubtedly have attracted a larger audience and at the same time given Canadians the chance — if they also wanted to watch Johnny Carson — to recognize their own culture. Now it's gone and again we are convincing ourselves that we're failures and again, C.B.C. leaves behind bitterness, lost opportunities and wasted talent.

How are we going to survive as Canadians if C.B.C. continues to believe in the sort of media mythology which reflects us as second rate? We need someone who has the courage to pull the goalie when we're two goals down and we might just recognize ourselves.

New face at the Co-op

A new face in the commercial fabric of Gibsons is that of the newly-arrived manager of the Co-op, Robbie Robinson.

Robinson was born and raised in Ladysmith, B.C. and most recently spent three years working for the Mid-Island Co-op in Nanaimo. Robinson is married with three children. He and his wife Judy have three daughters: Brenda, Wendy and Cindy.

The new Co-op manager lists his hobbies as being curling and hunting, and looks forward to being active locally in these spheres.

Weather

19.25 centimetres of precipitation were recorded during the month of February, 1979, including 6.10 centimetres of snow. This is well above the eighteen-year average for the month, of 13.00 centimetres.

The 4.86 centimetres of precipitation recorded between 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24 and 8:00 a.m. Sunday, February 25, are the highest single-day precipitation measures recorded since October 16, 1975, when 4.98 centimetres were recorded. The record for one day occurred on Christmas Day 1972, when 6.35 centimetres were recorded.

The daytime high temperature was 9.5 degrees Centigrade and the overnight low was minus 3 degrees Centigrade.

Eclipse in Manitoba

2 minutes 16 seconds

By S.Dawn McKim

I love Nature and respect her. I enjoy seeing her put on a display for us. Everyday things are worth more than a passing glance, but she does have a store house of "specials" — and "super-specials".

I've seen the Mackenzie River in the Arctic at the very moment it broke in the spring with all the noise and the drama of a river rolling and tumbling free after having been sealed in ice for nine months.

I've seen the harvest moon slowly rise and fly above the hills and treetops to make a shimmering silver path over the waters of Malispina Strait to the very edge of the water where I sat.

I've clocked the Equatorial sun from the time the bottom edge touched the water until the huge red orb disappeared, leaving us in darkness for the next twelve hours. (It set in two minutes.)

I've run across the mud flats of the Bay of Fundy, racing before the surging incoming tides; and I've watched that Bay empty as the water flushed out again to leave the two-mile flats bare once more.

But none of Nature's displays of energy, power, beauty, delicacy, and perfection affected me as did the solar eclipse this year over Manitoba. Nothing I had heard, read, or imagined prepared me for this experience.

Jane and I chose to watch the syzygy (I had to use that word once so I may as well get it over with) from a roadside five miles south of Winnipeg. That would put the city of Winnipeg behind us with no opportunity for any city vapours or smoke to block our view.

The view was unlimited in all directions — north, south, east and west, and overhead. No trees. No buildings. Just limitless horizon and the clear sky far, far above.

I set up my tripod and attached the camera. Jane and I took turns looking through the No. 14 arc welder's glass I had. In the next car (Minnesota licence) Rob and Jim were using a pinhole box. Not bad. But they preferred my glass.

The prairie was bleak and the wind raw. The surface of the side road where we had parked was blown bare, and the wind had whipped the endless stretches of snow into interesting sculptures. Well-protected with an Arctic parka and fur mitts, I was more or less comfortable.

Every time we went to set the cameras or prepared to take another picture, it was a social event for camera buffs. Ken warned us: cover your lense or you'll ruin your light meter. I insisted that we should protect our cameras from getting too cold: the advance mechanism won't work. Your film will break as you try to advance it. And Jane had to scold Sam, the dog, to come away from the tripods.

We recalled the words of the narrator at the Planetarium. He said that no one should be alone during total eclipse. We all agreed that this was loads more fun than being alone, so we took pictures of each other.

We watched the progress of the moon's advance over the sun. Intermittently, for approximately one and one-quarter hours, we looked through the dark glass. Our fingers were almost freezing. Our faces were windburned. We sometimes returned to our cars and warmed up. Lib offered hot tea from her thermos.

As we approached "total", everyone grew quieter. The sun would be totally eclipsed here for two minutes and sixteen seconds so I did another mental rundown of what I planned for those brief moments, and then I set my camera for a one-second exposure to get one shot of the sun's corona.

Up to about one minute before total, or until ninety-eight or ninety-nine percent eclipse, it was "like watching a turtle race".

Then all at once (literally) the world grew darker with shades of purple and blue. In that eerie light the horizon took on the colours of the rainbow, colours muted. The wind whipped our clothes and swept the snow before it. The lights on a radio station antenna field appeared in the distance. It was dark. It was time to look at the sun with eyes unshielded.

The sun, in one last display of glory before being completely shadowed by the moon, shone in a burst of silver on the edge of the dark moon — the diamond ring! Below the diamond, we saw the dribble of liquid jewels of light (beads).

By that time I realized that I should be using my binoculars. Where had I put them? Yes. Here, around my neck. There are the flames! (They were cherry red rather than hot red-orange as the flames of a wood fire.)

The camera. Dash over. Press the button. Back again to using the binoculars.

The following includes some of our exclamations — some whispered, some gasped, some shouted.

"This is a light show put on by God."

"Delicate."

"Wow!"

"Nobody ever said it would be like this."

"Oh, you beautiful moon."

"There's Mercury."

"The corona is a burst of light like a crown. The pictures always showed it like a cotton cloud."

"I don't believe there could be anything more beautiful."

"That must be Mars."

"Can you believe we are really here watching this and being a part of all this?"

The diamond appears on the right side of the moon. A quick, last look to see the beads. Then close your eyes. And remember.

Arts Council fund

At a recent meeting of the Building Fund Committee (for special effects) of the Sunshine Coast Arts Centre, several fund raiding events were planned.

April 7: Gigantic Plant and Agriculture Sale, at the new Arts Centre in Sechelt. We need donations of plants (indoor and outdoor), topsoil, organic sprays, fertilizers, seeds. For a touch of 'country' we hope to have live chickens, geese, rabbits, eggs and organic compost for sale. Following are drop-off locations for donations. In Gibsons, Joy Graham, 886-9260; Roberts Creek, Joan Foster, one mile west of Post Office on Lower Road; Davis Bay, Helen McConnachie, 885-2344; Selma Park, Alice Murray, 885-9662; West Sechelt, Barbara Gough, 885-2579 or Irene Crowell, 885-2759.

May 21: Craft and Garage Sale at the Arts Centre, Sechelt. This will be part of Timber Days. Artists and craftspeople are asked to keep this date in mind. We need donations of crafts, toys, books, household goods, etc. Please, no clothing.

Monday, May 14: Slide show of Australian wild flowers, at the Chatelech Music Room, Sechelt at 8 p.m.

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Any inquiries please contact Alice Murray or write the Building Fund Committee, Box 1753, Sechelt.

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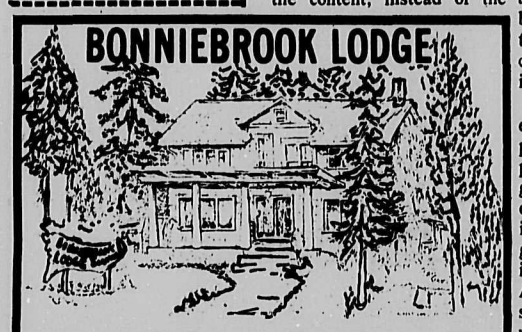
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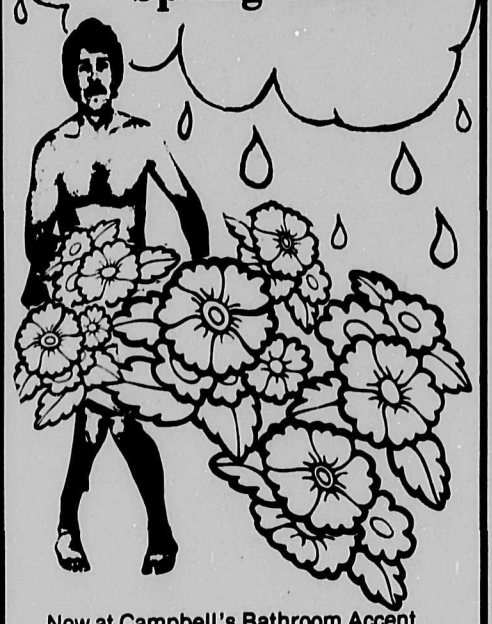
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Player on the winning Armstrong team makes good on a free throw in the final quarter of the final game of the Senior Girls Provincial Basketball Tournament held at Elphinstone Secondary School last weekend. Armstrong defeated Little Flower Academy 48—44 in a thrilling finale. Sara Enoch, #15 in the picture, was most valuable player.

Elphie hosts tournament

By Kelly Henry

A very strong Armstrong team narrowly defeated Little Flower Academy to win the Senior Girls Provincial Basketball Tournament. The final score was 48-44. There were many ball turnovers, two controversial calls in a very hard-played game, with each team holding the lead at some point. The audience was cheering Armstrong on all the way to victory. The rest of the teams placed as follows: Elphie 12th, Fort St. James 11th, Prince Charles 10th, Garibaldi 9th, G.M.Dawson 8th, South Gate 7th, Kelly Road 6th, Grand Forks 5th, Revelstoke 4th, St.Thomas Aquinas 3rd, and LFA 2nd.

Teams came from all over B.C. Kelly Road (Prince George) and Fort St.James flew to the tourney; the others drove to Gibsons. Funds came from School Boards, and the local communities by way of donations from local clubs, bottle drives, dance-a-thons, fish sales, light bulb sales, chocolate sales, raffles, and shoot-a-thons. All the girls worked very hard to get here. Many teams defeated up to eight other teams in their zones. They all agreed the tourney was exceptionally well run. The banquet, put on by the Grad Committee, was enjoyed by all. The after-dinner talks were worth listening to. Comments about refereeing ran the gamut, from slack to the best refereeing the girls had ever played with. Referee Larry Mierau said, "It is easy to see by the positive attitude of the players, that they are here because they deserve it, they want it and they enjoy it".

The girls thought all teams were sportsmanlike on and off court, and very good competition. They all appreciated the individual host idea. Thanks to the Community Recreation class for supplying them. Special mention to the good job done by scorers and timers from the players. The girls believed Gibsons was a very nice town and the hosting team (Elphie) was very helpful.

All games were played well. The climax to the tourney was the Armstrong win. After the game, the team cut down the net as a special souvenir. Finally, the awards were presented. Banners were given to all team captains. Players who won Honourable Mention All Stars are: W. Walske of Kelly Road; D. Watts of Garibaldi; J.Willick of Ft.St.James; N.Wick of Revelstock; and A.Lansing of Prince Charles.f

Second All Star Team winners are: S.Harle of South Gate; L.Stavenvord of Grand Forks; J.Adam of LFA; T. Senft of St.Thomas; and C. Zajac of LFA.

First All Star Team winners are: S.Miscisco of LFA; S.Senft of St.Thomas; L. Pratico of Revelstoke; B. Abbot of G.M.Dawson; and H.Schoenberger of Armstrong.

Most Valuable Player award went to the outstanding Sara Enoch of Armstrong. Most Sportsmanlike Team award went to G.M.Dawson of Masset. Many games and the final ceremony were video taped by the E.S.R.P. studios.

Congratulations to all of the teams who played exceptionally well, because they deserved it, wanted it and enjoyed it.

Senior hockey again

A group of players who formed the nucleus of the Gales last year have re-united in hopes of continuing the annual Powell River vs Sechelt challenge cup.

The team has decided to organize and finance themselves through two exhibition series, with teams from the Squamish commercial men's league.

The team will be bolstered by B.C.Junior Hockey League defenceman Stu Orpen and Chilliwack Bruin All Star, Mike Sutherland. Both players left the Gales last year to join the Junior ranks with both players having exceptional first years in the Junior loop. Orpen has been eyed by Ernie McLean and the N.W. Bruins as an outstanding prospect, while Sutherland won a spot on the B.C.J.H.L. All Star team in his first full season.

Other locals playing will be Ivan Dixon, who just missed playing with Sutherland and the Bruins as a last cut. Minor hockey players Bobby Dixon, and Rory Walker will join the team, as will former Gales Kelly Bodnarek, Doug Kennedy, Bob Blake, Sean Van Streppin and Jim Gray. First exhibition will be Saturday, March 10 at 8:30 p.m. at the Arena.

Come see our local boys who have bounced into the Junior ranks with a successful season!

Minor Hockey Association

The second week of playoffs continues in all divisions, with a host of exhibition games as well.

The Weldwood Clippers travel to West Vancouver for a match against their Zone 1 Bantam 'B' club. As well, it is hoped the TBS team will be travelling to Surrey for a pair of weekend encounters. Also the Rangers Midget club will host a team of Midget 'B's from the Seafair Associaton in Richmond.

Teams have been selected for the Easter Powell River Jamboree. The Twin Creek club will represent our Peewee division, while the Family Mart Aces will be our Bantam representatives. The Midgets' representative will be our Credit Union Rangers. Games will begin Saturday, March 24 through Monday, March 26.

Playoff schedule follows:

Thursday, March 8, 7:15-8:45 p.m., A's vs Glass; **Saturday, March 10,** 10:30-11:45, Sabres vs Kin-Ucks; 12:00-1:15, O.W.L. vs Elphinstone; 1:30-2:45, Aces vs Twin Creek; 3:00-4:15, Rangers vs Seafair (tentative); **Sunday, March 11,** 7:45-9:00, 140's vs T&T practice; 9:15-10:30, G.T.'s & Flyers practice; 10:45-12:00, 109's vs Oilers; 12:15-1:30, Clippers vs 140-23's.

Elphinstone Wanderers

The Elphinstone Wanderers returned to soccer action on the weekend and notched a win over the visiting Coachhouse. After a four-month layoff due to weather conditions making fields unplayable the Wanderers came up with a strong performance. Goals by Duncan Campbell and Graham Chapman led the Wanderers to the win with two other goals disallowed because of a disputed offside call for one, and the other disallowed by the referee, but it was obvious it crossed the goal-line by a good two feet.

Jan De Reus came up with a good performance in goal and lost his shutout in the last ten minutes of the game on a penalty shot.

The win was a solid team effort with outstanding performances by right-winger Kenny Miles, who was unlucky not to have scored a goal, and Frank Havies who made several fine solo efforts on left-wing; Lex Tierney anchored a good mid-field with Stevey Miles as usual making his presence felt. Corky Bland led his defensive corps with good ball distribution during the entire game.

The win now makes the Wanderers' record a respectable six wins, two losses and two ties, and they still hold fourth position in a very competitive league. The Wanderers still hold three games in hand over the divisional leaders, Sons of Norway, who are seven points ahead and with wins recorded in the three games can move up the ladder significantly.

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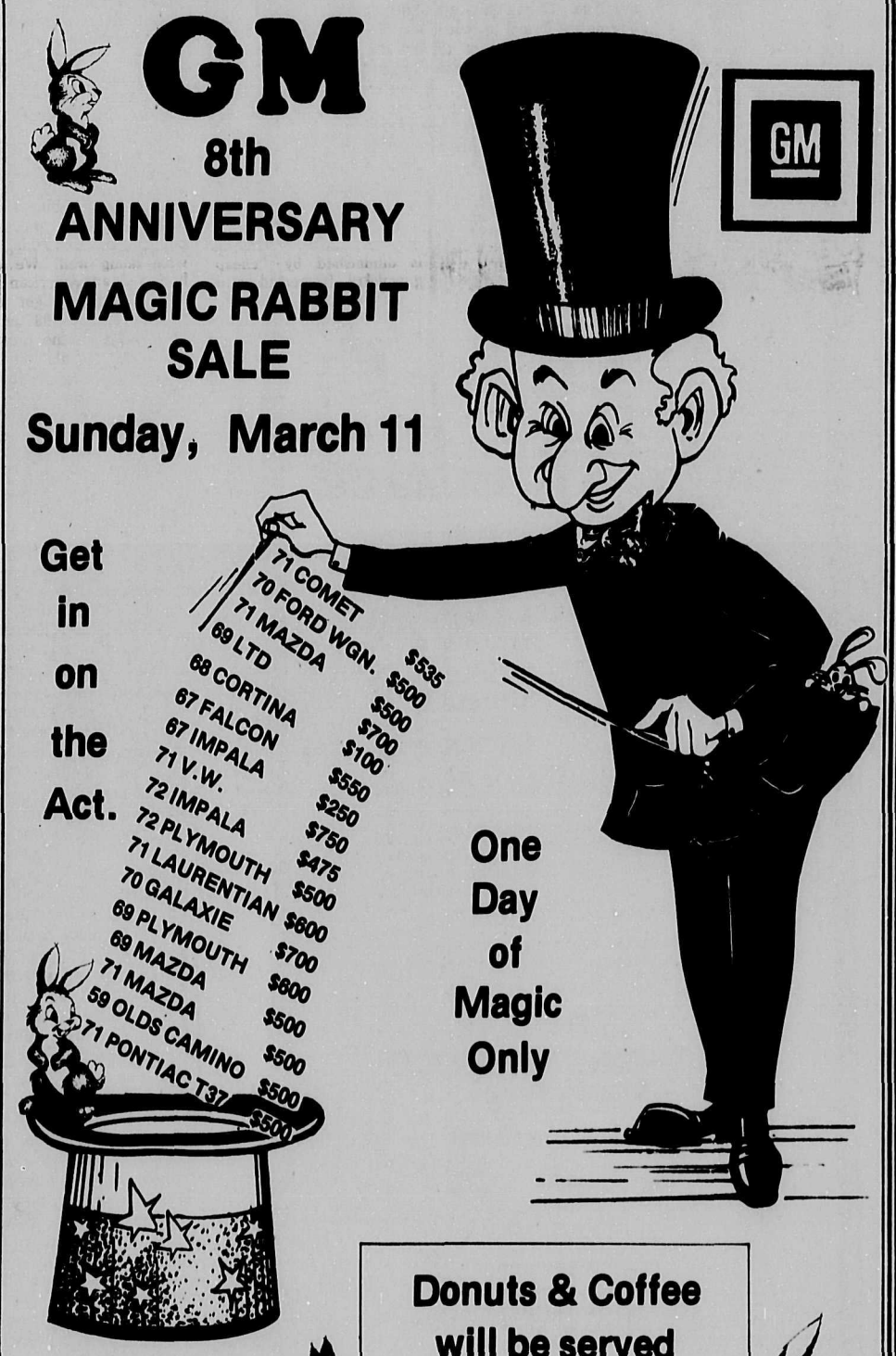

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By Ian Corrance

Salmon up the creek

I HAD a favourite creek on the coast where I used to take my friends at salmon spawning time. I'll have to start looking for another now; that is unless the young salmon laid last year can find a way to struggle up through the gravel which has washed down the hillside this winter. In some places it's about four feet thick, so I would guess that the run is wiped out.

Outraged! You bet, but there is a kicker to this. Somehow our lumbering dinosaur of a judicial system has virtually declared open season on this type of misuse of OUR creeks.

In a court case recently in Powell River, Fowler vs Regina, concerning the dumping of deleterious material into a fish bearing creek, the court ruling was that the trial was unconstitutional and it's off to a higher court. Meanwhile every case of a similar nature is being held over until a ruling on this legality is figured out.

My favourite little creek comes into this category. A date had been set in court concerning it; now it has been remanded until 1980. What about next year's run? Dog salmon have a four year cycle, at which time they return to the stream of their birth. Last year's run is presumably wiped out. On one instance I went there and the water looked like it could have been scooped up and used for pottery.

Sometimes I think that stream pollution should be put in the same category as the inevitable death and taxes. And what about major streams like Chapman Creek? Is the same thing inevitable there, too?

C.O.R.E.

My apologies to the Gibsons Wildlife Club for not giving more publicity to your C.O.R.E. hunter training programme. I had it all set for the paper two weeks ago but somehow it didn't get in. Last week I made sure by announcing, "make sure the CORE programme goes in this week." Unfortunately with my funny Scottish accent the word CORE was heard as COURT, so in went the court news.

Bird meeting

Last week's bird meeting at Chatelech had a packed house. I counted forty-nine people, and no one could have been disappointed at the presentation Wayne Campbell gave on owls.

Wayne is the Assistant Curator of birds and mammals in the Victoria Museum. He gave a great slide show on the owls that have been recorded in B.C., some of them very rare.

One interesting thing that he pointed out is that very little is known about owls, so any information at all is important. Good news for those who think that everything has been done by experts and their amateur observations are old hat.

The highlight of the show was when he brought in Keah, a full-grown female great horned owl , who enjoyed having us tickle her behind the head. She had been the victim of a car accident six years ago. Since then, she's been Wayne's sidekick, going to lectures around B.C. taking up to three hundred school kids a day in her stride.

It was great to hear someone with credentials call down the practice of feeding hummingbirds. According to Wayne, you can kill hummingbirds by using pasteurized sugar in the feeder. Don't ask me the difference between pasteurized and unpasteurized sugar, but I never have thought that it's a good idea to feed them anyway.

There was an outing of the club to Vancouver on Saturday. If I can get a hold of Wayne before press time I'll give a run down on how it went.

Odds 'n ends

Passing Trout Lake on Friday afternoon, I noticed four hooded mergansers amongst the reeds — two males and two females. They're not very common around here, so it might be worthwhile having a look to see if they're still there.

On the way back to Gibsons, I spotted an osprey flying up Chapman Creek. A pair had a nest up there a couple of years ago. Hope that they have returned.

Ling cod fishing is closed until April 31, so stocks can be brought back.

The seal hunting season is beginning in the east. Wonder what Greenpeace is going to do about it this year. Perhaps they'll amalgamate with Codpeace and show a united front.

I was sitting in the Village Restaurant in Sechelt one day last week. They leave the T.V. running with the sound turned down. I couldn't believe what was on. 'Ski-doo racing over water'. The idea, from what I could gather, is to come full speed across the ice, into a dog-legged shaped patch of water and see if you can keep afloat long enough to reach the other side. Very few of them did. My Scottish nature was up in arms about this incredibly expensive way to get your thrills. I didn't have the heart to ask George to turn up the sound, in case I learned more about it.

That's all, so if you see anything interesting happen, give me a call at 886-7817, 886-2622, or at home at 886-9151, ta...

Guess Where

The usual award of $5.00 will go to the first name taken from the barrel, correctly identifying the above picture. Last week's winner was Debbie Haase of Box 1, Madeira Park, who correctly located the little house by the Garden Bay Beer Parlour.

Strikes and spares

By Bud Mulcaster

Ken Skytte rolled the only 300 game in the Classic League with a 331 single. Bonnie McConnell had four nice games with a 299 single and was high roller with a 1009 four-game total.

In a rolloff for the Tuesday Coffee League, Sue Whiting had a 348 single and the same for Nora Solinsy, for the Wednesday Coffee League, a 336 single and Hazel Skytte, a 326 single.

Judith Spence came up with a 325 single in the Gibsons 'A' League and in the Ball and Chain League, Gloria Tourigny had a 327 single, Paul Lair a 308 single and Freeman Reynolds a 309 single and an 846 triple.

Don Slack polished off the week with a 359 single in the Legion League.

The Turncoats & 1, Gloria and Gary Tourigny, Jane and Ray Coates and Freeman Reynolds, gained entry into the team bowl tournament rolling 540 pins over their team average. This is the highest score for the year for the entries in this tournament.

Highest Scores: Classic: Dianne Fitchell 246-910; Bonnie McConnell 299-1009; Terry Cormons 261-952; Bob McConnell 269-974; Ken Skytte 331-961; **Tuesday Coffee:** Marnie Baba 237-668; Bernice Hanchar 273-669; Nora Solinsky 253-685; Sue Whiting 348-746; **Swingers:** Belle Wilson 194-546; Alice Smith 278-639; Len Hornett 203-514; Dick Oliver 189-538; **Gibsons 'A':** Nancy Carby 295-675; Judith Spence 325-700; Sylvia Bingley 266-714; Jim Gurney 247-682; Andy Spence 248-686; Lorne Christie 271-782; **Wednesday Coffee:** Jean Lucas 256-693; Hazel Skytte 326-720; Nora Solinsky 336-798; **Slough-offs:** Gail Mulcaster 239-616; **Ball and Chain:** Jane Coates 256-675; Gloria Tourigny 327-733; Al Lovrich 266-689; Brian Butcher 280-707; Freeman Reynolds 309-846; **Phuntastique:** Orbita de los Santos 263-726; Don Slack 280-687; **Legion:** Dot Robinson 244-644; Rod Powell 290-695; Don Slack 359-758; **YBC Bantams:** Victoria Gazely 167-309; Pam O'Donaghey 195-340; Roger Anderson 174-299; Larry O'Donaghey 167-333.

On the rocks

The Kenmac Parts Trophy, emblematic of supremacy in the Club Mixed Bonspiel was taken by the Reitlo rink on Sunday afternoon when they defeated the Jack Clement rink in the final draw. The B event was contested by the Doug Elson and Dennis Suveges rinks with Elson taking the prize.

Keeper trophies for first and second in the A event were donated by Stewart Enterprises and Shoal Development Ltd., while B event keepers were donated by Smitty's Marina. Many thanks to all our donors for their generosity.

Sixteen rinks participated in this bonspiel which is one of the most popular events of the curling season.

The highlight of the 'spiel was the "Eclipse Turkey Shoot" won by Dave Richardson. The shoot is so named since Richardson made his shot in complete darkness. With eyesight like that, Elphie students are warned to be on their guard when the "Veep" is patrolling the halls.

Only two weeks of league play remain, with play-offs beginning on March 19.

The grand finale of the curling season is a fun 'spiel on March 24 and 25. Rinks must be skipped by ladies, so come on all you Lindsay Sparkes types — let's show the fellows what this game is all about. Phone our hard working drawmistress, Deirdre Pearson (886-2196) and enter your rink.

What a Shame

By Pat Verhulst

1. Your morning to sleep in and the phone rings early. (Sorry, wrong number.)
2. Your child talking you into letting him have a pet mouse. And the next week he has six.
3. Ordering something by phone, and then being told you have to pay before it's sent. (Don't know why they list their phone number.)
4. Filling out government forms and then phoning you to come out again, because they got you to fill out the wrong ones.
5. Digging your yard up because your pipes are frozen and finding they're frozen outside of your yard. (My aching back.)
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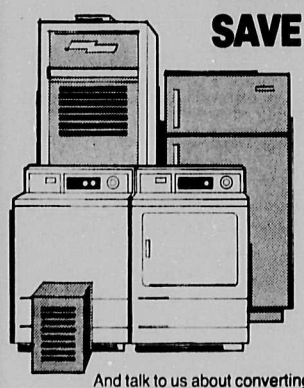

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AN INVITATION
On Wednesday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m., the Canadian Cancer Society is sponsoring a public meeting to start a Branch of the Society on the Sunshine Coast. It will be held in Room 112 of Chatelech School in Sechelt. A Field Officer for B.C. will be there to outline the aims of a Branch or Unit. Those present will then proceed to organize formally a Branch or Unit. Those present will then proceed to organize formally a Branch on the Sunshine Coast. If time permits there will be a film about the work of the Society. You are urged to attend this important meeting and also to invite others to come. Telephone inquiries regarding this meeting may be made by calling 883-2604 or 883-2640.

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1 Edward VIII China Cigarette Box (with lid)	$50
4 Victorian Goblets Hand Etched, Grape Pattern	$25 each
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For Fiat 128 new tire, front brake pads, spark plugs, two oil filters, $45.00. Drawbar, offers. Electric log fireplace, hearth, handbeaten brass hood, $75; other misc. items. 886-2073. #10

Crib and youth bed, 886-7725. #10

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Two stereo speakers, $50. Electric lawnmower $40. 886-7820. #12

1978, 17½' Frontier travel trailer, sleeps six, stove, fridge, sink, flush toilet, Phone 883-9287. #12

One near new Canox 500 amp arc welder; one used Lincoln arc welder; one 471 GM diesel, used. *For more information* phone, days, 885-2420; eves, 886-2650. #10

Platform rocker 25; antique liquor cabinet $125; Viking rug shampooer $15; steptable $10; set of pots, $20; like new, misc. dishes, macrame, old records, afthans, etc. 886-2512. #10

Domestic sewing machine in console cabinet, $45. Phone 886-9750. #10

Alder or fir firewood, delivered. *Cut to any size. $38 a cord.* Phone 886-2625. #10

Have a 5'8" long deep freezer, would anyone like to trade a smaller one for it? 886-2747. #10

Table top electric stove (oven), $20 o.b.o. 886-2120, days. #10

Superior steel office desk and chair 2 sets of drawers, black with woodgrain top $150, 886-9410; Record-a-call answering service with remote control $500, 886-9410; Oil heater complete with 2-45 gal tanks and stand $145, 886-9410. #11

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Excellent first horse, quarter-Arab, roan mare. 15 hands. Tack available. To good home only. 886-2783. #11

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Straw-horse manure for sale, *delivered for $35 a p.u. load.* Eves. 886-9470. #10

wanted

Waterfront or view property with Beach access. Any replies to C.E.Karr, 5070 Redonda Dr., North Van., V7R 3K2. 985-6296. #10

Timber wanted: Fir, hemlock, cedar and poles. Top prices. Let us give you an estimate. D&O Log Sorting Ltd. Phone 886-7896 or 886-7700. tfn

Wanted to Buy: Logs or Timber. Fir, Hemlock, Cedar — Porpoise Bay Logging Ltd. 885-9408 or 885-2032. tfn

Old fashioned wicker armchair and rocking chair. Please call 886-2821 around 6 p.m. #11

Responsible couple seek cottage or small house on Gower Point Road (or other sunny location) for year-round rental, or to buy. Please call 886-2693 in the evenings.

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Alder, Maple Sawlogs wanted, F.O.B., any B.C. saltwater dump. Call Jacobson-Phillips, collect 684-6236. #13

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One bedroom suite, furnished in Langdale. Use of washer and dryer. Non-smokers. 886-2629. #12

Comfortably furnished modern 1 bdrm cottage for mature single man only. $150. 886-9885 aft. 6 p.m. Roberts Creek Waterfront. #12

2 bdrm house in Gibsons available March 15. $250 per mo. 886-2903 after 6 p.m. #10

4 bdrm beach house, Davis Bay. 885-3862. #12

2 br. house & garage complete privacy on acreage, with flowers and fishponds, fireplace, w/w carpets, washer, dryer, dishwasher, range & fridge, drapes and light fixtures incl. Ideal for mature cpl. that likes gardening. Refs please. No dogs. 886-7050 aft. 1800 hours. $350/mo. firm. #10

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Available Feb. 1, furnished 2 bedroom trailer. 2 bedroom side-by-side duplex. Semi-furnished. Bonnieebrook. Sorry, no dogs. 886-2887. tfn

Newly decorated 2 and 3 bdrm apts. Stove, fridge, heat and cablevision incl. in reasonable rent. Sorry, no pets. Close to *schools and shopping.* 886-7836. tfn

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GIBSONS
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886-9733
Or 922-2017 in Vancouver

Cozy 2 bdrm duplex suite, located in Gibsons close to shopping. Suitable for older couple or single person. $190 per mo. 886-2975. #11

Large 2 br. home with basement, workshop and garage. All on one acre, Gibsons. Available April 1. $325. 886-9154. tfn

Small home, fridge, stove, 2 bdrms., waterfront view. $275 per mo. Elderly couple pre*ferred. Sorry no pets, no child*ren. References. 886-2166 anytime. #11

Small one and one-half semi-bedroom, furnished mobile home, price $2,950, o.b.o. 885-3310 or 885-3417. #11

March 1, all cedar furnished one bedroom basement suite, w/w carpet, *fully fenced yard,* Bay area, $200 per mo. 886-9453. #10

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Large 3 bdrm. executive type suites, $300 per month. 886-9352. #10

Cottages, weekly or monthly. Housekeeping units, furnished, T.V. Ritz Motel. 886-2401. tfn

One bdrm duplex suite, $200/mo. Prefer working couple or individual. Central Gibsons. Call 886-7277. #11

Furnished modern bachelor suite *on Reid Rd., Gibsons.* Available immed. $160 per mo. 886-7261. #11

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legal

NOTICE
To Frank Koberna, late of apartment #1, Tantalus Apartments, of the Village of Gibsons, Province of British Columbia.

TAKE NOTICE that a proceeding has been commenced against you in the Registry of the Supreme Court of Brit*ish Columbia,* 1979, #790271, by Port Mellon Industries Credit Union, of 1618, Hwy. 101, P.O. Box 715, of the Village of Gibsons, Province of British Columbia, in which the Petioner's claim is for an Order that the Respondent's interest, if any, in the land and the premises situate in the Vancouver Assessment Dis*trict, in the Province of* British Columbia, more particularly known and described as Lot 25, West Part of District Lot 1316, Plan 1804, be vested absolutely in the name of the Petitioner.

AND THAT it has been ordered that the service of the Petitioner in the said action be effected on you by this advertisement. If you desire to defend this said action, you must, within fourteen (14) days from the *publication of this ad*vertisement, inclusive of the date of such publication, i.e., no later than Monday, 19th day of March, 1979, enter an Appearance at the Court House, 800 West Georgia St., in Vancouver. In default of such Appearance, judgement may be entered against you.

Dated this 6th day of March, A.D., 1979.

wanted to rent

Responsible couple seek cottage *or small house on Gower Point* Road (or other sunny location) for year-round rental, or to buy. Please call 886-2693 in the evenings.

Responsible young working couple would like to rent small cottage preferably near beach. Please call 886-2821 around 6 p.m. Refs available. #11

3 bdrm house on farmland. 886-9316. #10

Retired non-smoking gent requires one bedroom cottage for reasonable rent. My services a consideration, contact 1406 Gower Pt. Rd. #10

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HOMES

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

1760 SCHOOL ROAD: Cozy, comfortable four bedroom older home on large lot. Conveniently located between upper and lower Gibsons. Several fruit trees. Zoned for multiple dwelling. Excellent starter home and a good investment and holding property. $32,000

DAVIS RD: Ideal starter or retirement home. Only two blocks from schools and shopping. This three bedroom home has everything you need for comfort and convenience. The carport could easily be converted to a family room and a separate carport could be built on many sites within the extra large landscaped lot. $39,500

HILLCREST RD: Three bedroom home, only one year old. On a view lot on quiet cul-de-sac. Close to shopping, schools and transportation. $50,809.50

CHERYL ANNE PARK ROAD: Lovely two bedroom home in Roberts Creek. Sliding glass doors in dining room open onto the sundeck. Some view of Georgia Strait and only one block to beach access. Owner has already purchased another home and must sell now. $37,000

1402 ALDERSPRING ROAD: Two story home on quiet cul-de-sac with view overlooking Gibsons Harbour. Three bedrooms on main floor. Fully furnished suite on ground floor. Completely fenced and in lawn. Close to park, tennis courts and shopping. $47,500

DAVIS & SHAW ROAD: A Gold Medallion four bedroom family home. Three levels of luxurious living. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, two hot water tanks. Family room, rec room and utility. Double glazed windows and separate entrance to basement. $57,000

LOOKOUT AVENUE: 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

GRANTHAMS: 1200 square ft. house on Elphinstone Road. Huge sundeck, two fireplaces, three bedrooms master with ensuite. Two car parking. Double lot. Fantastic view. $62,500

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 $90,000

FAIRVIEW RD: Ranch style home on ½ acre. Nice setting with glimpses of the ocean through the trees. Tastefully decorated with large rooms. Master bedroom is 16x11 including ensuite. Room for full sized dining suite! Livingroom has large antique brick fireplace and sundeck is full length of the house. $57,500

GRANDVIEW RD: Large family home on quiet no-through street. Has fireplace upstairs and Earth stove down. Three bedrooms on main floor and one bedroom suite in basement. Full basement with rec room and utility. Master bed*room has full four piece ensuite. Large* 13x20 sundeck. Yard is landscaped and has concrete driveway. $59,900

GRANDVIEW RD (off Pine): Lovely three bedroom ranch style home situated on secluded and fully landscaped ½ acre. Southern exposure combines privacy with view of Georgia Strait and Vancouver Island. Huge carport allows for easy addition of a family room and still leaves a carport. Sundeck accessed from living room and master bedroom. Floor to ceiling cut rock fireplace, thermopane windows. Winding concrete driveway and many other features. $63,500

JOHNSON & FORBES: Langdale. New out of the ordinary rancher on 79x135 lot. Featuring livingrom, dining room, three bedrooms, family room and utility. *Garage, fireplace. Very attractive and* practical floor plan. $48,500

COCHRANE RD: Six bedrooms, four bathrooms, large livingroom with fireplace and kitchen on full basement with unfinished rec room. Hot water heat. *Two sundecks. All hardwood floors.* On 67x172 lot only two blocks from the ocean. This house requires some finishing and can be yours for $55,000

CRUCIL RD: Bright and spacious three bedroom family view home in excellent condition located within easy walking distance to schools and shops. Large kitchen with built-in dishwasher and indirect lighting. Two fireplaces. Huge recreation room. Lots of extra space in daylight basement for den or extra bedroom and workshop. $58,900

REVENUE

WINN ROAD: Four-plex. Positive cash flow with eleven thousand dollars revenue per year. Top units contain five bedrooms with one and a half bathrooms. *Lower suites are large* 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 1232 square feet 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

SUNSHINE COAST HIGHWAY: Triplex located in Gibsons Village. One two bedroom suite and two three bedroom *suites. Good holding property for future* development. Close to schools and shopping mall. $52,500

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

INDUSTRIAL

HIGHWAY 101: 5.3 acres of industrial with highway frontage. Come in and discuss your requirements. We can cut off an acre with 177 feet on the highway. All services available. This is future development territory for the core of Gibsons.

LOTS

POPLAR LANE: Village lot handy to all amenities. 65x135. Very reasonably priced at $8,900

GLASSFORD RD: This must be the best buy on the market. 63x160 cleared. *Sewer and water connected. Culvert and* fill. Ready to build. $10,000

BURNS RD: Good building lot, 65x 130, on flat land in Gibsons Village. Four blocks from Post Office, stores and transportation. Lightly treed. Three *blocks from ocean. All services avail*able. $11,000

SKYLINE DR: This 70x59x131x122' lot with expansive view of the Bay Area and Gibsons Village is very well priced. $11,500

POPLAR LANE: Beautiful flat building lot with view of North Shore Mountains. Located on the end of a quiet cul-de-sac only 1 block to Sunnycrest Mall Shopping Centre and schools. All services including sewer. Adjacent to grass *playing field.* $14,900

SIMPKINS RD: Half acre view lot in Davis Bay! 100x21[illegible] approximate size. A few hundred [illegible] to sandy beach, school and [illegible]. Level land with a few evergreens. $16,500 SOLD

SKYLINE DR: Irregular shaped lot with great view of Village, the Bay, wharf and boats. An area of very nice homes. 100 feet on Skyline Drive. Approximately 180 feet in depth. $13,500

GIBSONS VILLAGE: We offer you 1/3 of an acre of park-like property located within Gibsons Village. Has creek flowing through this secluded private area. Needs imaginative owner to bring out full potential. Offers to $10,500!!

TRAIL ISLANDS: Large waterfront lot with small cove for moorage. Beautiful *view on three sides. Excellent fishing* spot on your doorstep. Call & let us show you this waterfront retreat. $17,900

SAMRON: West Sechelt. 150 nicely treed and [illegible] end street. Could have [illegible] view in near future. $10,500 SOLD

PINE ROAD: Want to build a solar house? Even if you don't, check this .97 acre with southern exposure with water view, down Pine Road where the sun concentrates. Also subdividing in half *would be considered.* $16,500

LANGDALE RIDGE SUBDIVISION: Fantastic view lots. An area of new and varied homes. These lots offer themselves to many different building locations. Enjoy privacy and the view of Howe Sound. Priced from $12,900

SCHOOL & WYNGAERT ROADS: Only 4 of these Duplex lots left. Beautiful view properties overlooking the Bay. Close to schools and shopping. All lots perfectly suited to side-by-side or up-down duplex construction. Priced at $15,500 and $16,500.

HILLCREST ROAD: Only $5,000 down! Balance by Agreement for Sale will purchase one of these beautiful view lots at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. All *underground services so there is nothing* to mar the view. These lots are cleared and ready to build on. The ravine in front will ensure your privacy. These lots represent excellent value. Priced from $13,900

FIRCREST RD: Over 20 nicely treed building lots to choose from. 61x131. We will arrange to have a home built for you. Located a short drive down Pratt Road. Priced at $9,700 each.

CREEKSIDE PARK ESTATES: Located on North Road in Gibsons. Zoned for mobile and conventional homes. All lots on sewer, water, hydro and all within three blocks of the shopping centre, schools and medical clinic. Priced from $10,900 to $19,900

OLE'S PLACE: *Off Marlene Road. Lots* 13 & 15 in nicely developed area. These lots are level with easy building sites. Many large trees and nice landscape in surrounding area. Zoned R2 and situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. Lot 13 — $12,900, Lot 15 — $11,900.

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

GIBSONS: Approximately 16 acres, 2nd growth trees, level, great for a hobby farm. Close to Gibsons. Good holding property and priced at only $4,000 per acre. See this now. Large acreages are getting scarce. $64,000

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automotive

1970 Alpine GT Sunbeam. Automatic, low mileage, good condition. $850. 886-7437. #11

1971 Mercury 4-door sedan, runs well, rusty. $400. 886-2565. #12

1966 Mustang, gear shift, low mileage, new tires, extras, good on gas! $1,000. 885-3355. #10

1974 Dodge Coronet, slant 6, excellent shape, $900. 886-2929. #12

1970 Austin 1800 Mark 2, 4 door, One owner (mechanic), radio, rear defroster, front wheel drive, trailer hitch. A1 Working Condition. Good tires. $600. 1310 Bay Rd. Cash. 886-7189. #12

Clean 1974 Chev ½ ton with courtesy box. 49,000 mi. Good condition. $2,900 o.b.o. 886-7755 after 5 p.m. #12

1967 Grand Prix. Best offer. Phone 885-5670. #11

1969 Plymouth Belvedere, 2 dr. slant 6, very good condition. $850. 886-9410. #11

1968 Camaro 327 Auto radials, snows, in dash, AM FM cassette, Deck, good running condition. Phone 886-7664, $1,200. #10

1971 GMC 5-ton heavy duty van (13'6"). New 427 motor, exhaust system and seat. Radio AM/FM, saddle tanks, $4,500. 886-9453. #11

1968 VW, 1500, 4 speed, 4 new snow tires, tape deck, $600 o.b.o. 886-2754 after 5 p.m. #10

1966 Mustang, deluxe model, red with black int., mag wheels. Accept offers. 885-3310. #11

property

Responsible couple seek cottage or small house on Gower Point Road (or other sunny location) for year-round rental, or to buy. Please call 886-2693 in the evenings.

Have It All!
Roberts Creek view, 1,300 sq.ft., 3 bdrms, 2 bath, family room, fireplace, lrg. lot, for $53,500. 1½ yrs old, owner, White Rock. 536-7386 after 6 p.m. #11

FOR SALE BY OWNER Hopkins Landing view lot on high side of Marine Drive. Directly above beach access road and backs onto Soames Hill Park. Good building level, existing driveway. Asking $13,500. Call 886-2658. #11

FOR SALE BY OWNER at Hopkins Landing. Two bedroom fully remodelled house with potential in concrete basement for third bedroom and second bathroom. Brick fireplace, new carport/sundeck, kitchen appliances, retiled bathroom, new countertops. View across Howe Sound and backs onto Soames Hill Park. Asking $42,500. 886-2658. #11

Beautiful ocean view lot. Gower Point area. By owner. Cash offers 886-2887. tfn

Selma Park, B.C., only $15,500. 3 bdrm mobile home used only 9 months, sundeck, skirted, fan. view, top cond., fridge & stove. Extra furniture avail. for $1,000 if needed. Ph. 885-3505/872-5078/873-4811. #12

New 3 bdrm home on level lot located on quiet cul-de-sac within walking distance of shopping mall, schools, etc. Full Price, $39,900. Phone 886-2903 after 6 p.m. #12

E.E.(Mickey) Coe

Hal Musgrove, Pres. of Musgrove Ford Sales Ltd., is pleased to announce that E.E.(Mickey) Coe has joined our staff as Fleet and Lease Consultant.

Mickey has been selling Ford products on the Sunshine Coast for the past 32 years and invites all his friends to drop in and see him, or phone collect 0—872-5162, H—271-0486 RE car or truck requirements.

property

Duplex Lower Gibsons, $56,000. Phone 886-2572, daytime, 886-2383 & 886-7914 eves. #10

A number to note:
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WHARF REALTY LTD.

FOR SALE BY OWNER
Income property on 100' waterfront in lower Gibsons. This triplex is located close to pier and possible site of proposed marina. Room to build additional unit. Approval for private float has been obtained. Priced for quick sale $85,000. Phone owner's agent at 886-2207 between 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Modern 1300 sq.ft., 3 bedroom home, fireplace, basement, workshop, patio with brick Bar BQ. Also large garage, all on 1 acre on Pratt Rd. ~~$53,000.~~ $46,500. 886-9154. tfn

marine

14 ft. fiberglass speedboat, wide beam, twin fuel tank, full controls, 25 hp Evinrude electric start, all gear inc. in mint condition. Tlr $1,400. 886-2794. #12

IAN MORROW & CO. LTD. Marine Surveyors, Condition and detail surveys for Evaluation. Surveys for insurance claims. Phone 886-2433, 886-9458.

21' woodhull deck twelve years old, deck and cabin refinished in fiberglass. 110 h.p. Volvo, inboard-outboard. Runs well. Leg needs work and some refinishing required. $3,000. 885-9038. tfn

17' cruiser, full camper top, built in gas tank, bilge pump. 125 Johnson outboard on HD trailer, $3000. 886-9453. #11

Zodiac
Mark III grand raid. The ultimate in inflatable boats. L.O.A. 15'6" load capacity 10 persons, or 2,400 lb.s plus 1978 Johnson 35 h.p. motor. Both in mint condition. $3,500 firm (includes trailer) Phone 886-8076. #10

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20' clinker built, bottom fiberglassed, cabin & canvas, 90 hp Johnson plus 80 hp for parts. Both run, sleeper seats, $2,000. Take smaller boat in trade. 886-2565. #12

16' fiberglass boat with 10 hp inboard motor, $300 o.b.o. 886-7820. #12

West Howe Sound Story

Editor's Note: Francis J. Wyngaert regrets that his book, completed only six weeks ago, was not available to complement the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of the Village of Gibsons.

Seven years of research and writing have been devoted to this work, 'The West Howe Sound Story'. It is a comprehensive history covering a ninety-year period, 1886-1976, relating to the early history of our local islands, with Gibson's Landing and district as the focal point.

The book depicts a year-by-year record of all manner of development, businesses, services of all types, including the medical profession. It will capture the interest of adult and student alike.

Readers of the West Howe Sound Story will find it provides an original,entertaining account of early life in our area.

By Frank Wyngaert

Compiling material for such a story is a tremendous challenge, but also a delight. Only a few descendants of the early pioneers and settlers remained when work on this history, covering a ninety-year period, realized its beginning. Reminiscences of bygone years with some did not always prove fruitful. One discovered that most folk were absorbed in present day occurrences — perhaps radio and television contributed to this trend; so that memories of earlier years at Howe Sound were of vague recollection. To a few remaining individuals, the past was still interesting conversation and they were, therefore, highly responsive.

It was my privilege as a child, along with my parents, to settle at Gibson's Landing in August 1909. I had therefore grown, as it were, with the community. Mingling with members of the Gibson family and descendants, provided a wealth of information which eventually became my pleasure to put to use. My family resided next door to the 'Chuck' Winegarden family for half a century. Emma, 'Chuck's' wife, was a daughter of George Gibson, Sr. Conversation frequently centred around events of those early pioneer years. Following the death of the pioneer and his wife, the Winegarden family took up residence in the pioneer's home as caretakers. It became my pleasure to stay with them a few days, and to sleep in an upstairs bedroom overlooking the Bay. In later years many socials and dance parties were held within this pioneer home.

Initially it was not the author's intent to write a history of such length and detail. What actually changed the course of events was my being approached by several persons who indicated disappointment in not having a history relating to those years of sacrificial labours by early settlers. In fact, just to know something of their past, their problems, perplexities, their manner of life during that pioneer era; coupled with numerous anxieties; and in simple fact, how did they manage to survive.

James (Jim) Fletcher who with his wife and child Bill, along with George Glassford and wife, pre-empted at Gibson's Landing in 1887. The former provided the author with an interesting source of information respecting those early years. Many years later, Grace, daughter of the Glassfords and her husband Clare Chamberlin, assisted tremendously.

The initial home of the author's family at Gibson's Landing was on the fringe of the Finnish settlement. My upbringing was a close relationship with these folk. Their ability to cope with pioneer life was most invaluable to all who shared their companionship. With a community spirit at heart they depicted a creative and interesting type of leadership.

As a youngster then, growing up amongst these folk, I developed within me a deep sense of pride and joy in the reality of such a privilege.

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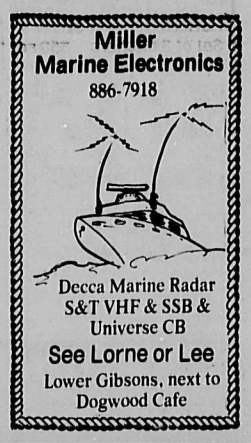

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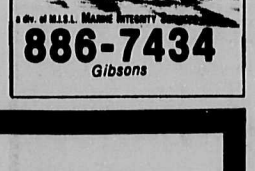

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TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to the British Columbia Public Inquiries Act, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint as Commissioners the following persons, namely:

Dr. David V. Bates, Chairman
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Valter Raudsepp

The Commissioners shall inquire into the adequacy of existing measures to provide protection in all aspects of uranium mining in British Columbia. In particular, the Commissioners will examine the adequacy of existing Federal and Provincial requirements in British Columbia for:

(a) The protection of the health and safety of workers associated with exploration, mining and milling of uranium, and

(b) The protection of the environment, and

(c) The protection of the Public.

The Commissioners shall make recommendations for setting and maintaining standards for workers and public safety and for the protection of the environment in respect to the exploration, mining and milling of uranium ores. They are to report their findings and recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Public Hearings by the Royal Commission of Inquiry Health and Environmental protection — Uranium Mining will be held at selected locations throughout the Province, at times and dates to be announced. The first series of Public Hearings to receive Briefs will be held during the months of May, June, and July, with further Hearings in the Fall.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that those persons or organizations intending to appear before the Commission at any of its Public Hearings after March 6, 1979 are required to:

(a) Write immediately to inform the Executive Secretary at the address below and inform him of such intention, and thereafter

(b) Prepare a Brief to be forwarded to the Executive Secretary prior to their appearance before the Commission.

There will be an opportunity for informal presentations to be made before the Commission during its Public Hearings without prior notice being given.

The Executive Secretary will contact the parties concerned and certain other organizations and expert witnesses to arrange for their appearance at a suitable time and place.

Further Public Notices with respect to the Public Hearings will be issued in due course.

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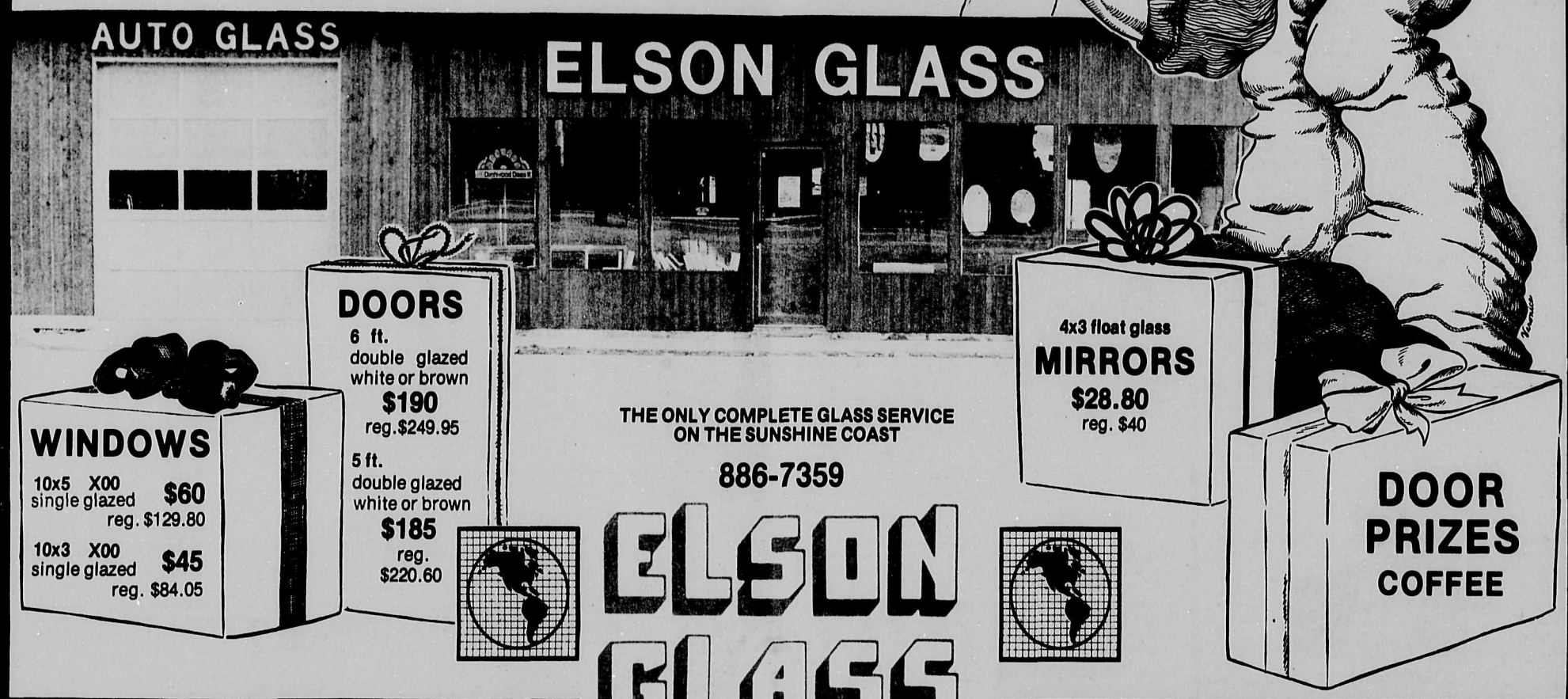

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