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Sechelt Volunteer Department had a busy weekend last weekend. Coast News photographers Bruce Wilson and Ian Corrance caught some of dramatic highlights. Wilson caught the action at its most intense in the top picture while Corrance caught the firemen later when their prompt action had prevented the fire spreading.

Almond to lead delegation

Regional District Board Chairman Harry Almond and directors Charles Lee and George Gibb will travel to Victoria some time in the next week or so for consultation with the Department of Highways. The Victoria visit is occasioned by the fact that in three areas of the regional district, the Reed Road area, Roberts Creek, and Davis Bay disagreement between the local body and the provincial highways department have not been resolved at the local level.

In Davis Bay the Department of Highways is requesting a road dedication which would run diagonally across Davis Bay from just before Chapman Creek up towards the power line in Selma Park. The Regional Board finds this totally unacceptable and intends to make very clear their opposition in Victoria.

In Roberts Creek the Cold Mountain Pottery is still waiting the pleasure of the Department of Highways as it has been since 1975. The concept of a locally based pottery industry won total acceptance when it was brought before the Regional Board in 1975 and total acceptance from the residents in the area. However, at that time a retroactive law was passed which made the Department of Highways the approving officer and approval for the pottery has been delayed because the Department of Highways wants a hundred feet of the prospective site for a road dedication although plans for road construction in the area have since been dropped. Harry Almond made the point that we should be encouraging small cottage industry of the type presented by the pottery and a bureaucrat in North Vancouver is making it impossible for us to do so.

In the case of Reed Road the issue may not be as disputatious as is the case in the other two instances but the Regional Board Chairman wants to have what is to be agreed to clearly understood.

Hydro spraying opposed

Regional Board directors learned at the meeting held on February 9th that B.C. Hydro has applied to the provincial government for a permit to spray the power line in the north end of the Sunshine Coast from Kleindale to Egmont. Area "A" director Joe Harrison pointed out that the area that the power corporation sought to spray with herbicide included the source of drinking water for Pender Secondary School.

In noting that the Regional Board had again not been notified despite previous undertakings by Hydro that notification would be forthcoming. In moving that the Regional Board reiterate its stand against the use of the herbicide on local power lines, Harrison observed that it seemed apparent that the power corporation was [illegible] of an attitude which "was entirely straight forward".

The Regional Board in voting unanimously to reiterate their general opposition to the use of herbicides locally agreed also that the specific opposition to this particular spraying program, affecting as it would, the drinking water of school children, should be strongly underlined.

Gospel Rock

Long time resident Maryanne West was in the council chambers in Gibsons last week making absolutely clear her opposition to rock blasting in the area of Gospel Rock. The position of council was that at no time had they intended to widen the road in that area but had had an engineering survey done which revealed that complaints about the misalignment of the road which Council had received were in fact not justified. While the survey was being done the engineers were asked to give a cost estimate of widening the road.

The report from Dayton and Knight revealed that the cost of widening the road at Gospel Rock would cost $213,000, over half of which $117,000 would go for rock excavating.

Gibsons water tank expedited

The Sunshine Coast Regional Board continued to expedite the matter of the building permit for the proposed new water tank that Gibsons Village plans to erect. At the meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 1978, directors learned that their legal department had advised them that it was within the law for the Regional Building Inspector to issue a permit for construction of the water tank since the rezoning necessary had already passed its first reading. Accordingly the directors voted unanimously on a motion made by Area "A" director Joe Harrison, seconded by Area "B" director Peter Hoembert that such a permit be issued forthwith.

Later during the same meeting the rezoning by-law which is being put forward to facilitate construction of the Gibsons water tank received its second reading. Again the directors voted unanimously on the matter.

Bank clerk continues protest

In conversation with the Coast News last week Carol Dulyk corrected some factual errors in the caption which accompanied the picture of her picketing outside the bank of Commerce, from which bank she was recently laid off. The branch is in fact already unionized and Ms. Dulyk was the branch representative and at the time of her lay-off was active in the negotiation of the first contract to be negotiated by the union.

Last Thursday Dulyk met with the Federal Labour Relations Board which meeting was followed up on Friday by a meeting between the Labour Relations Board and lawyers representing the Bank of Commerce in Vancouver. At the Friday meeting the Bank of Commerce headquarters decided against the immediate re-instatement of Ms Dulyk, making it necessary for her to await the decision of the Federal Labour Relations Board on February 24th.

Dulyk was firm in her conviction that her lay-off had been as a result of her union activities and pointed to the support she has received from local groups including the Pulp and Paper workers Local 1119 at Port Mellon, unlicenced and licenced Ferry Workers, Gibsons Local, the Sechelt Teachers Association and C.U.P.E.

Hoemberg reports on Lasqueti meet

Regional Board directors heard Director Peter Hoemberg report on the meeting which he attended on Lasqueti Island recently in connection with the controversial power line from Cheekeye to Dunsmuir on Vancouver Island. Hoemberg said that the 18-hour meeting had seen some very specific questions posed to the Hydro officials present.

One of the issues which had arisen from the meeting concerned the admission on more than one occasion by Hydro spokesmen that some of the reasons for the power line were political, as opposed to technical. Director Hoemberg moved that the Regional Board should seek access to a political forum to discuss these political reasons and that such forum should properly be the provincial environmen and land use committee. The Regional Board was unanimous in support of the Hoemberg motion.

The directors also voted to contribute towards the cost of preparing a complete informational transcript of the marathon meeting at Lasqueti Island.

Court news

At the provincial court in Sechelt last Wednesday, Gordon Erickson was charged with impaired driving and refusal to take the breathalyser test. The second charge was dropped, and he was fined $500 and given six months on the impaired charge.

Alfred Jeffries was handed down a $100 fine and one year probation for driving with a blood alcohol level of over .08, and Bruce Gorman received a $500 fine and six months probation for the same offence.

Meditators inaugurate World Government

by John Burnside

I attended my first inauguration of a World Government the other day. It was at Lord Jim's Lodge and Pete Trower and I were the only representatives of the world press to show up.

Four clean cut, conservatively-dressed young people radiating good health and serenity entertained us for a couple of hours. The fact that their press conference was attended only by two middle-aged gentlemen of uncertain habits seemed to faze them not at all.

Right at the start I made it as clear that there was a fair amount of world weary skepticism in the room and I took full responsibility for its presence. They smiled and served us tea.

You see this World Government is an international organization composed of ten ministries and the press release that had caught my attention in the first place made some pretty strong claims. I'm not saying that I went to jeer but certainly I wanted to be told how we were going to develop invincibility and a totally trouble free society.

To begin with they had some pretty strong statistical stuff. They discovered a few years ago that transcendental meditation, which is a technique aimed at putting the individual in more harmonious relationship with himself and his untapped potential, had a spill over effect within the community. They calculated that when one percent of a community were meditators their influence would start to manifest itself. Last year Vancouver reached that one per cent figure and the crime rate in the city began to go down for the first time in many years.

Their intention in inaugurating the World Government was simply "to improve the quality of life everywhere." The World Government, they told us quite serenely, would have a parental role in the family of governments and its aim would be to enhance the achievements of the family of governments.

They had ten ministries. The first is the Ministry of Development of Consciousness, whose function is to teach the techniques of transcendental meditation. The second ministry in the international organization is the Ministry of Natural Law and Order and the minister was one of the four people present, Doug McLeish by name. The function of his ministry was to produce a totally crime-free society. He seemed serenely confident that it could be done.

The third ministry was the Ministry of Cultural Integrity, World Harmony, and Invincibility.

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Killam sues Thompson

Haydn Killam filed civil suit against Alderman Thompson last week charging Thompson with libel. This is the latest development in a dispute which has been brewing for some time. At issue is the Sechelt Council's request that the lumber yard adjacent to Sechelt Building Supplies cannot be allowed to be there because it is in contravention of zoning by-laws. Killam's failure to remove the lumber caused Alderman Thompson to report at a recent meeting that people had been telling him that Killam was paying Sechelt aldermen in order that his lumber could stay where it is. Thompson's concern about the good name of the council caused him to bring the matter up.

Killam's contention is that he has lived up to his end of the bargain with the Sechelt Council by submitting alternatives which they could look over. One of the minor points of contention seems to have been that Council expected detailed plans instead of an overall summary of the project.

Alderman Thompson tried to arrange a meeting with Killam last week at the Parthenon Restaurant but the meeting did not take place. When Killam was asked if he would consider accepting an apology he answered that his intention was to cause Thompson to resign since the continuing public controversy has hampered the smooth operation of his businesses.

In the meantime a directive from last week's council meeting to Killam has asked him to have a concrete plan of action presented for the perusal of the council members two days before the next meeting and this may alleviate some of the tension.

The first of the two weekend fires in Sechelt happened on Friday night and totally destroyed the hall on the Indian reservation beside Highway 101. Police have the matter under investigation.

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Regional

There is definite indication that after a somewhat stormy start the present Regional Board is shaking down into one of the most effective local governmental teams that the Sunshine Coast has known. It would appear that the individual directors have a basic grasp of the nature of democracy and are conscientiously keeping in touch with the people they represent and striving to represent them as effectively as possible.

This is not to say that everyone is happy. It is not the nature of government of any level to make everyone happy and poor fools the government that tries to do so. It is also ironic that the regional board concept is beginning to work well, at least in this area, just at a time when the provincial government is preparing an elaborate public relations exercise which will lead to the end of regionalism.

To those who feel that this is a good thing a cautionary word might be in order. The end of regionalism will not mean less government. Bureaucracy there will yet be but it will be a distant bureaucracy. The fact that we can sit in the council chambers and see our legislators in action; that we can go pound on the desk of the hired help when the spirit moves us; these are valuable items. To those with an old grievance against previous regional boards and who are planning to present briefs the scheduled hearings damning the regional concept we would say think it over carefully. It is possible that we'll be lumped as a small parcel of a centralized Vancouver region and the bureaucrats we rail against will not be on the Sunshine Coast.

It is the conviction here that anything that takes control, any control, of our destinies out of our own hands is a retrogressive step. It is a retrogressive step that this particular government has probably already made up its mind to take but anyone who thinks that removing regionalism is a panacea for the difficulties which beset us may well find that such is not the case. We are not liable to get legislators with as direct an interest in our spread-out region under any centralized system that the Socreds are liable to foist upon us and it is to be hoped that when the hearings are held there will be one or two strong voices lifted in praise of Sunshine Coast residents having some control over our area.

Law-suit

It is to be hoped that the dispute between Haydn Killam and Morgan Thompson will go no further. It is to be regretted that Killam took the action he did in filing a civil suit for libel. From this vantage point it would appear that Alderman Thompson in informing council that there was talk of bribery did so out of a concern for the good name of council, not out of malice towards Haydn Killam. It is safe to presume that the alderman knew that money was not changing hands and sought only to inform council that the protracted dispute was affecting its good name.

Indeed, if there be malice in this case it would seem to emanating from Mr. Killam. He states without equivocation that what he wants is Alderman Thompson's resignation. Alderman Thompson has served his community conscientiously for several years and does not deserve to be treated in this fashion.

Mr. Killam has taken recourse to the law, but had he had sufficient respect for the law heretofore to observe the zoning by-laws of the village when requested to do so the situation would not have deteriorated to its present point.

Irony

On a very recent visit to Nelson Island the editor of this newspaper was privileged to meet Mr. Harry Roberts who gave his name to our very own Roberts Creek. Mr. Roberts is a hearty ninety-four and moved to Nelson Island away from the encroaching progress. It is one of the ironies of the dispute over the B.C.Hydro power lines that this fine old gentleman will have the power line poles right in his front yard no matter which of the routes Hydro chooses. One of the pioneers of the coast is having his final coastal refuge jeopardized by one of the least attractive faces of progress. Mr. Roberts laughed when we talked of it. He is a cheerful man, but it was not happy laughter.

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

5 YEARS AGO

50 Elphi students will participate in a rice bowl to raise money for the Unesco Club. From Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon these students will eat nothing but two bowls of rice, one per day.

10 YEARS AGO

The construction of a completely new B.C.Ferry terminal facility is well under way at Horseshoe Bay and the present program should be completed early July. There are five interlining contracts amounting to $1,532,914,740.

At the Twilight: Sean Connery is James Bond in Ian Flemming's You Only Live Twice.

15 YEARS AGO

The lovely weather over the week-end brought the Roberts Creek Guide company out for its first hike of the year. Almost the whole company climbed the Soames Point bluff to be rewarded with a view of the islands at the entrance to Howe Sound, the Gulf Islands from the flat topped Mount Maxwell on Saltspring Island north to the tip of Gabriola, and the mountains south of Nanaimo on Vancouver Island.

20 YEARS AGO

Black topping of the Roberts Creek Lower Road was urged on the floor of the Legislature by the local member, Tony Gargrave.

25 YEARS AGO

After seven years on the Peninsula, operating moving pictures for the entertainment of the area from Gibsons to Pender Harbour, Gordon West has sold his business to two young business men from the Prairies, Jack Anderson and Bill Parsons.

30 YEARS AGO

Results of a recent survey, announced at the general meeting of the Sechelt Improvement Association, indicated that Sechelt favors incorporation by a majority of 53%.

Near Gibsons, a marriage endures between a dome of the oldest of all things and fragments of one of the most revered of books. Although the one mate is inestimably older than the other, both are of such an age that in the perspective of today the difference is not felt. Little is known of the early life of the first member of this pair. More prominent landmarks received names from European geographers, leaving the minor headland unmarked. Early in the twentieth century, decades before a road was carved from native rock above it, a member of the Plymouth Bretheren for a time made his home near the shore in the bay seen to left in the above photo. Yielding to an urge to record phrases from Scripture, this pioneer filled natural galleries with such quotations as "The Wages of Sin is Death", "He Shall be Born Again", and "Christ Died for the Ungodly". In as apt a mating of words as their language could effect, citizens named the spot Gospel Rock. Labelled as it was toward the sea, not only was the term apt, but its location could hardly be mistaken. Periodically the lettering has been renewed. Today, while its neighbours, Parnell Rock and Dougal Bluff, have lost their onetime names, no one would contemplate tampering with the designation Gospel Rock. Photo courtesy Elphinstone Pioneer Museum. L.R.Peterson

Musings
John Burnside

Well, by golly, it's time this paper had what is called in the newspaper business an exposay. I mean all the other papers are having exposays; they're exposing this and they're exposing that and the poor old Coast News isn't hardly exposing anything or anybody. It's time we got in the swing of things. So, dear reader, be warned, alarmed, or titillated - howsomever it takes you - but this here is an exposay. Now read on.

It came to my attention some months ago that in the Village of Sechelt, funded by taxpayers money no less, a small group of people - a cell you might say - has been meeting on a regular basis for months now. Their avowed intention is to radically alter our way of life; to take time honoured habits and assumptions and at the very least shake them up; to take customs and conditions that we have become comfortable with and challenge their value. It is heretical, it is subversive, and it is happening, and I am here to tell you about it. Not merely to sound the klaxon of alarm but, having infiltrated the cell personally at some personal discomfort and risk, I can now expose all.

Without further ado, as they say, let me make clear the identity and the nature of this conspiracy, its location and its present status. The Sunshine Coast Fitness Service is as dedicated a group of zealots as has ever huddled and plotted change. From the headquarters on the top floor of Whitaker House they fan out throughout the Sunshine Coast and everywhere they bring with them their invidious fitness philosophy. From one end of the Sunshine Coast to the other they have us running, jumping, dancing. If they get their way we're all going to be healthy. The comfortable old habits of debauch and self-abuse are to become a part of the past.

Now this in itself does not constitute an exposay. (Linguistic purists please note that this spelling is occasioned by the fact that I do not have a bilingual typewriter.) I mean, the Fitness Service have certainly made no secret of their existence. Led by the intrepid Fran Berger they have been one of the most successful groups at bringing their existence to the attention of the community. No, the exposay comes when I reveal the secrets of Fitness Service that only the most dedicated and fearless of journalistic adventurers could bring you. Nor have I emerged unscathed from these exploits - but this is not the time to dwell on the personal price I have had to pay. No, indeed, a man who knows where the white sugar is hidden in the very heart of the Fitness Service headquarters, cubed, would be very much amiss if he dwelt on personal sacrifice. As the name exposay implies you are about to be informed of matters that you will not find in the increasingly skilful press releases of the Fitness Fiends.

Without further preamble let me say that recent investigation has revealed that after an entire winter of putting many of us and themselves through the fitness grinder the Fitness Few are in dreadful shape. They, too, have paid a terrible price for dedication. Fearless Franny has a cracked rib, garnered one gathers from some form of enthusiastic hearth-rug calisthenics; Joy is concerned about her weight and has fleeting thoughts about starting to smoke. A recent visit found her chanting desperately, "I must start running with Fran, I must start running with Fran." Ronnie Dunn who teaches Highland Dancing is hobbled by some tendon trouble and Robi Peters up there in Pender Harbour is also on the limp.

So there you have it my exposay. With the exception of the meditative Ms. Hermon the whole crew is on the limp and one would be entirely justified, despite the efforts of the indefatigable Fran in turning on one's TV if only to keep life and limbs together. However, and here's the rub, the price I've had to pay to bring you this inside information has been heavy. Repeated visits to the Fitness Centre on the public's behalf has led to my being infected with the dread disease of fitness. Despite the hobbling evidence that the staff affords I find that I have been brainwashed, finally and irrevocably.

I don't know whether it was the little skelton dancing at the end of puppet strings held by a giant cigarette but whatever it was while delving into the secrets of the Service, like the cubed white sugar they keep under a fitness manual in the cupboard and the fact that one of those fine ladies reads tea leaves and found romance in my future. Sometime I say during my visits I got the bug and have quit smoking. Further Ms. Berger has announced that she begins training this week for her jogging match with one G. Matthews. (Poor George, I know he was hoping that it would all be forgotten) and Ms. Berger has invited one and all to join her in the project. I accept. I not only accept but I fire back a counter offer. Besides assisting Ms. Berger with her training once a week I invite her to join me at 7:30 a.m. at the foot of Nob Hill every Thursday morning as a reciprocal gesture. I mean if we're going to get fit let's get on with it.

I also wish to announce publicly that I will take part in this Gibsons to Sechelt extravaganza. Let's have a Sunshine Coast Marathon of our very own. Open to all comers, we would run the first leg Gibsons to Sechelt to coincide with Timber Days and run the second leg Sechelt to Gibsons to coincide with Sea Cavalcade. We will put up a cup - The Coast News Cup - for the aggregate winner of the event to be presented at the conclusion of the second leg.

So there you have it. In the very process of revealing the hollowness of fitness as evidenced by the weakening practitioners I find myself mindlessly bellowing about fitness and marathons and early morning climbings of mountains and I am deadly serious. Ms. Berger and Mr. Matthews, you may have started something that's bigger than all of us. Could this be the year of the First Annual Sunshine Coast Two Stage Marathon?

Slings & Arrows
George Matthews

Most people get just about what they deserve. Back in the 1940's, and then mostly in the movies, the little guy was always getting a raw deal from some fat cat, but these days things don't seem quite so simple. Every now and then though someone, like the lady who got fired from the bank, reminds me that the fat cats are still around.

Whenever I hear a story about some humble employee getting it in the ear from the big employer I always trot out the story about how when I was working for the biggest of them all, I had to help fire three men. I'm sure everybody has their version of the same basic story and here is mine.

A long time ago I was a labour relations officer in an auto plant which had 27,000 employees. It was in the days when labour relations people smoked big cigars, mugged guys who went to union meetings and paid the sweeper to fink on the workers who smoked in the john.

About one o'clock one afternoon I got a call from a maintenance foreman who said three of his men were in some trouble. When I got to his shop, the three workmen were standing in a corner of his office looking a bit sheepish.

It took a while to get the story straight but apparently what had happened was that one of the men had been caught punching the time cards of all three at the lunch break. They said they'd been doing it for a long time and didn't see that it really hurt anybody. Being repairmen, they worked all over the plant, which could be as far as ten minutes away from the cafeteria. They had arranged between them that when the lunch whistle blew, one would save a place in the cafeteria lineup, one would save a space at a table, and the third would go to the time clock to punch the time cards. What it meant was that they could enjoy their half hour lunch break without using up a lot of time. On this particular day one of the poor suckers was caught by a labour relations supervisor who had been lurking around the time clock. The supervisor reported the men to their foreman and now they were in trouble.

The interesting thing was that the foreman called me in not because he wanted to fire them, but because he wanted to know how to protect them. They were three of his best men, all skilled workers, a machinist, an electrician and a millwright. Between the three of them they had seventy-five years of seniority, one about thirty years, another about twenty years and the third about twenty-five.

I didn't say much at the time, except to suggest the men go back to work and we would investigate the charge. I couldn't help thinking however that as opposed to the regulations as their actions were, it did make some sense and showed a certain initiative. The prevailing philosophy of the day however made this a serious breach of the rules, particularly when employees showed initiative.

I wrote a report which recommended that the men be given a yellow warning paper with no suspension. My boss called me in next day and had a long chat with me. He used a lot of words like, "one of the team", "sticking to our guns", "one rotten apple" and something about maintaining discipline. He hinted at a lot of other things like maybe I should go work for Ralph Nader (he whispered these last words as that name was forbidden at G.M.). He picked up the phone, called the foreman and told him that his men were fired, and to get them out of the plant immediately.

A week later a deal was made between the union and the company. The men could come back to work after a one-week suspension if the union dropped a grievance to have a lunch table

Doing it over

Once we've had babies
we can't stop
dreaming them; sound asleep
we grow moon bellies,
relive hospital rituals,
astonish ourselves with
blue-eyed children,
small animated mouths.

The act itself, the orgasm
of delivery
is missed; some things
no dream can recreate.
(But I didn't want anaesthetic!
I cry, dead asleep.)

Our arms keep remembering
the cradle shape,
the breasts heavy again,
the milk prickling in
to the glands
(My mother at 64
after the surgeon took
half her stomach
woke up and asked,
Is the baby all right?)
All our lives
swelling and germinating
in our dreams, we may
be more like plants
than we thought:
apple trees can't
forget the seasons

nor can we ever
be done with newness
but make beginnings
over and over again
in the roots of ourselves,
in the dark
between our days.

Pat Lowther

Poem first published in a book called *Woman's Eye*, edited by Dorothy Livesay and published by Air Press, Vancouver. Publisher Arthur Richardson has a house on Conrad Road.

Letters to the Editor

A wife objects

Editor:

The enclosed is a letter written to the Editor of the Shopper Press, who for obvious reasons prefers to remain anonymous. Can you print it for me too? This way I know my words will not be taken out of content or misrepresented.

Thank you for some decent newspapering, and also for the quote used at the end of my letter.

Happy Valentine's Day to you and your staff.

Holly Lehmann

The Editor
The Shopper Press
Box 676, Sechelt

Dear Sir or Madam:

Why you do not have the courage to sign your name when writing such irresponsible idiocy is understandable, but it makes addressing you rather awkward. At any rate, dear paper person: This is in response to your fantastic attempt to create a deep, dark, mysterious scandal out of an unfortunate accident. I refer, of course, to the Chlorine incident involving the Regional District employee. I am not bound by my husband's strict code of honour and loyalty, or his "no comment" policy, and man, will I comment!

The Press must be in pretty dire straits, indeed to have to dig so hard to find a story. Why not some good, positive reporting on something newsworthy? Where was the press coverage when my husband and his crew spent a month at Chapman Lake building a dam to back up the present water system? They poured 87 yards of concrete working fifty feet beneath a huge Sikorski helicopter. That was dangerous and thrilling, but obviously not sensational enough to rate news coverage.

Have you ever seen Chapman Creek Falls in full flood? How would you like to jump in there and work for a few hours cleaning intake pipes? How many countless nights have you been roused from sleep (or dinner, or holiday company) to go out and fix a water main, because this is your job? Or to fix some old lady's leaky water lines, **not** your job, but because you work for the Regional Board, you feel you must keep everyone happy? It's a dirty, dangerous, thankless job, but one that must be done. These are the men you so callously attack with innuendo and inference. Picking on the men who go out and work for a living is despicable reporting tactics. (N.B. Pam Gross)

My husband for one will NOT be a victim of your attempted journalistic blackmail! If you prefer to glean your facts from disgruntled, dissident ex-employees, so be it.

As for your so-called coverage of Gordie Dixon's melodramatic "confessing to a lie", why not tell it like it really was? Everyone makes a mistake or incorrect statement once in a while, does that make us all liars? If so, you are a liar as the facts in the Feb 1/78 issue of The Press regarding Regional Board employee wages was incorrect. I prefer to think of it as an "inaccuracy". Okay? All straight?

Clean up your act, get on with some decent reporting, shed one particular "aspiring girl reporter" and make your paper what it used to be. As John Burnside of the Coast News so adeptly puts it, "Paranoia we do not need." Let's cut with the hysterics, there are more important things to think about.

There, that should be enough comment for now. Thank you.

Mrs. Sieg Lehmann
Better known as Holly

About responsibility

Editor:

In your edition of January 31, there is an article by the Pender Harbour and District Ratepayers Publicity Committee. I agree with the writer that he has performed a valuable service by bringing these issues to the attention of the public and I appreciate the research he has done to accomplish this.

I do, however, disagree with a statement he makes near the end of his report. "Politics is not an exact science and it is never possible to be totally accurate either participating in it or commenting on it." I believe that this statement is misleading. It implies to me that since politics deals with the principles of civic government, the conduct of state affairs and personal ideologies (as opposed to mathematical systems) accuracy can be dismissed.

I don't believe this is true. I believe that in politics, like any other field, there are facts, i.e. things that have been observed to happen. These facts can be stated accurately. The reader, of course, must be prepared to separate the facts from a bias in the presention, but I feel that he is entitled to accurate information. If the politician isn't stating, or the journalist isn't reporting accurately what has happened then I think he is either lying or being irresponsible. If he didn't observe what he is reporting he can give the source of his information. If it is his opinion he can make that clear.

I believe that this is the responsibility of every journalist and goes together with the freedom to publish whatever he wishes and the power to influence his community.

P.S. Is there a difference between accurate and totally accurate?

Richard Tarnoff
Garden Bay, B.C.

Hydro

Editor:

This is on behalf of the many small users of Hydro power. It's high time this company revised its rates. We have been subsidizing the electric-tooth-brush crowd for too many years.

Jack Gordon
Alderspring Rd.
Gibsons, B.C.

Bridge

Editor:

Re: All About Bridge:

It would be assumed that the previous week's column was an attempt by your distinguished contributor to enlighten the local Bridge rubes about the proper use of the short club. In this endeavour he has failed miserably.

By going about it in the manner which he did, we are left with only an understanding of when this device should not be used.

An attempt to clarify the situation: When a partnership has agreed between themselves not to open a 4 card major and certainly not a N.T. bid on less than 16 points, there come times when an artificial compromise bid must be used. Ergo, this bid must be a one bid of a minor, (not necessarily a club). The requirements are that the suit bid contain a minimum of three cards including at least **one high honour** of that suit. Given these conditions, the responder can proceed to answer naturally to this bid and the contract will reach its optimum level. It should be stressed that the responder **bid naturally**. That is, to treat any minor bid suit as if it were a natural bid. Occasionally that will involve a raise to 2 in that suit. At this point the onus returns to the declarer to re-evaluate and bid accordingly. Holding minimal points such a raise (to 2) will be left at that suit bid. The declarer should never attempt to run from this bid, he has all the information he needs. The partnership contains 7 of that suit headed by at least **one high honour** and a minimal point count. The contract will invariably be best suited to that bid.

Far from detracting, this system then offers a very precise method of dealing with what is essentially an under-valued N.T. hand. Anticipating Mr. Weir's rebuttal of "what if the hand is biddable but meets none of the requirements?" It then must be assumed that the hand contains a solid (e.g. A K Q 10) four card major.

Then caught 'twixt a rock and a hard place the only alternative is to treat that 4 card major as if it were a 5 card and bid it. Admittedly somewhat misleading but on the basis of the strength, still a safe bid.

Those of us who enjoy the game have been gratified and ususally enlightened by the Coast News Bridge column. However the last effort only left us poor mortals still groping in the dark. An admittedly inappropriate response was given to a classic example of when not to bid the short club. All this preambled by the acid heading of the "Sunshine Coast Short Club". In defense I can only say that Mr. Weir's opponents in this instance were a very atypical example of the "S.C.S.C." bidders. My own experience allows me to presume the opener of such a bid to have at least a basic grasp of it, and never to mislead me by not bidding a biddable 5 card(er). I would hence, as his partner never employ any artificial I.D. bid (thus negating any necessity of a 2D response).

The sketchy explanation of the proper use of the bid in the last paragraph is too late and too little to catch our attention after the scathing denunciation which preceeds it.

In this instance our respected confrere has "stooped to conquer" only to put his foot in closer proximity to his mouth.

Charlie Cairns

P.S. Rereading this letter it seems that perhaps at the risk of life and limb that the columnist has accomplished his purpose. We are, no doubt, going to think about this particular opening and hopefully bid it with more caution and precision. If this be the case, then we have been, durst we say, finessed.

Spraying

Bayne Vance
Control Officer
Department of Agriculture
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that B.C. Hydro has made application to your department for a permit to spray the Hydro right-of-ways from Earls Cove to Madeira Park and from Clowholm Falls to Sechelt substation.

As an organized club deeply involved in conservation, we have long been in contention with B.C. Hydro's spraying program. We would like to object to your department approving a permit for this spraying.

There are several contractors involved in land clearing and slashing on the Sunshine Coast and we are of the opinion that B.C. Hydro should let tenders for this work in these areas. This is a more acceptable alternative to the spraying of **Tordon 101.**

G. R. Ruggles
President
Gibsons Wildlife Club

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Slings and arrows(cont'd)

put in a corner of the Chassis Plant. It was one week before Christmas. I thought a lot about what Christmas would be like in these mens' homes. None had ever worked anywhere else, they and their families depended on the company for their livelihoods.

They had made a mistake and the company punished them, just like a stern father. I never forgot the incident. I still get mad when I think about it.

Whenever I hear of some employee getting the shaft from the company, I still get annoyed. I guess I watched too many movies when I was a kid.

Editor's Note: I've written with tongue in cheek about my friend George. "Where's George?" was my cry. Let me tell you something about the above story that George has held back. When told to fire the men he quit. He resigned. He took a principled stand. The answer to my question is that George has nearly always been there when it counted!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Pages from a Life-Log
Peter Trower

AT BAY WITH BIG DUTCH

Not long ago, I chanced to find myself in the lower-Lonsdale area of North Vancouver with a little time to kill. Almost without thinking, I followed my feet along Second Avenue to the well-remembered precincts of the Olympic Hotel. I hadn't crossed this threshhold for a good many years and while securing a couple of beers was my main motivation, curiosity ran a close second. I was surprised to find the place had changed much-less radically than some of my other old watering-holes. A number of the Vancouver pubs I used to frequent have literally ceased to exist but the Olympic was still there, large as life, a noisy, no-nonsense workingman's bar whose interior fixings were still very much as I recalled them. There appeared to have been no major renovations. Of course some things were different. A statuesque black stipper was winding up her act on a low dais to the erotic throb of a disco tune. The music ended. She gathered up her scattered garments to scattered clapping and stalked regally from the stage. You wouldn't have seen that back in 1962.

I gazed across a decade and a half to the far side of the bar. The big picture-windows were curtained now to sustain an illusion of perpetual midnight for the entertainers but back then, they kept them open in the daytime. I used to sit there, alone or with cronies, on listless afternoons, looking out over the great, gaunt sheds of the shipyard buildings. Beyond, across the oiled inlet were black, impatient freighters hung idle in the stream, Vancouver sprawled like a smokey mirage. I was freshly reprieved from those hungry streets, free now to study them remotely and visit them only when I chose. I logged a lot of time at that window. The opposite side of Second Avenue at that point, is largely residential. In the yard of one of these homes was a huge cherry-tree, incredibly gnarled and twisted. It clawed leaflessly at the hollow sky each winter and I once wrote a bad poem inspired by the barbed-wire tangle of its branches.

Those were my houseboy days, a peculiar phase when I worked as a sort of male-domestic for my brother Chris. The situation had come about largely as a result of my sister-in-law Yvonne's desire to return to work. I'd about had it with starving to death in five-dollar-a-week sleeping rooms. (Contrary to the persistent romantic myths, people in straitened circumstances tend to be no more or less creative than those in comfortable surroundings.) Having come to this conclusion the hard way, I was more than ready to try a different tact. When Chris outlined the proposition, I jumped at it and moved, lock, stock and cardboard-boxes, to the North Shore.

The house they were renting was a big, old-fashioned place with a large kitchen and living-room and several bedrooms. It had no second-story but there was a roomy, excavated basement where the owner and landlord, a massive, gentlemannered Dutchman called Hans, was building a suite. Hans worked out of town at a construction-job during the week, returning each weekend to stay in a small room and pursued this activity. He was a reticent man and we knew little about him. He seemed totally addicted to work and had no apparent social life but he never bothered us. We concluded that he must be a bit simple. The rent was reasonable. It was a congenial-enough arrangement.

My duties consisted primarily of buying the groceries and preparing the meals in addition to a little cursory housework. I'd never minded cooking and found the situation quite to my liking at first. The three kids were at school most of the day and I had the place to myself. It was the closest thing to a stable situation I'd enjoyed in several years and I was determined to put it to good use. For at least a couple of hours each day, I pecked painfully away at Yvonne's typewriter. What I produced was not exactly in the world-beater category but for the first time, I began to feel like a writer. Once or twice a week, I'd make food-buying expeditions to Lonsdale and vic for bargains with hair-curlered housewives who eyed me suspiciously, probably wondering why I wasn't gainfully employed. My route took me past the Olympic Hotel and I invariably ended my excursions with a couple of hours in that establishment. It was an odd sort of existence.

One weekend, Chris, Yvonne and myself were sitting around the kitchen. I often went over to Vancouver when I had the money but on this occasion, I was broke. Suddenly there was the sound of heavy boots banging up the front steps and reclusive Hans burst through the door. He was, to put it mildly, in quite a state.

AT BAY WITH BIG DUTCH

"Submarines!" he babbles
charging with committed eyes
from the unbearable basement room
where he has cultivated his aberration
by secret light
like a sinister flower
fertilized it with lonely fear
in quaking brainsoil.
"They've tracked me down at last!"
he gasps sweating into the kitchen
of the house we rent from him.
"They're waiting in the bay
like tigersharks
teaching their guns how to kill me!
Nearly got me with bombs
in Holland in the war!
That was the reason for it all, you know!
They missed me then but they've come again!"
He shakes with the enormity of it.
We try to calm him with words and coffee.
He is so convinced and convincing
we can see them ourselves,
the bloodhound subs of unknown origin
stalking his nightmares,
now lying offshore
in terrible triumph
with sights trained carefully
on their quarry.
Briefly he becomes calm
smiles like a huge guilty boy.
Then his demon bites him once more.
"They've got microphones in here!"
he stutters,
stabbing sausage fingers at empty corners.
"The living-room's the only hope!"
He rushes in there
barricades himself
tears off his clothes
for they've become suspect too
paces in naked paranoia
proclaiming disaster.

Later
the doctors come
lead him off to a safer refuge
out of range.
That evening
the thwarted submarines
ship anchor,
slip silently back to sea.

They can wait.

Twilight Theatre

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, February 16 - 18 will see Sean Connery appear in the Walt Disney production **Darby O'Gill** which first won him the James Bond role which catapulted him to stardom some fifteen years ago. Darby O'Gill is for general viewing and the times of showing should be particularly noted. Thursday evening the show will commence at 7:00 p.m. in deference to little folk who have to be at school next day. In addition there will be a matinee performance on Saturday, February 18, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights the regular show time of 8:00 p.m. will be observed.

Darby O'Gill is the live-action tale of an Irish storyteller who vies with the Leprechauns and comes off second best. Connery plays a starring role as Michael McBride, the young man who comes along to take Darby's job as caretaker of a grand estate and wins the hand of his daughter too.

The second offering of the week at the Twilight Theatre is also heavy on fantasy. Where Disney offers us one hundred and fifty leprechauns in **Darby O'Gill**, latter day animator Ralph Bakshi gives an allegory of good versus evil set in the distant future with a cast of elves, goblins, fairies and mutants. Bakshi, whose previous efforts have included **Fritz the Cat** and **Heavy Traffic**, produced, directed and wrote the film. It is a significant film by an outstanding animator who uses his art for biting social satire and polemic allegory. The film, **Wizards**, will be shown at the Twilight Theatre Sunday through Tuesday, February 19 - 21.

All about Bridge

by Jim Weir

The short club, which really should be named the short minor suit, is the opening bid of one club or one diamond holding a good three card suit. This is the exception to the rule that all bid suits must contain at least four cards. There is no basis for the fear of your partner passing, leaving you in an unmakeable contract. The consequences of such an event would be that the opposition would have missed at least a good part score and possibly a game. Nor is there reason to fear that your partner might raise your suit placing you in an inferior contract. Minor suit contracts have low priority, therefore, your partner will investigate major suit and no-trump possibilities before raising your bid. If he does raise your minor suit bid it will be with at least four card support.

The advantage of a three card minor suit opening is that it overcomes many rebid problems. Before opening the bidding it is important to consider the potential of your hand and decide what you will rebid to any response from partner.

How would you open the bidding with the following hands?

1. **S** AJ32 **H** J4332 **D** AQJ **C** J9
2. **S** 32 **H** A876 **D** AKJ **C** J982
3. **S** 2 **H** AQ87 **D** AQ872 **C** J98
4. **S** 2 **H** AQ87 **D** AKJ87 **C** J98
5. **S** KJ32 **H** A987 **D** K3 **C** AQ2
6. **S** AQJ2 **H** KJ3 **D** AJ2 **C** AJ2

Answers: 1. Open 1 D. The advantage of 1D over 1S is that it provides the opportunity of finding a 4-4 heart fit which will play better than a no-trump contract.

2. Open 1D. 1D is slightly better than 1H or 1C. Information about the diamond controls may be all that partner needs to steer the bidding a makeable 3 NT or 4H contract.

3. Open 1H and plan on rebidding 2D. If you open 1D and partner responds 1S or 1NT then you are forced to rebid 2D concealing your heart suit. A rebid of 2H might force partner to show a diamond preference at the three level. Your hand is not strong enough to do this.

4. Open 1D and rebid 2H. This order of bids for two adjacent suits is called "reversing the bidding". It shows the 5-4 distribution and a 16-18 point range.

5. Open 1NT. This is standard for a balanced hand with 16 to 18 high card points.

6. Open 1C and plan on rebidding 3NT. The main problem with a 1S opening bid is that there would be a greater chance that partner would respond 1NT, in which case the big hand would be exposed as dummy.

The winners of last week's Golf Club duplicate bridge were Ed and Agnes Johnson. The next duplicate bridge game will be held Tuesday, February 21st, 7:30 p.m. at the Golf Club. See you there.

Ellingham's Astrology

Week commencing February 13.

General Notes: Jupiter and Saturn now make diverse aspects to the Sun indicating a period of extreme mood changes. Happiness and optimism will be clouded unexpectedly by thoughts of limitations and loneliness. It's simply a low-energy week of emotional ups and downs when we should all stay in bed and enjoy our depressions in peace.

Those born around Feb. 16, May 18, Aug. 20 or Nov. 20 should not change their major life patterns at this time. Their present frustrations and delays should be tolerated philosophically.

Babies arriving this week will have a strong sense of duty. Some will be extremely moody while others will start to talk much later than expected. Many will be shy, sympathetic, and attracted to the unusual.

Sorry folks, but there's gloomy prognostications for all of us this week.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19)

Delays are inevitable so put aside work geared to long-range projects. Artists' enthusiasm drops to an all-time creative low. A social occasion with new personal contacts could be spoiled by a financial misunderstanding. A few of you now become involved in deceptive or secret love affairs. Watch out.

TAURUS (Arpil 20 - May 20)

Frustrations on the domestic front begin to hinder your personal advancement. Loved ones are awkward and refuse to understand that your lack of ambition is only temporary. Be prepared to form more worthwhile friendships.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

All forms of communication, from near and far, still do not bring the news you've been waiting for. Too bad. Meanwhile, avoid reacting drastically to an unexpected local message. Co-workers again find your viewpoints too unconventional. Superiors begin to react more kindly.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Your financial departments now show losses and disappointments. The answer is to take advantage of an approaching quiet weekend and reorganize personal money matters from scratch. A romantic involvement with an outsider will be tempting.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Try not to project your own frustrations onto loved ones. Remember that they, too, are experiencing an all-time emotional low. Unfortunately, you could be the underlying cause of their recent anxieties despite what they say.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Health and employment problems continue to drag you down. New work-scene routines will need clarification. The message isn't getting across. Improved relations with loved ones are now possible. Forgive and forget.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

The problem with flying high socially is having to float down and face harsh reality sooner than expected. Was it really worth it? Workers can now expect improved and happier employment conditions. Local Libran artists are probably in a creative slump and producing nothing. A few will quit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Don't waste time trying to promote recent achievements. Personal ambitions are subject to temporary delays and disappointments. Family members are cranky and irritable. Domestic life is unusually dreary but your social scene is due for a boost.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

At this time it's difficult to communicate your ideas. Avoid writing crucial letters or signing important documents. Mid-week short journeys will have disappointing outcomes. If possible, leave the phone off the hook on the 15th. Home life is about to become more pleasurable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

It's your own fault if you're still embedded in the financial affairs of other people. You were warned. Last chance to lock away items of sentimental value. Wallets, purses, cheque books, and keys go astray. Expect an increase in happy messages and rewarding short journeys.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

Your time in the limelight ends now. (Hope you enjoy it.) Meanwhile, because close associates are preparing to pile the work on your shoulders, you should stand up for your rights and refuse to be used. The urge to overspend will continue. Try to avoid that depressing person.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Venus in your sign for three weeks encourages you to improve your appearance and flaunt your popularity. Grab what you can. Others will find you more confident and sympathetic. Health and employment affairs continue to present minor frustrations.

Community essay contest

The Sunshine Coast Committee of the B.C. Council for Family is sponsoring a community-wide essay contest. Subject: Are Families Important?

The categories are: Student: Primary Grades 1 -3, Intermediate, Grades 4 - 7, Jr. Secondary, Grades 8 - 10, and Senior Secondary, Grades 11 - 12.

Open: Anyone on the Sunshine Coast, any age, may enter.

Time: Final entry date will be March 15, 1978.

Rules. Really, there are none. Essays may be in either English or French. There are no restrictions with regard to length. You may take any aspect of the subject and any point of view.

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The Fiction Shelf

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MURDER IN THE MAZE
by John Moore

There is another story they tell about Theseus. He had no fear of the labyrinth, though it was said that not even its own architect might escape from it. He knew the convoluted secret of the maze could be unravelled as easily as a ball of string. It was the thought of the minotaur that terrified him. The brutality and bloodthirstiness of the monster were legendary even in its own time, when the god's appetite for the ambrosia of human suffering was well known. Theseus dreaded the moment of confrontation with that awesome, irresistible divinity.

When they were cast into the labyrinth, he and his companions naturally became separated. Some despaired, threw themselves down and refused to stir, preferring to await their inevitable destruction rather than seek it. Others detached themselves from the group in order to avoid sharing in its collective fate, or to pursue some fruitless personal quest for an outlet from the maze. Theseus soon found himself alone in the oppressive silence.

He had expected to hear the screams of outraged maidens and the cries of murdered youth. Worst of all, he had expected to hear the ominous bellowings of the god itself, but he heard nothing. The silence was punctuated only by an occasional distant shriek of surprise as two of his fellow victims encountered one another at a turning and fled in opposite directions, each mistaking the other for the object of their mutual fear.

Puzzled, Theseus wandered for some time in the warren of the god. There was a faint smell in the air, the elusive mustiness of an abandoned cave, but he could not identify the odour. At last, as he entered one of the larger chambers that were fed by the network of narrow passages, he was forced to stop. The ball of string he had cleverly concealed in an unlikely orifice of his body and unravelled behind him like a patient spider had been played out to the end. He sat down on a pile of loose stones which had broken away from the ceiling of the chamber. He had noticed that there were heaps of rubble everywhere in the tunnels and alcoves. Mounds of crumbled masonry and splintered shoring had blocked some of the passages completely. The labyrinth was very dilapidated, but with the minotaur in residence evidently no repairs could be undertaken.

When the danger failed to immediately materialize, his fear gave way to the restless boredom that accompanies prolonged tension. He had fallen into an aimless reverie, a daydream, when he suddenly sensed that he was no longer alone. He realized that for some time he had been marginally aware of another deeper breathing in perfect rhythm with his own. Panic twisted in his stomach and pounded at his temples.

The minotaur stood at the mouth of a tunnel directly before him. In the faint light from the overhead shafts which cunningly ventilated the maze, Theseus saw the slightly stooped, still powerful body, surmounted by the horrible horned head in all its monstrous divinity. He wanted to run, to scream, to die, but his legs, throat, his whole being, refused to obey him.

The minotaur raised its gigantic hands. Theseus watched it come closer, watched it kneel, felt the huge arms encircle his neck. The minotaur slowly lowered its enormous head, as though to whisper some ultimate secret in Theseus' ear. Then, with a shudder, it began to weep abjectly on his shoulder.

How long they remained that way, Theseus could not recall. At some point the minotaur stopped crying and began to speak. At first Theseus could hardly credit the sounds for speech. Deformed, awkward with disuse, the tongue of the minotaur mangled the language of men as savagely as he had mutilated their bodies. Gradually Theseus was able to pick out a word here and a phrase there of the minotaur's tale.

The minotaur began by begging Theseus not to be afraid and cautioned him against any attempt to escape. He did not wish to have to kill him, he explained. That was the very reason he had come, resolved to kneel as a supplicant before the first of the intended victims he encountered. He then entered upon a long recitation of the unnatural circumstances of his conception, his accursed birth, and the miserable childhood he had spent in a dungeon nursery beneath the palace while the labyrinth was under construction. There followed an account of his bestial existence in the maze, driven by starvation to comb its endlessly meandering corridors in search of the sacrificial victims which provided his only sustenance.

He had never wanted to kill anyone, he told Theseus. He had forced himself, on many occasions, to refrain from slaughtering those unfortunates who were condemned to the labyrinth, but they had only died anyway of hunger or of fright. He had even tried time and again, he insisted, to approach his fellow prisoners in friendship, to reassure them, calm their fears, and make common cause with them, but always they had fled from him in horror. Was it not more merciful, he asked, to kill them quickly and spare them the agonies of starvation and terror? And was it not right, he demanded, that he himself should survive, he who was strong enough to endure and even, finally, to conquer the labyrinth?

In the darkness and loneliness of years he had conceived a plan. He realized that the labyrinth and its monster must have by now become infamous, a byword for cruelty and barbarity throughout the world. If people could comprehend the injustice of the sacrifice, could they not be moved by the injustice of his own incarceration? What was he but another innocent victim of the greeds and lusts of men and of the anger of the gods? All that was needed was the co-operation of one of his supposed victims to act as his spokesman and guarantor of his good intentions. Would Theseus help him? Surely he would. He must.

Through it all, Theseus neither spoke nor moved. The minotaur continued, now in a grateful tone, as though everything he wished for had been granted, explaining that he understood that there could never truly be a place for him in the society of men. He knew his deformity and reputation would always be horrible to many. Still, he supposed, it was not too much to ask that he be allowed to retire to a secluded spot, preferably somewhere near the sea, a hermitage in the sun, where he could watch the birds, listen to the waves, smell the grass, and live in peace; a place where he would never again know hunger and screams and darkness and dank unyielding stone. Perhaps Theseus would even visit him from time to time, bringing with him such companions as might not be frightened or revolted by his appearance, and they would walk over the hills and by the sea and share a cup of wine around a bright warm fire in the evening.

Theseus' perch on the pile of stones had become intolerably uncomfortable. He shifted his weight slightly, using his hands to steady himself. His fingers encountered a shard of flint as sharp and heavy as the head of an axe. For a moment he looked down at the bowed head resting gently on his shoulder, the nape of the neck exposed, and felt something like pity. Then his cry of triumph echoed through the labyrinth and out into the world.

CBC Radio

by Maryanne West

Playhouse, Thursday, 8:04 p.m. presents the first of a six-part adapation of Greene's thirties novel Stamboul Train. The fabled Orient Express rumbles across Europe from Ostend to Constantinople, the passengers caught up in politics, intrigue, murder and romance. The sound effects for this production were recorded last year on the last run of the famous train.

Sarah Bernhardt (1844-1923) one of the finest all-round actresses the world has known, a character larger than life is in the spotlight again in a radio documentary Sunday 4:05 p.m. If you enjoyed and were intrigued by the recent television portrayal of this amazing lady this program will bring added insight and understanding of the actress who was the toast of five continents. Everything about her was flamboyant, from her spectacular affairs to her habit of sleeping in her coffin, her headline escapades, her penchant for doing and saying exactly what she felt - and getting away with it all. The program sorts through all the legends to discover the little-known woman behind the impressive talent, the theatrical gestures, the egomania, the promiscuity, the insatiable urge to gobble life and with it all her art, her charm and wit.

Canada Watch, Saturday 7:05 p.m. studies Canada's relations with the U.S. Where is it leading us? What lies ahead for the auto-pact, the steel industry, resources and agriculture?

Ideas, Saturday 9:05 p.m. goes back to the ancient explorers of this continent, Lbyans, Phoencians, Egyptians and Celtiberians.

Wednesday February 15
Johnny Chase: 8:04 p.m. Science fiction thriller.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Music from the Court of Frederick the Great with Greta Kraus, harpsichord, Robert Aitkin flute.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Irish writer John Millington Synge.

Thursday February 16
Playhouse: 8:04 p.m. Stamboul Train by Graham Greene. Part I. Ostend to Colgne.
Jazz Radio-Canada: 8:30 p.m. Ron Collier and the Humber Extension, P. J. Perry Quintet.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. Lili Krause, piano. Somers, Mozart, Schubert.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Erskine Childers author of spy thriller The Riddle of the Sands.

Friday February 17
School Broadcast: 2:04 p.m. History of Music in Canada, Part III.
Country Road: 8:30 p.m. Gary Reid.
Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Julie Holtzman, piano. Leslie Maloway, Haydn, Faure, Berlioz.
Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Paddy Moloney, leader of the Chieftains

Saturday February 18
Update: 8:30 a.m. Roundup of B.C. happenings.
The House: 9:10 a.m. The week in parliament
Quirks and Quarks: 12:05 p.m. Science Magazine. David Suzuki.
Metropolitan Opera: 2:00 p.m. Eugene Onegin, Tchaikovsky.
Canada Watch: 7:05 p.m. Canada and the U.S. Who's in charge?
Ideas: 9:05 p.m. New Archeology and Ancient Settlers.
Anthology: 10:05 p.m. Five Canadian Poets. Short story by

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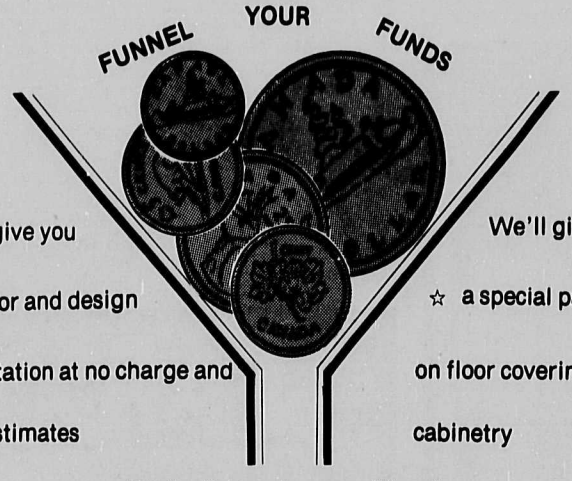

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INSURANCE CORPORATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ...Where the Driver Sets the Rates

From the Cab Stand

Being invited to write this column (which aspires to become a regular feature of the Coast News) was the high point of my day. By way of an explanation, a word or two about the vicissitudes of the cab-driver's life. In any business there are days when it not only doesn't pay, but its just plain dangerous to get out of bed: The heavens assume baleful configurations, promising thunder, lightning and rain, the morning paper leaves a blank where your horoscope should be, the cream curdles in your coffee, the toast burns. You don't have to know that it isn't your day. Unfortunately, most of these days don't announce themselves so dramatically and out you go into the world, blissfully unaware that you're walking under the ladder of life instead of climbing up it.

On the day in question, I arrived at Langdale after a smooth crossing, sustained by uncurdled coffee and unburned toast, and in good spirits, considering my catatonic tendencies in the early morning. I was picked up by Sun Dispatch owner, Murray Watson, who was going to drop me at my cab before heading up to Sechelt to attend the Industrial First Aid course that he, co-owner Neil McLardy, and driver Mike Standing are taking. Everything went according to plan until I tried to start the cab. Apparently sharing my aversion to early mornings, it declined to be aroused. Aware of its eccentric carb, we raised the hood, took off the air-cleaner, and tried again; at which point it spat fumes and a cupful of gas at Murray. (The automotive equivalent of "Not now, I've got a headache.") Pressed for time, I drove Murray to Sechelt in the other cab, dropped him at the Village Inn, where Neil and Mike were at breakfast, and headed back down the peninsula. Then I tried the radio. No response. It had worked perfectly minutes before and I was reasonably sure the dispatcher hadn't run off to join the circus in the interval. Paranoia set in. Science fiction stories about the revolt of the machines came to mind. I pulled into the office at Davis Bay and tinkered futilely with the coloured spaghetti under the dash. My knowledge of mechanics is haphazard, aquired in desperation. Electricity is something else. I feel like Edison if I can change a light bulb without having to rewire the whole house.

Realizing that I was the victim of a cosmic conspiracy, at this point I relaxed. I've driven taxis for two years, on and off; long enough to know that you can't let yourself get rattled. With a cup of coffee and an invocation to St. Christopher (retired, but still patron saint of hacks), I took off for Gibsons, clutching a list of trips and a lot of dimes for the phone, convinced that my heroic bearing in the face of misfortune would move even the gods to pity. Or, as the editor of the Coast News later counselled, "Despair is always premature." (I know a double-edged sword when I've been stabbed with one.) Still, things did improve. The editor accepted my offering and invited me to write this column. One of my passengers repaired my radio in ten seconds. (A blown fuse, 25¢.) Sun Dispatch owes Gambier Island resident John Lee a special vote of thanks. (He says we'll get the bill.) Everything was fine until I attempted to turn the car around on a narrow stretch of the highway just east of the Grantham's store. I backed into a gravelled pull-in and sank up to my gas tank in what proved to be an incredibly soft shoulder. After a brief interlude of wailing, gnashing teeth, hair-tearing and heaping curses on the car, the Department of Highways, and my own stupidity, (so much for heroic bearing), help appeared in the form of two men with a shovel who enthusiastically tried to dig me out. The attempt failed and I didn't get their names, but their assistance was much appreciated, as were the offers of help from numerous local motorists. A tow-truck eventually extricated me and, after a bit of shovel work restoring the ruts, I was on the road again, just in time to quit for the day. I'll be back at the wheel next week. Human beings are unique in their inability to learn from their mistakes. Experience may be the best teacher, but we, fortunately, are the worst students. That's my pearl of wisdom for this week.

Finally, I'd like to add a personal note of thanks. Some weeks ago I aquired a nasty case of food-poisoning. (Libel forbids me to say where.) Thinking I was over the worst of it, I boarded the Queen of New Westminster to go home. As it turned out, the worst was yet to come. In a cold sweat, shaking, and on the verge of passing out, I badly needed help. I lurched out of the head and lunged at the first gold-braid epaulet I saw. It belonged on the shoulder of Capt. Charles Strom. He helped me to a chair and quickly summoned the First Aid man, Keith Baker, and Chief Steward Joe Kampman. All three of them escorted me to the First Aid room where I was kept comfortable and stable for the remainder of the voyage. They also radioed ahead to enable my friend Karen to bring the car down to the ramp to pick me up. My legs weren't up to much and the Chief and First Aid man assisted me to the car. My thanks again to them all for making an unpleasant ordeal more bearable. From now on, I carry a lunch. Over and out.

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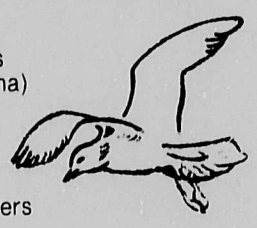

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Equus

HORSES AND THE LAW
by Trish Cramer B.H.A.I. and Debbie Rhodes

In our area, seldom a week goes by that someone's horse doesn't escape. Horses by nature are wanderers and are curious. We would like to enlighten our readers as to what to do if you should lose a horse, see a loose horse or have your property damaged by a horse.

First let us say that seldom will a horse be running at large with his owners permission. He is a loved and generally protected pet and his owner would be the first to be upset if he knew. So we would like Mr. John Q. Public to "Hold His Horses" before giving wrent to anger when inconvenienced by our "Galloping Gourmet".

If you have lost your horse, first check and see that he isn't right in your own front yard hiding behind the house or garage. When it is discerned that he is actually missing, call the RCMP and tell them you are aware he is at large so any calls they might get will be directed to you. Next gather a lead rope, halter and pail of grain and look for his tracks leading out of your yard. Horses will usually go to another horse or to graze so this is where you will generally find your horse. We have found horses that wander are usually hungry or lonely.

If you see a loose horse and have any experience with handling horses, and you are equipped with a rope you might try to walk up to the animal and capture it. Do not be sneaky, horses run at the first sign of "sneaky people". If you are driving and have to pass a horse on the road or roadside, do not, I repeat, do not use your horn as this can cause the horse to run right out on the road into oncoming traffic. Pass him slowly.

If your property is damaged by a horse, such as lawns chewed up, spetic tank caved in, or fences broken, treat this as you would a runaway car. Go to the owner, present your grievance and I almost guarantee the horse owner will clean up any problem, most carry insurance for just such occurances. Be calm, your anger will get you nothing.

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CBC Radio

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Jean-Guy Carrier. Politics. Jas Moreau, 1966.

The Hornby Collection: 11:05 p.m. Coastal Suite, poetry and fiction on a central theme.

Sunday February 19

CBC Stage: 1:05 p.m. Annabelle Alone, by Christopher Bidmead, a suspense thriller.

Signature: 4:05 p.m. Part I. The Divine Sarah Bernhardt. Part II. A sound view of old Japan.

Sympnony Hall: 7:05 p.m. Montreal Symphony Orchestra. Renee Morisset, Victor Bouchard, duo-pianists. Prevost, Bach, Webern, Mozart, Debussy.

Concern: 9:05 p.m. Christianity without Christ.

Monday February 20

Gold Rush: 8:30 p.m. Pied Pear live from Courtenay.

Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. CBC Vancouver Orchestra. Robert Silverman, piano. Kent, Baker, Ravel.

Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Irish film industry.

Tuesday February 21

Mostly Music: 10:20 p.m. National Arts Centre Orchestra. Harvey Phillips, tuba. Poulenc, Somers, Williams, Schumann.

Nightcap: 11:20 p.m. Barbara Lee Diamondstein, editor of Art Book.

CBC-FM Radio 105.7

Ideas: 8:04 Wednesday - Founding of the State of Isreal. Thursday - Society's Children, do you like your children? Friday - Interview with leading thinkers. Monday - Aging. Tuesday - Spy fiction.

Thursday: Signature 9:04 p.m. Part I. The Divine Sarah Bernhardt. Part II. Sounds of old Japan.

Friday: Radio International 9:04 p.m. Uncle David's Date by Ladislav Grosman.

Saturday: Audience, 9:05 p.m. Part I. Nationalism and the Canadian writer - an opinion by Michael Mercer. Part II. A West Coast Wessex by David Watmough. Part III. Jack Hodgins a self portrait.

Meditators

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They conceived a world which would become a unity in diversity. Ministry #4 was the Ministry of Education and Enlightenment and again we had a cabinet minister among us, name of Patty McLeish, wife of Doug.

One of the really important and busiest ministries was the fifth, we were informed. It is the Ministry of Celebration and Fulfillment. They have four seasonal celebrations and the ministry is a busy one because, they explained matter of factly, they have so much to celebrate.

Ministry #6 is the Ministry of Prosperity and Progress. Employers are finding that meditators are more productive, more proficient, and happy workers. Some large corporations are subsidizing their executives to counteract the stress of the executive suite.

Ministry of Information and Inspiration was the seventh ministry. It was pointed out that authorities had been in agreement for many years that man used only a small portion of his brain. Meditation, which is a very simple technique that a four year old can master, increases the utilization of the individual's potential but the public is largely uninformed about it, hence the seventh ministry.

Research and Development were the function of the eighth ministry, which sparkled with the title of the Ministry of All Possibilities. The ninth ministry was the Ministry for Capitals of the Age of Enlightenment.

Finally we had the tenth ministry which is the Ministry of Health and Immortality. They made the point that many people were coming to meditation on the advice of their doctors since the effect of the overall health of the individual was marked and definite. It was said that in a disease-free society the life span of the individual could be greatly increased.

So there we had it, a profile of the World Government in the Age of Enlightenment. What are we to make of it. It bears repeating that the four young people we met were impressive. It was refreshing to hear people speak with such hope and such positives about the future of our troubled species. The claims they make appear grandiose but they make them with a matter of factness and a very gentle strength that commands attention.

They explained to us the standardized procedure by which the technique of meditation is taught. Trower and I listened. What did we think of it all? Well the first thing that you have to do is attend an introductory lecture. There will be one in Room 111 in Elphinstone Secondary School at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 16th. Trower and I will be there.

Lottery

An incorrect lottery number in the $5,000 category was issued to the press, after last Wednesday's Western Express Draw.

The winning number should read 2069226, not 2069224, however there is a possibility that the lottery officials will decide to honour both numbers so it's worthwhile to take another look at your discarded tickets.

One of the other $5,000 tickets which came up (no mistake in this one) was won by Merrily Mulligan, the number was 34651054, congratulations.

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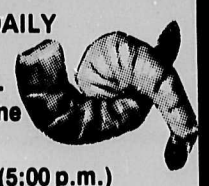

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SPORTS

Gerry Brown of the Crossbow Association explains some of the fine points to Ed Burritt while master bowman Robin Allen listens in. The scene was during the recent crossbow display in the Gibsons Mall.

strokers

by Dennis Gray

One day while trying to revive my car with a heart massage, a friend said, "Trouble with that car is you don't show it any love or affection. Volkswagens need tender words of encouragement." (Yeh. I've got some funny friends).

Now I might talk to myself, my dog or even my plants, but to a Volkswagen? As I recall it was the bug that got me talking to myself in the first place. However there is some truth in what he says. In the case of motorcycles, how they perform depends a good deal on how you treat them, how you treat them depends on how much you like them.

I think the first week or two on a new bike is very important. I call it the getting aquainted period and it is a mutual affair. Just as the rider has to adjust to the bike, so the bike has to adjust to the rider. You might not have too much confidence in the machine at first, but it probably wouldn't be impressed with your riding either. Normally the performance of both the machine and rider improve and a compatability or rapport builds up between them.

By this time a rider will know both his and the machines capability and hopefully will be happy to stay within them. If he exceeds them, the machine will ususally tell him. Also at this time a rider is apt to talk to and about his machine with affectionate words, like Yammie, Suzie, Elsie, Beezer, Triumph, Bull, Cow, Hog or Sled.

Unfortunately some people never seem happy with their bikes. Perhaps they are too good for them, perhaps not good enough. Perhaps they just don't like bikes. These people are easy to spot, their bikes are neglected, the chain is rusty, there are loose or broken spokes, things are falling off and its never been washed from the day they got it. They hammer it into gear with their boot, then cry the blues when the transmission fails. They jab and kick at the foot start and are furious when it breaks, on a larger bike it may just kick him back.

Believe me it is depressing to see a bike in this condition a few short weeks after selling it. Makes you wish there was a society for the prevention of cruelty to bikes.

If this sounds a little far out, my wife will probably agree with you, in fact she has made the comment, 'I think you love that damn bike more than me', that's not true of course, I mean bikes are great, but they can't cook.

Local rider Steve Hayward was presented with the Molson's series Senior Rider Award last Saturday night at the C.M.A. Annual Awards banquet. Congratulations Steve, hope to see you back on two wheels soon, till then keep on stroking.

On the rocks

by Pat Edwards

The Golden Broom Trophy, emblematic of challenge curling, went to the Canfor rinks last week in a bonspiel featuring the teachers and local merchants against rinks from Port Mellon. This new trophy, designed and cast by John Spence, promises to become one of the most prized trophies in our trophy case. Any group may challenge Canfor and the trophy will be on the block every six weeks during the curling season. The last challengers are already planning their strategy to take the broom from Canfor after losing by only three rocks in last week's classic.

If you have a group or club interested in playing for the Golden Broom, book your ice time with Gus, and be prepared for an evening of fun and friendly rivalry.

All attention is now focused on the open mixed bonspiel coming up this weekend. Local rinks will kick off this 40-rink event on Thursday evening, which carries on through Friday afternoon, followed by the presentation of over $1,000. in prizes.

Wanderers

Well, what can you say after you play your heart out and still end up on the short end. The Wanderers men's Soccer team played West Van Royals at Langdale Field this Sunday under ideal conditions only to come out with a 2-0 loss.

The spectators enjoyed the close checking game. Dan Weinhandl called Kevin Lee of the Royals "the fastest man on two legs." Jim Pierce said "it was a great game but our team left the middle open too often."

Wanderers coach, Terry Duffy, had high marks for Duncan Campbell and Nick Bergnach. Other comments were "you were equally matched but they took better advantage of the opportunities" and "we played well but let's face it, they were the better team today."

Goal scorers for the Royals were Adrian Cole and Scott Weston. Dave Power of the Royals gets a gold star for his 6th shutout in a row. The Royals, by the way, are a hot club after defeating Cliff Avenue of the second division 2-1 in recent Provincial Cup play.

Coach, John Fulker of the Royals, was impressed with the Wanderers' quick counter attacks and said the home team would have had some goals except for the system of defence used by the Royals. Other Wanderers who played well were Bjorn Bjornson, Gary Davies and Art Drew.

Juveniles, 8-10 years old, from Gibsons are having regular practices now on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. on Gibsons Elementary field. Roberts Creek juveniles are practicing Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Roberts Creek Elementary.

Penalty Shots: Wanderers' next game is on Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 at Langdale field against Labatts. Best wishes to the West Van Royals in their next provincial cup games. Gold Stars to all the great Wanderers fans who line the field two deep for this game and a special buss to Carol MacLeod.

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Strikes and spares

by Bud Mulcaster

We received the final standings for the Master-Instructor Tournament held in Nanaimo a couple of weeks ago and Dianne Fitchell came in fifth out of a field of 96 women, quite a feat considering the slowness of the tournament.

In the Classic League Henry Hinz had the top game with a 352 single and Freeman Reynolds rolled a 322 single, and 1045 for four.

In a rolloff for the Gibsons 'A' League, Art Holden rolled games of 294-331 and 291 for a three game total of 916, and in the Phuntastique League kept it up with a 340 single and 794 for three. Penny McClymont was top gun in the Wednesday Coffee League with a 327 single and 742 for three and Edna Bellerive, all rested from a holiday, came up with a 302 single in the Phuntastique League. Gwen McConnell bowled a 322 single in the Senior Y.B.C. League for the high game and David Atlee rolled 726 for high three.

Highest Totals: Classic: Gwen Edmonds 292-916, Ken Skytte 284-964, Henry Hinz 352-978, Freeman Reynolds 322-1045. **Tuesday Coffee:** Phyllis Hoops 256-635, Nora Solinsky 260-673. **Swingers:** Alice Smith 215-549, Jean Wyngaert 206-563, Hugh Inglis 236-605, Art Smith 242-631. **Gibsons 'A':** Nancy Carby 244-654, Kathy Clark 277-695, Mary Braun 299-698, Romy Talento 275-704, George Watt 282-726, Larry Braun 270-772, Art Holden 331-916. **Wednesday Coffee:** June Frandsen 244-672, Darlene Maxfield 245-690, Jane Coates 280-693, Penny McClymont 327-742. **Ball & Chain:** Diane Coates 234-637, Dianne Fitchell 231-656, Stan Turner 263-654, Brian Butcher 249-655, Ken Skytte 292-689, Freeman Reynolds 296-748. **Phuntastique:** Orbita delos Santos 242-658, Mavis Stanley 235-663, Edna Bellerive 302-690, Mel Buckmaster 253-687, Art Holden 340-794. **Legion:** Carole Skytte 254-709, Ken Skytte 243-676, Dan Weinhandl 250-682. **Y.B.C. Bantams:** Cindy Skytte 165-279, Arlene Mulcaster 155-298, Alan Jay 211-327, Ardan MacKenzie 234-378. **Seniors:** Colleen Bennett 244-624, Michele Solinsky 250-663, Gwen McConnell 322-693, David Atlee 259-726.

We had a problem getting Y.B.C. shirts this year so if any families have Y.B.C. shirts they are not using we will gladly take them off your hands.

Wilson Creek

Senior Citizen's Drop In: The Friday afternoon drop in is continuing at Wilson Creek Community hall. From 2 to 4 p.m., there is music, tea, and games. The Community Library is open at this time also. Why not come out, meet your friends, and relax with a cup of tea? Bridge players are especially needed at this drop-in, so if you play cards, come and join a foursome at the Community hall. Remember, that's Friday afternoons, 2 to 4. For more information, Call April Struthers, your community worker, at 885-5422.

Teen Girl's Yoga: Here's a chance to shape up and relax! Evans Hermon is holding Teen Girl's Yoga classes at the Wilson Creek Scout Hall, Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. All teenage girls are welcome. For more information, call the Fitness Service at 885-3611 or the community worker at 885-5422.

New Community Office: The Wilson Creek Community Centre Office is located in the Scout Hall at Wilson Creek, and is open between 8:00 and 4:30 Monday to Friday. The community worker, April Struthers, and Family Day Care Co-ordinator, Donna Shugar, and the Grant Co-ordinator, Marg Pearson, are available there during working hours. For information on any of the Wilson Creek programs or facilities, call the community office at the new phone number: 885-5422.

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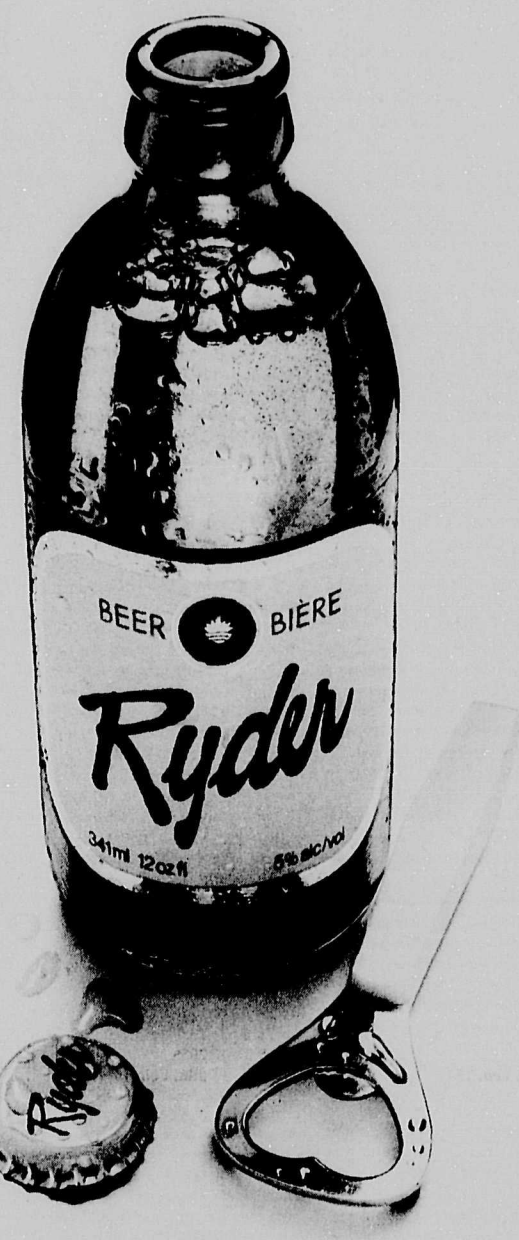

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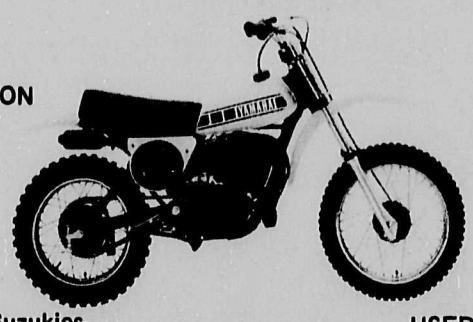

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SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS			
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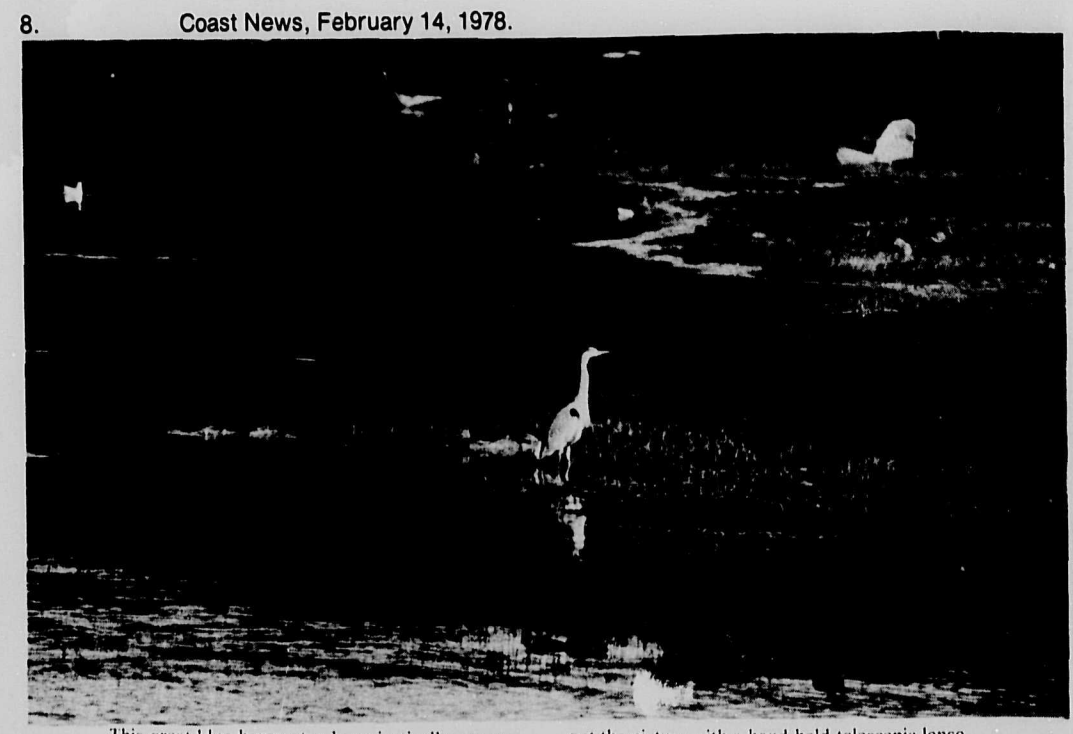

This great blue heron stands majestically among the lesser birds in Porpoise Bay. Ian Corrance got the picture with a hand held telescopic lense.

Look out, George! Here comes Fran!

by Frances A. Berger

The time has come, my conscience said,/ To think of many things;/ Of legs, and hips, and running laps. Of sneakers - "Keds" or "Kings"?/ And how I'll do as Mercury/ When my poor feet have no wings!

Alas and alack! Time presses his prodding thumb into my still tender rib, and with increasing urgency reminds me by longer days and balmier evenings that soon the Sun will have run his course through full twelve houses of the Zodiac, and will once more call upon the Ram to renew the cycle. And what is the particular significance of these celestial happenings in this, The Year of the Horse? Well, while the stars may reveal something quite unexpected as the time approaches, Fate has to now decree that this year shall come to me on April Fool's Day a great test of personal strength and stamina. For none other a person than George Matthews (yes, Fate's own Arrow Slinger!) has challenged me to test my mettle in a jog from Gibsons to Sechelt on that noteworthy day, a challenge naturally compounded in gravity by its frivolous timing!

And here am I, owning neither sneakers, nor gym suit, nor being a runner, faced with the dilemma of what to do about it.

Being by nature a procrastinator of the first degree, my reaction up to now whenever the thought of it has entered my head has been, "Ah yes, I'll have to think about that," and then I've promptly dismissed it from mind, to be dealt with "later". But there seems to be very little "later" left, so by a sheer act of will I shall now grab the bull of the dilemma by the horns, screw my courage to the sticking place, and **make the move**!

Be it hereby known that I am, from this day forth, 'in training'. And I need all the help I can get! Moral support, shouts of encouragement, and most of all, COMPANY. Beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, February 15th, I shall be found every weekday morning from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. pounding the turf in Hackett Park - and if you have ever even considered the possibility of MAYBE jogging, why not make this an opportunity to try it, and if necessary **force yourself** to come out and join me. While everyone will jog at his or her own pace (after we've done a few exercises to limber up), just being in the company of others will I'm sure make it more pleasant, and much easier to do regularly. The social aspect will be an added benefit to the physical reward for your efforts! To spice things up a bit, once we're able to go a few miles I hope to map out some routes so we can run to destinations and vary the scenery a little, rather than always just running laps in the park. Who knows, it may become a point of local interest to see if one can catch glimpses of the Sechelt Sneakers streaking by.

Aside from the benefits jogging will provide for your heart, lungs, legs, and general muscle tone, a word to anyone hoping to lose a few pounds. Obviously the exercise will help a great deal, but in addition I find and others have mentioned it too, that exercise definitely diminishes the appetite and with this in mind I have deliberately planned our jogging time for just before lunch. An additional "ayd" to help you eat less.

Just as I have a challenge before me, why not make this a personal challenge for yourself as well, and let this be an opportunity to rise to it. Give it a try, and as they say at the "Y", come out and "Run for your life!" Who knows, you may even find you like it.

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Kickapoo Joy Juice

by Klahowya

For those of you who haven't tasted Kickapoo Joy Juice here's a little background. Al Capp, the famous comic stripper, pun intended, had two endearing characters who batched up concoctions that included everything imaginable. Hairless Joe and his faithful Indian sidekick, *Lonesome Polecat*, dispensed their haircurling brews to fellow Dogpatchers. This column, with luck, will treat Sunshine Coasters to regular doses of Kickapoo Joy Juice.

Klahowya will be my pen name as I wouldn't want to be recognized as the originator of some of the "nuts, bolts and juices" that will appear here.

Ever hear of the Chinook language? It was the trading language of the North Pacific Indians. *Klahowya means hello* or goodbye. Other words and phrases you might find interesting are skookum, meaning strong and chuck, meaning river. Or, how about, muckamuck meaning to eat or mamook pukpuk meaning to fight with the fists. Siwash means Indian, tumtum is heart, heehee is laughter, Klaghanie the outdoors, potlatch means giving, Tilicum is people, and Tyee means chief.

With the coming of reservations in the 1850's the Chinook language died but for a few phrases. By the way, what would muckamuck up chuck mean?

Inflation - "In 1937 when I was working in Northern Alberta, I worked 10 hours a day, 6 days a week and earned $26.00 a month. Now we spend $26.00 a month on coffee alone!"

How to fight Hydro, lesson #1 - use less electricity.

Winter? - Hank Neufeld of Gower Point Road reports several sightings of robins and pussy willows in full bloom.

Absurdities - If you have any absurdities or any other "nut, bolt or juice" you would like to contribute to this column, send a note care of the Coast News addressed to Klahowya. For example, pennies are now absurd because they cost more to make than they are worth. Another absurdity is, and I quote from the Vancouver Sun of Saturday, January 28 in referring to the B.C.Railway "with its accumulated losses over the past 20 years totalling $257 million, and its present operations adding to the loss, the railway can never repay the debt."

Klahowya

Police

The trial of Sean McCord in the shooting death of Billy Black of Gibsons will begin on March 13th at the Vancouver Court House. It is scheduled to last two weeks.

Dog licences for the Regional District come due on March 31st, the fees re $3.00 for spayed and neutered dogs or those under eight pounds, and $8.00 for all others. A $2.00 penalty will be levied for those not licenced by this date.

On the 4th of this month the pool hall in Gibsons was broken into over $200 in household goods were taken from the living quarters.

Two thefts occurred at Port Mellon on February 6th, an inflatable life raft was taken from the mill, this is the second one stolen in the last four months. The Dillingham trailer on the mill site was also broken into, six new floater jackets and a quantity of used tools were taken.

A 1963 Austin was stolen from its parking spot on Marine Drive, Gibsons, the car was hotwired.

At Garden Bay thieves stole a quantity of alcohol and change valued at $80. The theft was reported on the 10th of February, however the residents had been on holiday for two weeks.

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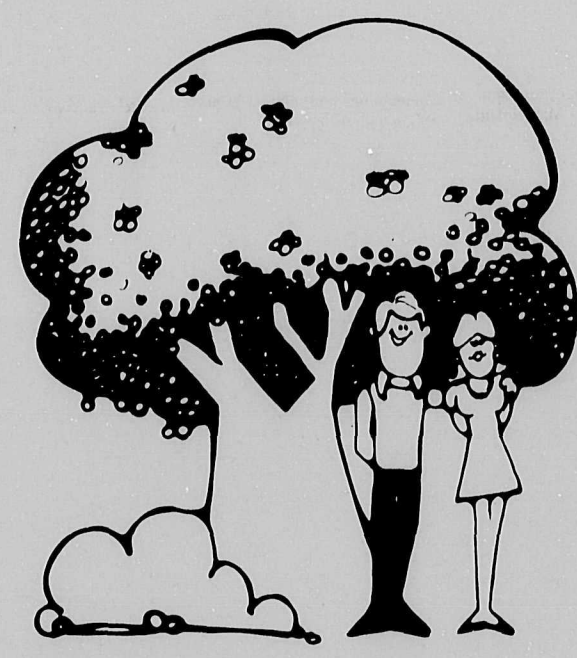

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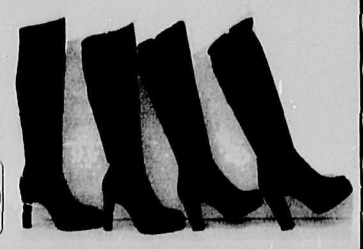

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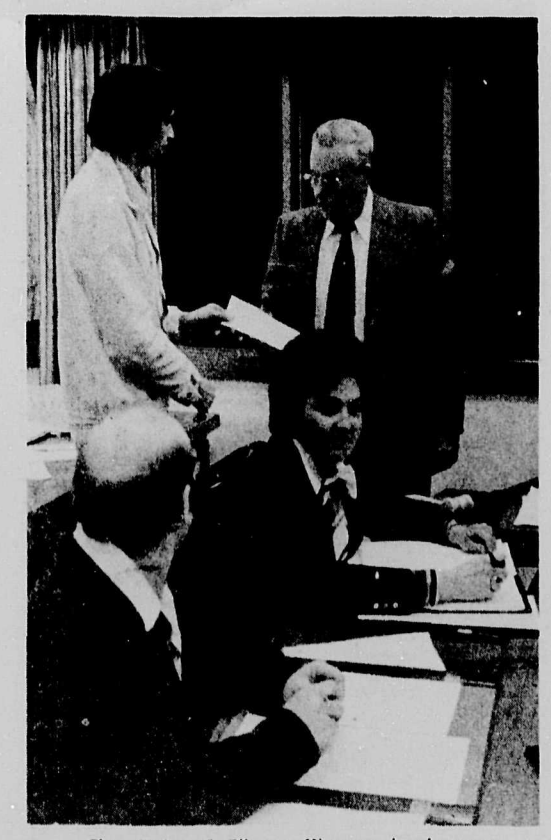

Clay Carby of Gibsons Kinsmen hands over a cheque for $4,000 to Mayor Lorne Blain of gibsons. The money was to go towards defraying the cost of the new Gibsons Swimming Pool.

Gibsons sewer report

by J.Marshall

At the January 16, 1978 Planning Committee meeting representation was made to Council by Mr. John Moore (planner and architect) agent for Mr. J.Deas, requesting that attention be directed to the provision of sewer service to his property on the bluff. At this meeting copies of our "Sewer and Water Extension By-Law No. 264" were made available to those in attendance and it was determined that an informal meeting be arranged for January 31, 1978 between the applicants and any interested property owners together with the Sewer Committee of Council.

On January 31, 1978 as Chairman of the Sewer Committee I was somewhat startled at the number of persons in attendance but never-the-less gratified to see such a large turn-out. It quickly became apparent that a few individuals have assumed that Council are commencing an immediate program to push the sewer through to service the bluff. I wish to take this opportunity to assure those persons that this is not the case. We are simply assessing the needs of the applicants which reflects on the needs of the bluff area and the community in total. The conclusion reached at the before-mentioned meeting was for the Sewer Committee to obtain engineering cost estimates for the servicing of the bluff area. We are now in receipt of one estimate from the firm Dayton & Knight Ltd. for a phased study with the first part costing $1,500.

Once a study is completed and the type of system together with cost estimates for same have been prepared then we will be in a position to invite input from the general public. It seems ludicrous to expect that we would or could examine implementing a sewerage scheme for the bluff without the initial engineering expertise required for such a specialized area.

I again assure all bluff property owners that all Council can do at this time is examine possible methods of servicing. Certainly when more data is available and cost estimates have been projected a public meeting will be held.

Token conservation

by Kevin Monahan
Lasqueti Island Steering Committee

To ensure that B. C. Hydro does not experience a complete financial disaster, it must do everything it can to encourage the consumption of electricity at a rate at least equal to predicted load in any given period of time. It also follows that it is not in the best interests of B. C. Hydro to do anything to reduce demand for power.

When questioned about the financial effect on Hydro, should the sales of power continue at the 1976 rate, (which was much lower than that forecast by Hydro) Mr. E. H. Martin of B.C. Hydro's Engineering group responded, "I think it would be disastrous."

The Office of Energy Conservation, Energy, Mines and Resources Canada, has stated, "The cost of reducing energy demand by increasting efficiency is much less than the cost of expanding electricity supply." and "With simple conservation measures we can hold growth rates well below a yearly 2% for the next 15 years or so and achieve zero or negative growth thereafter."

According to the OEC this would entail only technical fixes; measures that increase the social benefit of each unit of energy, but that use today's technologies, are now economic and do not significantly alter lifestyles.

Amory Lovins, advisor to the [illegible] Council of Canada, suggested that in Canada, by the year 2025 we may need only 50% to 80% of today's total energy demand, with almost twice the population.

According to the International Energy Agency, Canada uses the highest amount of energy per unit of output of any industrialized nation. This should be viewed as prividing us with a major potential for conservation and in doing so, improving our competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

Lester Brown, President of Worldwatch Institute says that the cheapest source of energy available today is that made available by conservation.

B. C. Hydro is not interested in initiating any significant conservation efforts. Their only token effort is in the form of loans to consumers to better insulate their homes and an ineffective program with industry. The householder loans are given at 10% interest. B. C. Hydro borrows this money at 9%.

At present, bulk industrial use of electricity accounts for one third of the power used in B. C. but generates only 13% of the revenues. A minimum user pays 5½¢ per kilowatt hour, a bulk user pays an average of 0.67¢. Mr. E. H. Martin explained that rates to bulk customers are set at a rate just low enough to persuade them not to go into their own generation. This self generation, however, would utilize wastes such as hog fuel, which previous to Hydro's preferential rates, were used to generate electricity.

A reversal of these rate structures would cause demand growth to drop by at least 2% yearly and greatly reduce B. C. Hydro's debt, without disrupting the economy of the province. Under these new rates consumers would pay rates which would reflect the real long term cost of power used.

Jack Davis has said, "The public's been spoiled. Energy and bare cost is a fantastic bargain. And it's been misused because it's underpriced."

If demand falls short of forecast (forecasts which Hydro is meeting with increased capital expenditures) the utility is left with unused resources which are very expensive to maintain. It must then increase its rates to its customers to make up the deficit. This is followed by even more reduced demand and thus more rate increases.

To avoid the trap of overcapacity of energy supply and the realted problems of overpricing of power, a serious energy conservation policy must be accompanied by reduced load forecasts and reduced capital expenditure.

B. C. Hydro has taken no significant steps towards a unified conservation policy, fearing that loss of revenue would result. Since in 1976 B. C. Hydro's borrowing exceeded its revenues, this would have significant effects under Hydro's present financial conditions. The instituting of rate reforms would accomplish two things.

1. Bulk users would be forced off the energy market and into self generation, using their own wastes.

2. Rate reform, coupled with a unified energy conservation program and reduction in forecasting and captial expenditure would provide enough revenue to significantly lower Hydro's debt, and also provide enough surplus energy to handle B. C.'s electrical energy needs for many years to come. This change-over could easily be instituted in steps to avoid the perils of immediate overcapacity caused by a drop in demand.

The first and most significant step, however, would be the reduction of capital expenditure on new projects.

B. C. Hydro refuses to take these significant steps.

Since B. C. Hydro is responsible for 69% of the Provincial debt while producing only 11% of the energy used in B. C. and since this debt will soon increase at a rate of one billion dollars a year (present debt is $4 billion) it is essential that the provincial government put a ceiling on B. C. Hydro's borrowing power and force the Authority to institute rate reform.

Enhancement

Fisheries Minister Romeo LeBlanc said that the B. C. community will have a major influence on the course of the Salmonid Enhancement Program.

After a meeting with Gorden Mackie, chairman, and Tom Murray, vice-chairman of the S.E.P. B. C. Task Group, on Thursday, the Minister reaffirmed his determination that the Federal-Provincial program to double production of salmon and trout over the next 15 years would be carried out in ways that will meet with the approval of the people of British Columbia.

"We want to be certain, as much as we can, that what we do in the enhancement program is of benefit to people, not just fish."

"That's why we set up a body like the B C. Task Group," Mr. LeBlanc said.

The B. C. Task Group, the Minister explained, acts in an advisory capacity to officials of the program, including the yet to be appointed Management Board. As the primary advisory body, the members will consider specific subjects at the request of program executive, will bring to the forefront areas of concern on their own initiative and will serve as a link with different communities and interest groups throughout the province.

The Group has representatives from sports and commercial fishermen's groups and from the fishing industry, but it also includes people from agriculture, mining, forestry, commerce, Native Indian groups, consumers, educators, and from other levels of government. Members are drawn from communities all over the province.

Changes

Sechelt council learned that the method whereby the representatives to the Regional Board are selected from the member villages may be changed in future elections. Clerk Tom Wood returned recently from a Union of B.C. Municipalities convention and informed council that a vote had been taken at the convention to return the right to the village councils to appoint from their elected ranks a representative to their regional boards.

The change will eliminate the situation which arose at the past municipal election in Sechelt where Henry Hall and Adrian Stott ran for the position of Regional Representative but were both defeated at the polls.

Playschool

Rumor has it that because the Jack and Jill playschool is changing location the Gibsons Tot Lot, which for the past few years has operated in conjunction with the Jack and Jill, will no longer be in operation. We would like to put an end to that rumor here and now. The Gibsons Tot Lot will continue to operate in its present location in the Gibsons United Church.

The Tot Lot is a cooperative playschool for children aged 1-4. It enables the youngsters as well as mothers to get out and socialize.

The mothers are working on obtaining equipment for the tots so anyone who has any toys that they no longer have any need of, give us a call.

Any mothers with preschool age children and would like more information on the group can call 886-7193

Weather

Precipitation in January, despite generally overcast skies, was lower than the 17-year average for the month. A total of 137.7 millimetres of combined snow and rain fell during the month as compared to the long term average of 178.3 millimetres. In January 1977 the precipitation totals came to only 88.4 millimetres but the big difference between this year and last year shows up in the amount of sunshine enjoyed. January last year had only nine days with some sunshine while this year Old Man Sun only managed to visit us on nine days during the month.

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Aero Club news

Mr. A. D. McPhee, retired Naval officer and ex-flat top flyer, now a resident of the Sunshine Coast, gave an interesting talk to members of the Elphinstone Aero Club last Wednesday evening, on the use of civilian aircraft in search and rescue operations in B. C. As local co-ordinator of the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP, for short) he outlined the training of pilots and the use of light aircraft where an emergency situation exists. They are trained to operate under a search master and in co-operation with the Military Search and Rescue units out of Comox.

There are six zones in B.C. with headquarters in Victoria. The Sunshine Coast unit will be in the Vancouver zone, with headquarters in Abbottsford, where a two-day training program will be held March 18th and 19th. Eighteen units will be competing, each unit made up of one aircraft, two pilots and two spotters. As units qualify under the PEP program, they will be registered with the Rescue Co-ordinating Centre under the Department of National Defence, as an "available unit".

When a unit is actually operating in an emergency situation, compensation, insurance and operating expenses will be covered under the PEP program. The training will cover search and rescue techniques, communication systems, how to function under a search master and in co-operation with search and rescue groups.

Of interest to boaters, PEP will function in marine emergency situations as well, using aircraft and C.B. radio to direct operations. Where no communications exist between boat and aircraft, a very important procedure for the boater to keep in mind is the following: When an aircraft circles a boat and crosses the bow three times, then flies on a direct heading away from the boat, it means he wants you to follow him to an emergency situation. When the emergency is over, he will make one pass across the stern and depart.

In the past year or so, a certain Campbell River doctor has been critical of search and rescue facilities in that area for a quick response to an emergency situation. As there will be a Vancouver Island zone with a unit operating in that area, the PEP program may be the answer.

Mr. McPhee made an excellent presentation and many of our members are signing up for the course. However, only one crew in four will be going to this competition from the Sunshine Coast, so proficiency in aviation skills will be the criteria. There will be other competitions later in the fall, so other aircraft owners with a select crew may enroll now. For more information call Arthur McPhee at 885-3540 or Carl Chrismas, Sec. Elphinstone Aero Club, 885-5200.

Circus

The Gibsons Kinsmen made application to the Council for permission to bring the Roy Wagoner Shows and the Carson and Barnes Circus to town this year.

the carnival is slated for April 10th and 11th, in the Sunnycrest Shopping Centre's parking lot, adjacent to the Elphinstone Highschool, and the circus for June 14th at Brothers Park.

Details are still to be worked out between the Kinsmen and the Gibsons Athletic Association, as the date of the circus will fall in the middle of the ball season, however *Haig Maxwell of the* Kinsmen is confident that arrangements can be made which will satisfy all concerned.

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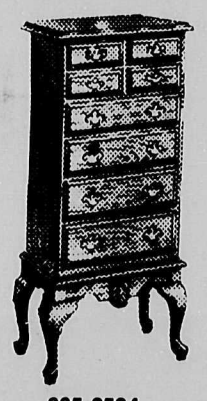

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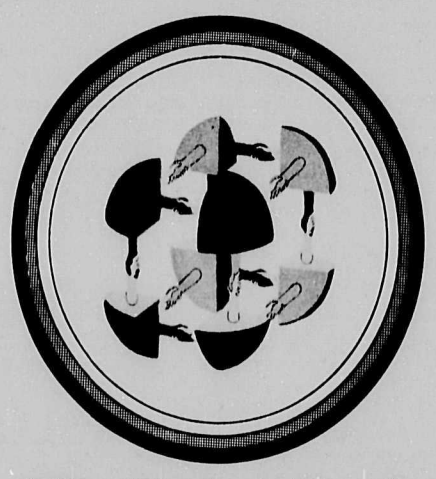

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The fine art of hitch-hiking

by Manuane Laplante

The Art of Hitch-hiking:

Not wishing to brag, I consider myself somewhat of an expert on hitch-hiking. It is an art that I practiced myself for over ten years quite regularly and it is also a modern human activity I wholeheartedly approve of, providing of course it is done well and with the right attitude. Even though my hitch-hiking days are pretty much over now, I am still involved in it simply by being on the other side of the fence as a driver. I have my hitch-hiking regulars as I was once myself some kind driver's regular (kids & groceries & bags & laundry & ....). It gives me pleasure to return a favour that was once given to me and that may be given again. It is in that spirit that I am about to draw a guideline to all hitch-hikers interested in the art of hitch-hiking.

One of the first things to realize as a hitch-hiker, is that by getting a ride, you are not getting what is due but a favour; you are requesting the driver of a vehicle to share the space of that vehicle, requesting that driver to interrupt his travels to pick you up and take responsibility for you for the duration of your ride.

There are many legal aspects to this but I won't get into them. That legal responsibility is the driver's choice and all you can do to help is to buckle up. The most important part of hitch-hiking happens before you actually get a ride. Where you place yourself on the highway is of utmost importance and will be instrumental in getting you a ride, or not. Place yourself where you can be seen clearly from quite a ways ahead and also where your prospective driver can make such a visual decision ahead of time and safely stop. Even if you have to walk a bit to find such a spot, and there are many, do it. After all, it is up to you to make it as easy as possible to a driver to get you that ride you need. I will never pick up a hitch-hiker who has placed himself or herself in an awkward area for me to stop; my duty is to other drivers first and that kind of thoughtlessness only makes me angry. Another little note on the waiting part of your operation, keep that arm and thumb up; no driver will ever come to a screeching halt to pick up a hitch-hiker who suddenly pulls out his thumb like a gun at your every-day mugging incident.

Two important legalities - the hitch-hiker must have both feet off the pavement when hitching and the driver must get all four wheels off the pavement when making the pick-up.

Once you get a ride, thank the driver for stopping, ask him or her where they are going and if they are going further than you, state simply where you would like them to drop you off. Don't feel obliged to carry on delightful and witty conversation either; a driver's attention should be on the road, not on your life's history. Don't smoke unless your driver does and ask him or her if you can anyway. When you are being let off, give your thanks.

So, that's all there is to it as far as hitch-hiking on the Sunshine Coast. One more thing, as much as a driver has no obligation to pick you up (forget the sour faces and the finger) you are under no obligation to accept a ride if you feel it may endanger you in anyway. It's a pretty hard thing to judge and to each his own criteria. Happy hitch-hiking to you thumbs!

The Yarn Barn in Sechelt is all but invisible behind dense smoke during last Saturday afternoon's fire. A Bruce Wilson photograph.

New Horizons

by Tom Walton

An executive meeting of the Elphinstone New Horizons was held on Thursday, January 26th with a near perfect attendance indicating that the flu bug has flown elsewhere and all is well. A Spring schedule was drawn up detailing the activities and special events so that we're off to the races again.

The birthday cake for January honored three members: Mrs. Gladys Ironside, Mrs. Olive Provencal, and Mr. Bill Fraser. We piped and sang them a "Happy Birthday" while the cake was sliced asunder, after which we had a good finger-licking time.

On January 30th Mr. Harry Gregory took the members on a "circle tour" starting in Ottawa and moving on to the Maritimes showing slides that produced spectacular colour schemes blending the red maples with other Autumn foliage. A hop and skip and we were in Paris, then Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany, Scotland and England. Another great leap forward and we landed in sunny California and came to a halt at the Porpoise Bay Campsite on the Sechelt Inlet. Thank you Harry and Mary Gregory for those beautiful pictures and your commentaries and the lovely trip we had - and all for free! Too bad other residents were not there to enjoy them too. This was followed by the usual activities with piano selections as a background.

Our doors are always open to welcome new faces. For the card sharks there are extra tables available for Whist, Crib, Bridge, Scrabble or what have you. We have the room and equipment for more square dancing and bowling teams. Make up your own teams if you wish, but come to the Roberts Creek Community Hall each Monday 1:30 p.m. for as the old song went, "Come Under the Old Umbrella, There's Room for All of You!

Gibsons Auxiliary

by Joan B. Rigby

Fourteen members of the Co-ordinating Council of the six auxiliaries to St. Mary's Hospital met in the hospital board room at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 31st for the annual meeting, followed by the regular monthly meeting. Officers were elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Olive Comyns presented the following slate of officers: Chairman, Miss Chris Ward, Vice-chairman Mrs. Billie Steele, Treasurer Mrs. Gerri Smith, Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Gill and Publicity Mrs. Joan Rigby. The presidents of the six auxiliaries gave their annual reports of work done, projects completed, services given in the hospital, funds raised and growth in membership. It was encouraging to hear of the enthusiasm and energy of each of the auxiliaries. We do need a Volunteer Director. We are encouraged to hear that two ladies are intersted in chairing the Candystripper service.

We were delighted to welcome several new members to the council: Mary Pellett, Sechelt; Mary Murray, Halfmoon Bay; Gladys Brown and Edna Johnson of Pender Harbour representing the Thrift Shop. Council is doing its level best to serve the six auxiliaries and the hospital, as co-ordinator, holding committee and liaison.

Sechelt Garden Club

by Jack MacLeod

The Sechelt Garden Club's 1978 inaugural meeting took place on Wednesday, February 8th. Miss Ena Harrold, life member of the club, conducted the ceremony that installed the following into office:

Frank Read Honorary President, Eric Huskins President, Alan Pollock Vice-President, Lou Wilson Secretary, Kay Bowden Treasurer, Bill Cormack Director, Nancy Read Director, Tam Johnson Director and Bulletin Editor, Hazel Craig Social Convenor, Janet Allan Programme, Audrey Johnson Librarian, Eric Wilson Show Manager, Sue Chenier Membership, Jack MacLeod Past President and Publicity.

One of the objectives of the club is to be of service to its members and to the community and we followed this aim by having one of our newest members, Mr. Tam Johnson of Gower Point speak on the topic: The necessity of good soil for a successful garden. Tam pointed out that the earth was once a mass of rock that began to break down by glacial action, water, wind, frost, oxidation, temperature changes, and the presence of fungi and bacteria. This was the start of soil. However, it was pointed out that good garden soil is made, not found, and that it does not maintain itself. Thus we are confronted with the terms of soil structure, humus, compost, fertilizer, leaching, nitrogen, trace elements, etc.

Mr. Johnson presented his material in such a manner that made it not only informative but very interesting.

No folks that's not the Cariboo! The little horse scratching through the snow for grazing and his ever-present canine friend were photographed last Friday in Halfmoon Bay when a freak snow storm dumped almost six inches of snow only in the Halfmoon Bay area.

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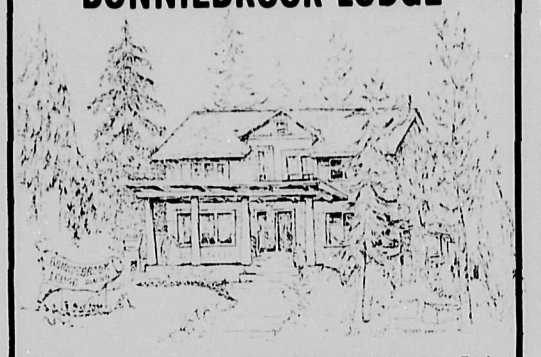

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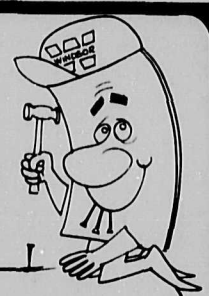

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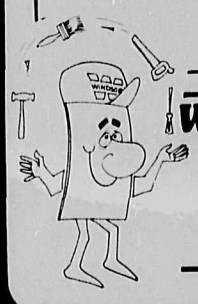

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Haddon, Jason Hugh, aged 9 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Haddon of Sechelt, passed away February 5th, Vancouver General Hospital. Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Brenda Mary, also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Haddon of Sechelt and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lynn of Sechelt, aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral service was held at Holy Family Church on Wednesday, the 8th. Rev. Nicholson officiated. Interment Seaview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jack Wasserman Tiny Tim Fund in care of Bank of Montreal or Bank of Commerce.

Carby: Passed away February 8, 1978, Ernest Clayton Carby, late of Sechelt, in his 69th year. Survived by his loving wife May, three sons, Everett, Clayton and Roy, three daughters Carolina Elder, Pamela Gregorchuk, Debra Carby, nine grandsons, two sisters, Vera Stuart and Kelly Stuart and one brother, Chet Carby. Service was held Saturday, February 11th at the Devlin Funeral Home, Gibsons. Rev. D. Brown officiated. Cremation.

Thompson: Passed away February 8, 1978, after a long illness with cancer. Sally Thompson, late of Gibsons, survived by three sisters, Oney DeCamp, Marie Scott, Aina Burns, sister-in-law Ann Burns and nephew Mike Jackson. Service was held Saturday, February 11th at the *Devlin Funeral Home, Gibsons.* Rev. Annette Reinhardt officated. Cremation. In lieu of flowers donations to the B.C. Cancer Foundation would be appreciated.

Nygren: Passed away February 12, 1978. Karl Erik Nygren, late of Gibsons, in his 87th year. Survived by three sons, Walter, Morris and Bob, all of Gibsons; *two daughters, Ruth McCulloch,* Victoria, Esther Wendell, Saskatchewan, seventeen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren. No service will be held. Cremation. Arrangements through Devlin Funeral Home.

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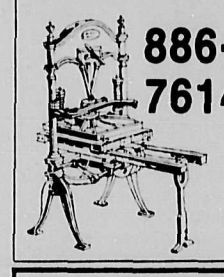

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ACREAGE

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Remembering Bea Davey

by Mary Cassin

I had a particular attachment for Bea Davey, partly on account of the fact she was the only person I have met since coming to Canada who actually knew and had stayed with my mother's family. Her husband was a dentist in Victoria at the time and made the acquaintance of my mother's eldest brother, Colonel Seymour Bagot. My grandmother had bought a ranch in B. C. and Uncle Seymour invited Bea to his mother's ranch to meet his people.

It was to be a short visit, however, since Bea had been used to a town house and servants. At the ranch she discovered that there was no inside plumbing and water had to be packed in. Bea had a small baby at the time and she found the dealing with diapers difficult in the circumstances.

Bea herself was to fall on hard times later when her husband died during the Depression. Just the same she said that the Depression years were among her happiest with people being so much more friendly and helpful towards each other. Bea said she learned a great deal during the hard years - even how to make her own soap.

Bea was always very fond of pets. As well as birds, she had a part Scottie called Suzie who could perform as well as a circus animal. Bea even taught Suzie how to dance. The little dog was her companion for years. Later there was a Siamese cat called Ming who used the toilet instead of a box. Bea also kept canaries and budgies until nearly the end of her life.

It was one of Bea's disappointments that none of her sons followed a profession like their father but the Depression and her husband's death made this impossible. "One had to eat," as she said so the sons went fishing and the youngest, Tommy, kept it up after the Depression years.

Years ago Bea told me of an incident which happened while she was still in Victoria. She was waiting for a bus with several coloured people and some of the whites waiting refused to get on with the coloureds, preferring to wait for the next bus. Bea, on the other hand, boarded the first bus. The second bus plunged through a bridge killing several people. Bea Davy owed her life to her non-prejudice.

She was a very talented woman. As well as being a very good musician she was also no

mean artist, winning several ribbons at exhibitions. I remember in particular one painting she did of a neighbour's dog which was most lifelike. There were also two water colours that I particularly admired. One of a storm and one of the famous Blue Mountains of Australia which I belived she did from a photograph.

Sometimes near the end of her life Bea got me to stay with her over night when she wasn't feeling very well. She suffered from insomnia and would get up frequently to make herself a cup of tea. I was often awakened by the strains of music and Bea would be at the piano when I arose. She had a nice touch at the keyboard and said that she used to have a good singing voice when she was young which I could well believe.

Needlework and cooking were also among her accomplishments. She made some of her own clothes and hats, upholstered her chesterfield and made her own curtains.

Bea's last day in Gibsons was on Mother's Day. I went over to see her and she showed me the presents her family had given her. I did not stay long as she was expecting company. She had the table laid and a nice meal ready. She had also borrowed an axe from her next door neighbour and made a fire in the fireplace.

The next morning when I called around there was no answer but as the door was open I went in. She was gone along with all her belongings, everything, even her two pets. The place was bare except for a straw hat and a wreath of flowers lying there on the table where she had left it.

It was, of course, inevitable. Her eyesight was failing and her health was poor. The effort she made on that last day she could not have sustained.

Bea Davie passed away in a home about a year ago but she lives on in my memory. She was a great lady.

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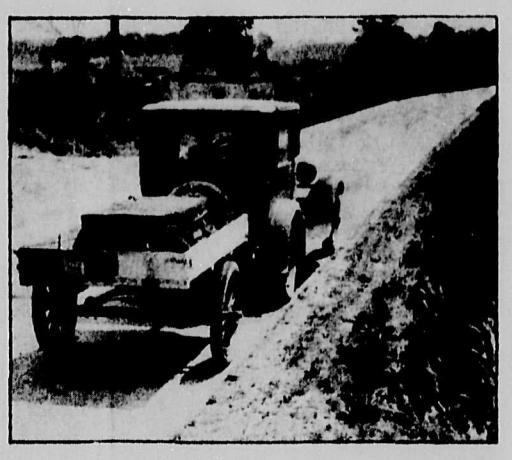

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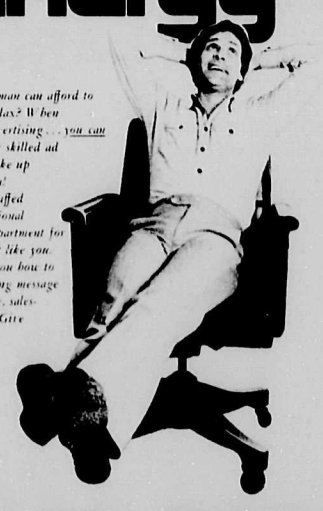

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Sechelt Tax Services 1977 tax notes

by Casey Brennan

Students and Senior Citizens

This week's article is an outline of the rules and regulations governing the tax treatment of students and senior citizens. If you have questions that are related, but do not seem to be answered, contact the Department of National Revenue office in Vancouver or Sechelt Tax Service.

There are three areas of tax interest to students: tuition fees, the education deduction and moving expenses. The most common deduction applicable to residents of the Sunshine Coast is for tuition fees paid to the Continuing Education Program offered in our local schools. The rules governing eligibility to claim the tuition deductable are as follows: First, that you be enrolled in a qualified educational institution (any type of course will qualify, day course, night course, summer, or correspondence): Second, that you have paid more than $25 in fees to one institution during a 12 month period commencing in the tax year for which you are filing: Thirdly, that you include the official receipts for fees paid as tuition with your tax return. Fees paid to a university outside Canada where you were a full-time student in a degree course lasting 13 weeks or more are also deductible. But, a completed form TL11A must accompany your return. Only the student may claim a deduction for fees paid as tuition, even though someone else may have paid them.

The second deduction claimable by a student is the Education Deduction of $50 per month, or part month, spent in attendance at a post-secondary school. This deduction, unlike the tuition deduction, is transferable to another individual, including spouses, if it is not needed to reduce the student's taxable income to zero. To qualify you must be a "full-time" student. Full-time in this case, means that you were in attendance for a period of three consecutive weeks or more, with a minimum of ten hours of course work per week. Students attending university, adult education courses, job retraining courses, or university outside of Canada may claim this deduction. Courses for which you have been reimbursed, or for which you were *paid to attend, do not qualify* you to take this deduction.

Moving expenses incurred by a full-time student who travelled from his location of education to find work, part-time or permanent, are deductible. Moving expenses incurred by the same student to return to school, or start attendance in a full-time institution, are not deductible.

Here is an example. John is a full-time student at Simon Fraser, attending from September 20th to June 10th. He paid $900 in tuition fees; he earned $3,500 in a summer job in Yellowknife, he paid $200 each way for his air fare to Yellowknife; he lived at home on weekends. He is allowed to deduct the $900 tuition paid from his income, $200 in travel expense, and $500 in Education Deduction. These deductions, combined with his personal exemptions, reduce John's income to a negative figure (approx. $370) which can be claimed by his parents, or any other supporting relative.

Here is another example. Bruce is taking an air brake course at Elphinstone. He pays $100 in fees for the course. The course lasts three weeks, eight hours of course work per week. He is only eligible to claim the tuition deduction for $100; he is not eligible to claim the $50 per month Education Deduction because the course was for eight hours per week instead of ten.

Senior Citizens, aside from the Age Exemption ($1420 in 1977), are liable to the same tax laws and regulations that affect the *rest of us. But, because in most* cases, their income is not as great as it once was, the percentage of income that senior citizens pay in tax is less. The Pension Income deduction allows the recipient to receive $1,000 of pension income tax free. The only provision to this deduction is that the pension funds do not come from the following sources: Old Age Security Pension, Guaranteed Income Supplements, Spouse's Allowance, Canada or Quebec Pension Plan payments, Retirement Allowances, Death Benefits, rolled-over pension payments, and Income Averaging Annuity Contract payments.

I have been asked on a number of occasions if retired persons must file a tax return. The answer is yes and no. Yes, if your gross income is greater than the total of your allowable exemptions and deductions. No, if you have no taxable income. If you wish to claim the B.C. Renter's Grant, you must file a return, even though you have no taxable income. If you choose not to file a return, be sure to save all of your tax information for each year that you do not file. The reason for this is that if in the future you are required to file because your income has increased (such as from the sale of securities or property) you might be asked to explain what you have been up to for the last few years. I personally recommend that you continue to file a return, if for no other reason than to keep Ottawa's computer happy.

Next week: Eligible Deductions transferred from Spouse

Perhaps one of the first violets of the springtime was photographed by Ian corrance in the Bay Area of Gibsons.

Wildlife corner

R.Allen

by Ian Corrance

Every so often in this column short anecdotes have appeared from E.R.East. They have been written with a kindly feeling and insight into the animals and peoples we share this planet with.

It is our loss that she has left Gibsons to be closer to her family in the Okanagan. I wish her health and happiness, and thank her for letting us share her good spirit.

Here is a poem of hers and a story which will give you an idea of what I mean. Thank you Miss East and God Bless.

Many years ago an elderly Scottish lady who lived on the western side of Okanagan Lake, came into the office where I worked to tell us of a recent adventure. There was very little level ground near her home, and she did a lot of walking on the mountain rising up from the Lake. One of her favorite spots was a rocky outcropping above the shore that gave a splendid view north, south, and across the water. One day as she stood, leaning on her stick, out of the corner of her eye she saw a movement beside her. Not knowing what might have come out of the bush, she turned her head very slowly, until she could see that beside her, so close that she could have touched him with her stick, stood a Mountain Sheep ram. he was a splendid animal with a full circle of horn, and stood gazing out over the water, while she stayed motionless with awe. She said he looked, as she did, southward down the Lake, then across to the opposite shore and the hills beyond. He took his time, apparently enjoying the view to the full, and then turned his head to look the northward stretch of water. As he did so, his eyes rested on her and he gave her a prolonged scrutiny, his gaze meeting hers for a brief moment, then he turned his attention back to the view with no further glance at her. When he had gazed long enough he turned his back on her and calmly walked back into the bush.

She said she realized that he had probably never encountered a human being before, but it was still a wonderful sensation to be accepted so matter-of-factly by a truly wild animal, and she felt honoured that he had shared his high place with her.

This incident seems to prove that wild animals have no innate antagonism toward man; it is our treatment and attitude toward them that creates fear and mistrust.

THE SURVIVOR

On the bank above the coulee sat a still and silent Indian
With a blanket curving warmly round his frail and ancient shoulders
while the ever-quavering aspen scattered flakes of golden sunlight
on his hair of black and silver.
From eye-sockets deeply shadowed eyes still black and bright with living
gazed upon the spreading wheatfields rolling far to the horizon -
saw the neat and tidy homesteads where the white man farmed the prairie.

As he gazed, the wheatfields vanished and he saw the endless grasslands
where the wind, forever moving, painted streaks of green and silver -
saw the flying clouds of springtime lay dark shapes upon the grasses -
heard the shouts of laughing children as they chased the flying shadows -
saw the pink of prairie roses - felt the grass caress his ankles.
Far away across the distance herds of buffalo were grazing,
drifting here and there in patches like a moving band of darkness.
Once again he crouched to watch them - smelt again their scent of cattle -
saw the breadth of massive shoulder and the shaggy head that lifted
while the bright eyes looked so keenly for the hidden foe that threatened -
heard again the muffled thunder of their feet as, set in motion
by the signals of their leaders, far away they ran, and vanished -
and he saw again the wheatfileds: heard the mutter of a tractor.

Gone forever were the grass'ands! Gone the buffalo and freedom!
From beneath his lowered eyelids came a tear that slowly trickled
down his seamed and furrowed cheekbone, while his throat was tight with sorrow
"Of Great Spirit, take me with them! Let me join the Spirit Riders!"
Still the ever-quavering aspen scattered flakes of golden sunlight
on his bowed and silent figure as he wept for days long vanished.

by E. R. East

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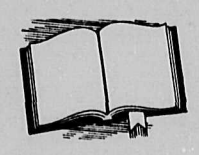

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Letter to Premier

Editor:

An open letter to Mr. William Bennett, Premier of B. C.

Re: The proposed 500 kilovolt power transmission line from Cheekeye substation to Dunsmuir substation, on Vancouver Island.

Dear Sir:

In Beak Consultants "Phase One, Volume One Report" regarding this transmission line, B. C. presents a load growth forecast for Vancouver Island which is the basis for the justification of the transmission line. This forecast is higher by up to 1.4% than the forecasts given out at the same time by B. C. Hydro's load forecasting engineers.

The forecast is based on population forecasts of 4% growth per year. The B. C. Energy Commission's forecasts are based on a 2.25% yearly increase. Census Canada shows an average 2.85% growth in the past ten years. All these figures are for Vancouver Island.

The forecast at 5.3% growth put out by B. C. Hydro's load forecasting engineers is not only based on a questionable 4% population forecast, but also on the assumption that 80% of new construction on Vancouver Island is being built with electric baseboard heating which has an extremely low second law efficiency, lower than is available through any other type of space heating.

Vancouver Island has a present peak load capability of 1625 megawatts. Present peak loads are about 1100 megawatts maximum. The new transmission lines will provide 2200 megawatts for a total of 3825 megawatts, almost 3½ times present peak load requirements. This is far in excess of even B. C. Hydro's inflated forecasts. Rate increases are sure to follow to pay for these transmission lines, since they will not begin to pay for themselves by supplying significant amounts of energy, for many years to come. The project is expected to cost up to half a billion dollars.

B. C. Hydro presently takes in less money in rates than it borrows to pay for new projects and to cover its losses. Thus, the Authority is unable to pay off, now, or as long as it continues to develop new projects, any of the principal of its loans.

45¢ of every dollar collected by B. C. Hydro in rates goes to pay interest on loans. In 1976 this interest was $152 million. B. C. Hydro is now in debt $4½ billion and yet by 1980, Hydro will be borrowing one billion dollars per year and by 1990, will have a debt of 12 to 17 billion dollars. Under the present policy of energy growth, B. C. Hydro will never be able to pay off a significant portion of its debt.

B. C. Hydro's debt to equity ratio is now 95 to 5. In other words, of all Hydro's assets, dams, transmission lines, substations, etc., B. C. Hydro owns only 5%, the other 95% being represented by loans still not paid off.

Any serious plan for widespread conservation must be accompanied by a reduction in load growth forecasts and a reduction in capital expenditure on new projects otherwise, overcapacity will result which must be paid for by rate increases.

B. C. Hydro shows no serious intention to conserve energy, beyond a few token programs, one of which is their loans to homeowners to upgrade home insulation. B. C. Hydro borrows this money at 9% and lends it at 10%, thereby making a profit on this program.

Bulk users of power in British Columbia account for one third of the electrical energy sold by B. C. Hydro, yet they pay only 13% of the total revenues, under Hydro's preferential rate structures. The average bulk user pays 0.67¢ per kilowatt hour; the minimum user pays 5½¢ for the same amount of power. On Vancouver Island, nine bulk users account for half the total power sold. If the new transmission line is being installed to provide power for new large scale industry (the only real reason I can see for the power line) then bulk use could account for 75% of the power use on the Island, and under present rate structures could pay as little as 30% of the revenue. Thus the remaining 25% of users, representing households, commercial and city lighting, would pay 70% or over two thirds of the total power bill for Vancouver Island.

F. H. Martin, Assistant General Manager of the Engineering Group, B. C. Hydro, has stated that rates to bulk customers are set at a figure just low enough to persuade them not to go into their own generation. This generation would utilize waste products now discarded, but which, before Hydro's preferential rate policy and the cheap massive availability of power, were used to generate power.

If B. C. Hydro reversed its rate structure, using marginal cost pricing, demand would fall, consumers would receive real monetary incentive to conserve power and the need for capital expenditures would be greatly reduced. Marginal cost pricing would reduce growth by at least 2½% yearly, reduce debt in 1990 by $2 to $5 billion, interest payments by 30% in 1990 and the average price to consumers by 6%. This would make a serious conservation policy practical without the associated problems of overcapacity and overpricing.

"The Office of Energy Conservation, Energy, Mines and Resources Canada has stated, "The cost of reducing energy demand by increasing efficiency is much less than the cost of expanding energy supply."

How long B. C. Hydro can continue with this self destructive policy is anyone's guess, but if it is allowed to continue, Hydro will bankrupt the Province of British Columbia. To whose advantage will this be? The same parties that profited from the bankruptcy of New York City, perhaps?

My concern is not just for the planned 500 kv transmission lines crossing the Gulf of Georgia: I am very concerned about B. C. Hydro's provincial policies, and, as a taxpayer, I am responsible for its debt. B. C. Hydro's present expansionist policies mean the unnecessary flooding of many of the fertile valleys of B. C. It is hard to believe that in 1955 Mr. Bonner made a statement reflecting just these concerns. Now he is Chairman of Hydro.

B. C. Hydro must be made responsible to an impartial government body such as the B. C. Energy Commission. The time to begin is now. At present the Environmental Land Use Committee is the only body required to approve the 500 kv transmission line, and only on environmental grounds. An impartial body must be required by the Cabinet to assess this and all other projects on the basis of all relevant factors, including B. C. Hydro's financial situation. The decisions of this body must be made binding on Hydro. B.C. Hydro must be required to demonstrate to the people of B. C. that this gre[illegible] plus of power is needed on [illegible]couver Island. If B. C. Hydro plans to build a nuclear or thermal generation facility on the Island and transmit the power through the 500 kv lines into the continental grid, then B. C. Hydro should say so and let the government and a public forum decide if this is desirable.

The residents of Lasqueti Island deman[illegible] that B. C. Hydro abandon its plans for the 500 kv transmission lines and all new construction until a Royal Commission of Enquiry or some such body establishes a need for the project.

Kevin Monahan
Lasqueti Island, B.C.

Herbicides

Editor:

In the recent information meeting on Lasqueti Island regarding the B.C. Hydro's proposed 500 KV transmission line from Cheekye, near Squamish, to Dunsmuir on Vancouver Island, there were many questions left unanswered.

In the instance of questions regarding the safety of Hydro's herbicide program, it became clear that although the personnel attending the meeting were equipped to justify the economy of herbicide use, none were qualified to substantiate Hydro's claim made in their brochure: Regulations governing Hydro's use of herbicides, that we can literally bathe in 2,4-D without "apparent" effect.

I suggest B.C. Hydro send a qualified biologist to any future public meeting if for no other reason than to begin to gain the trust of a public that on its own initiative, becomes more informed each day.

In the instance of questions relating to the safety of exposure to the electric and magnetic fields which accompany high-voltage transmissions, perhaps the most important question of all was answered incompletely. The question was: "Does B.C. Hydro have any data **conclusively** showing that exposure to these fields does **not** lead to an increased incidence of tumours, malignancies, altered growth rates; that this exposure will **not** affect our biochemical, physiological, and intellectual functioning?"

Much of the research gathered by Lasqueti islanders showing the significant possibility of these effects occurring, came from the testimony of Dr. Andrew Marino, a bio-physicist, at New York State Public Service Commission Public Hearing on the transmission proposed by the New York State Power Authority. On hearing the source of our information, Mr. Billy Ellis, a project planning engineer for B.C. Hydro, proceeded to dispute Dr. Marino's findings, and stated that from his own personal reading on the matter, he could find no significant threat to our health. Due to my own inexperience in public meeting procedures, two very important facts failed to come to light.

These are: 1) Dr. Marino in his testimony, brought forward not only his own research findings, but those of over sixty respected scientists, all showing incidence of biological effects from exposure to these fields.

2) The New York State Public Service Commission found these reports to be of sufficient significance to write new rules for high-voltage line construction. Some of these are: a) clearance over highways must be increased. b) rights-of-ways near housing must be increased by two-hundred feet. c) Utilities must launch education campaigns to warn residents of hazards.

The original question was not answered, as it must be before the public can permit construction of this line. Until answered, there is a moratorium on the Bruce-Milton transmission line in Ontario. Until answered, along with ecological questions, there is a moratorium on a major power project in Saskatchewan. The burden must be upon B.C. Hydro to prove this line safe, the public through its elected representatives must be the final judge.

Finally, the most significant moment of this two-day meeting, Mr. Charles Nash, executive assistant to Chairman Bonner, after lengthy attempts to clarify our apparent "misunderstanding" of the planning process; and after stating most specifically, that no decision could be made on the "preferred corridor" for the Georgia Strait section of the line, until Beak Consultants had completed their study, and the public and pertinent levels of government had been consulted, publically admitted that Lasqueti Island is indeed the "preferred route"!

All our fears were confirmed. It appears that B.C. Hydro does not have democracy on its side, it has power. It is time for governmental pressure to be applied on this most myopic of giants!

Thank you for listening, yours for our fragile earth.

Tom Carter
Gen. Del.
Lasqueti Island

Finances

The Honourable J. Davis,
Minister of Energy, Transport and Communications,
Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

Dear Mr. Davis:

B. C. Hydro is a provincial crown corporation, therefore accountable to the government of British Columbia, therefore accountable to all the citizens of British Columbia.

I listened to Mr. W. R. Bennett's speech January 26th. He said that government should cut down government spending.

January 21st I attended a meeting in Madeira Park re the proposal of two 500 kilovolt transmission lines from Cheekye to a substation on Vancouver Island; the cost to be between 351 million dollars and 500 million dollars. According to a B. C. Hydro representative, Mr. Ellis, this power is not necessary on Vancouver Island at this time.

Environmentally these lines will cause irreparable damage along their route. However, the main concern of this letter is finances.

I ask you simply, "Why is the government of British Columbia allowing Mr. Bonner and B. C. Hydro the privilege of spending our tax dollars when Mr. Bennett is advocating restraint?"

Your reply is awaited and will be appreciated.

Barbara Brodeur
R. R. #1, Madeira Park

Highlanders

Editor:

The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada with headquarters in Vancouver will be celebrating its 200th birthday May 12, 13, and 14 in the coast city.

Ex-Seaforths throughout the province are cordially invited to attend the activities at the Seaforth Armoury at 1620 Burrard. There will be a special church parade on Sunday, May 14.

The Vancouver regiment was among the first Commonwealth troops to land in England and left B.C. in December, 1939. It saw action in Sicily, Italy, France, Holland and Germany.

Dan Murray

Saskatchewan Women's workshop

Editor:

In reading your January 24th issue I was pleased with your coverage of B. C. Hydro meeting and John Hind-Smith's letter concerning the matter.

In another letter concerning the Sun Life pullout from Quebec, Harry Olaussen's mention of Mr. Sinclair, Trudeau's father-in-law, who is a director of Sun Life. Very interesting when one learns a fact about Sun Life.

The two major underwriters of insurance in South Africa are Sun Life Insurance and Manufacturers of Life Insurance, the former totalling $30 million. With the prevalence of high interest rates in South Africa, the insurance companies have taken advantage of investing debentures, linking them closer to profit off the labor market.

Canada's token embargo on South Africa might be better served if companies like Sun Life were shipped off to South Africa. Policy holders might then more fully realize the **real** policies of such conglomerates.

While on the subject of repression, would be greatly relieved if you would do just such when reviewing your cartoon submissions! I refer to January 17th issue regarding the B. C. Telworker. Sick! Sick! Sick!

The Peninsula Times January 25th cartoon reveals a much pleasanter approach to humorous comment.

Pero Dawe
Box 26,
Garden Bay, B.C.

Varied

Editor:

Would you be so courteous as to carry the following information in our paper for the information of former residents of Saskatchewan and parishioners of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Regina.

I have been commissioned to write a History of Saskatchewan for our province's 75th anniversary, 1980. I would welcome word from former Saskatchewan people on reminiscences, diaries, local histories, records that might add further to our knowledge of the province. I am particularly interested in pioneer reminiscences and printed material on cities, towns and villages in Saskatchewan. If anyone should have material which might be valuable for the history, I ask that I be informed.

This year is the 25th anniversary of St. Luke's Anglican Church and former parishioners of St. Luke's are specially welcomed back to Regina during this anniversary year. There will be a number of special events to mark the anniversary. If you would like further information, kindly write to 25th Anniversary Committee, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Montague St. and Argyle Rd., Regina, S4S 2B5.

John H. Archer
President Emeritus,
University of Regina

Women of all ages are invited to spend Friday night and all day Saturday relaxing and replentishing their energy with other women at a workshop planned especially for them. Co-sponsored by the Centre for Continuing Education and the Fitness Service, this workshop will explore and celebrate female consciousness, using movement, sound, meditation, fantasy sharing, and massage.

Leading the workshop will be Annie Robbins, who with her husband, John, founded the Rising Spirit Centre on Salt Spring Island. Annie has studied intensively with Anna Halprin and the San Francisco Dancer Workshop, and is working with the conscious movement as a way of to self-discovery, self expression and healing.

The workshop will be Friday February 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday February 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the kindergarten room of Roberts Creek Elementary School. The fee is $20.00 and participants will be asked to contribute [illegible] at meals. Physical fitness is essential, and interested people are asked to call the Fitness Service at 885-3611.

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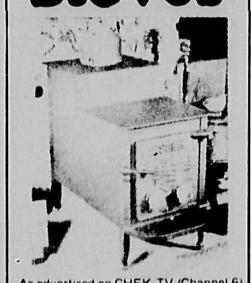
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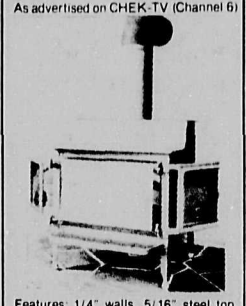
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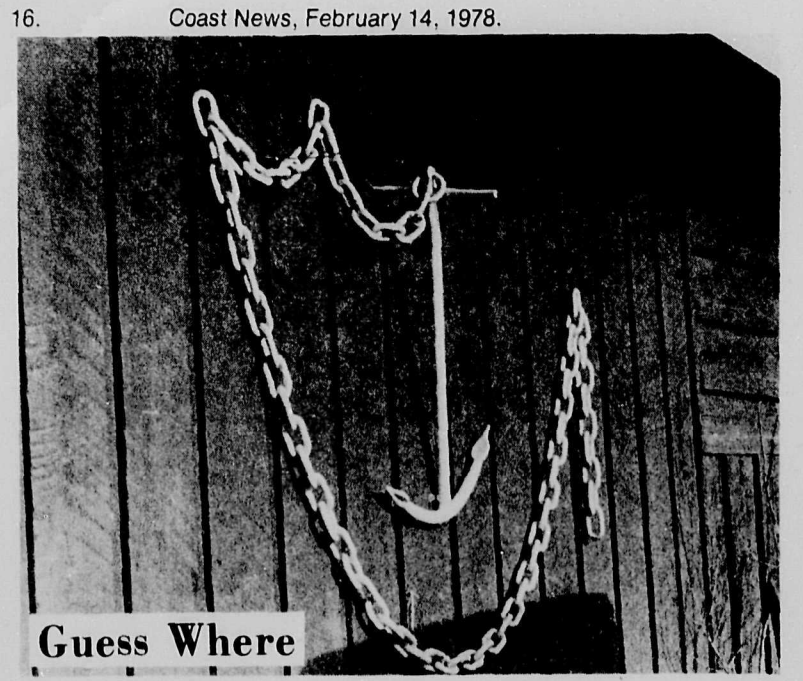

Guess Where

The usual prize of $5.00 is offered for the correct location of the above. Send your entries to the Coast News, Box 460, Gibsons. Last week's winner was Dorothy Silvey of Egmont who correctly identified and located the rock that stands in the grounds of the School.

Freethinkers Pulpit

by Andy Randall

To continue where I left off last week on the subject of *phenomenal happenings* that point to a far stronger hope in a life after this one, I admire those of the clergy who have joined scientists and scholars in the new field of research related to such findings I itemized then for you. If you haven't read the "Pulpit" lately, then please do not challenge my statements this week for you would *only prove that your tight little* mind is not flexible enough for your pious rebuttal of same.

First off, you will have decided that I am "lit up" with the idea of our survival after death. And, you are right. Only a clod would dismiss the idea as something created out of an opium-smoker's dream. I am no clod, and I take no drugs. So the stage is set for my conclusions regarding the material that has *been uppermost in my mind this* past few weeks.

I am among those who, though with an open mind, do believe in a life after death, and replace a formal religion with an informal one, replace a dogma I find outmoded, and not borne out by the facts as I and others know them, with a flexible, seemingly sensible system to which I can relate with enthusiasm.

One of the high-lights I saw *in the evidences given by those* who had gone over the fringe of that "other side" while clinically dead, was the constant mention of a beautiful dimension with its trees, light, flowers, and happy people; even relatives and friends. Never a mention of a hell such as we've been led to understand, and far too often and too long been schooled to fear above all things. Though, it may be that some sort of hell *exists for those who made life* too miserable for children, and adults here on earth.

This is not from the top of my head, but from descriptions given in the testimonies told by those who had been temporary "Blithe Spirits" in that other dimension we sometimes refer to that "home in the sky". They say there are those who are not exactly ready to leave first base, and until they can sort themselves *out may just stay there a long* time, while others go forward in progressive stages. Interesting too, that there is a schooling to go through for those who may have not cottoned on to the scheme of things, both down here, and are still a wee bit balky about accepting new concepts when they land their spirit body up in that "New Jerusalem".

There is little doubt, if we can *depend on that great cloud of* witnesses from the spiritualistic medium claims, and those of the lucky ones who have just made it back from yon place, that there are going to be "some very strange faces in heaven". People from every colour, creed and disposition may say "hello" to you when you make that giant step across the Great Divide. V.I.P.'s *in the church hierachy might* find to their dismay that indeed, *"The First shall be last, and* the Last First." In other words, all who have staked their claims to their homesteads in the sky might find Peter, or some other member of the board of directors up there have given those homestead rights to others not listed down here as being among "the saved".

This idea of a more tolerant moral code, and of a broader sense of what is spiritually required *both here and up there has* met the charge of "selling of *cheap grace*". On the other hand, those of the clergy who have said this are perhaps far more guilty of preaching and advocating the "pure and undefiled" order of those who follow Billy Graham's idea of heavenly grace, in which he lays down as absolute truth that "only those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ will get to heaven". Does he really believe that? Or because it is written in *scriptures he must* appear to believe it? By taking a broader view of Christ's teaching it will be seen that many more will land on the other side than just Billy's exlusive club of Christians.

I have long argued that there are no absolutes, though church doctrine has long taught them, that stand in the way of any*one reaching out to God they* feel, or sense, or hope, can help *them. That the* Bible says it is so, does not make it **absolutely** so, for there are other factors that work in this life of ours that should be taken into consideration. Some of these factors are in essence those I have written about these last few weeks, meaning evidence of communication, and reported knowledge of a **life after this life** by *so many witnesses.*

Mind you, I have to be fair. There are plenty of sensible, and outreaching ministers of religion who welcome any reported evidence of definite experiences "in the twilight zone" by people who came back from clinical death conditions; and of others who have been privileged to see, sometimes to meet, someone from the land of no return. When I write of the church I *can the church politic, the world* church with its antedated rules, *doctrines, and dogmas.*

Let us go back to the overall picture of what can be expected when we go from here to THERE. Among the hundreds of stories of experiences such as I have described in the briefest manner possible, one thing stands out. These are a mixed bag of people who relate the stories. They are not just Christians, in the church *sense. Some are, but so many* are just run-of-the-mill ordinary you's and I's. Some are met with a great beam of light and a voice. Others, possibly because they are Christian oriented "recognize" the white light as Christ. Most are told to "go back" that there was unfinished, and, good work to be done. And it seems each one set about being a better person, such as being more giving to others, *loved ones and most everybody.* Maybe we all need that experience.

Harmony Hall

by Helen Raby

Our regular meeting was held on February 6th in Harmony Hall, and we had a good attendance. We welcomed four new members, but one of our staunchest members was missing. The late *Ellen Warwick will be* sadly missed, we all feel the poorer for her passing.

A Valentine dinner under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion will be the big event for this month, and one we all eagerly look forward to.

A trip to Reno is being planned for April 8th. All interested persons should please contact Vi Lynds for further details. Her *telephone number is 886-7428.*

Committee reports were en*thusiastically received. A month*ly Fun Night has been added to our activities; the first one will be on February 17th at 8:00 p.m., admission 50¢. Our Spring Tea is set for Saturday, April 29th.

Next meeting will be on March 6th when the guest speaker will be Mrs. Louise Hume, representing the Department of Human Resources, Senior Division, so Come One, come All to Harmony *Hall. We have Ping Pong,* maybe a Singalong. Games as *well as tales to tell.* Films of far-off places. Cards from Two's to Ace's. Music from a player makes life gayer. A billiard table for those able. Books to thumb through old and new. Carpet bowling, five-pins rolling. Some Bingo too we have for you. Friendship, a Cup of Tea, (forget that T.V.). Transportation we have not got. But have lots of *spaces in our lot. Drive over* for a Jaunt. And take what ever pleasure you want.

Pender Ratepayers

by Pender Harbour & District Ratepayers' Association Publicity Committee.

One More Word About that Water System.

This week we will begin by taking exception to something that appeared in this paper last week, on the front page and in *the editorial.*

Discussing the Regional Board's controversial waterworks project at the head of Pender Harbour, which had just officially been cancelled, it was reported, "Some light was shed on the controversy concerning the provision of water for the Wise subdivision and the Pender Harbour Secondary School. It appears that in one important aspect the Regional Board was correct in that *they had been informed the sub*division in question was outside the South Pender Harbour Waterworks District." The article then quoted from a letter written by S.P.W.D. secretary Doug Orr saying that the Wise subdivision was not in the district. The letter had been handed out to the press by Regional District Works Superintendent Gordon Dixon, presumably to show it wasn't his fault the Regional *District was caught trespassing* in South Pender territory. What Dixon failed to explain was (a) the letter was not sent to him but to Mr. Wise, (b) Dixon hadn't seen it until two days before he gave it to the press, well after the controversy had blown up, and (c) Dixon had already admitted to an APC meeting in Area 'A' January 25 *that he had never exchanged* any letters with the South Pen*der District "and probably should* have."

The letter was a mistake on Orr's part but it was not a mistake which had any bearing on the Regional District's decision to become involved with Wise, a decision made long before the District was aware of the letter. The Coast News probably can't be blamed for being misled by the letter, since it was apparently Dixon's intent to do so, but the *move has caused undeserved em*barrassment to Mr. Orr and deserves clearing up.

The Coast News editorial in the same issue, making light of "the dreadful conspiracy to infiltrate Pender Harbour with water" and suggesting the residents of that bushy area may be a trifle paranoid, probably needs no further comment. Given the facts above, can it be said that there is no foundation to suspicions in the area that the Regional District was being a little less than straightforward with it on the water issue?

MP's Pensions Scandalous

Where there's a point to be made, there's not a better man *to make it than Vancouver* Alderman Harry Rankin. And *the slightly scandalous scam our* federal members of parliament have worked themselves in the form of a pension plan is something that hasn't been made a point of nearly enough. Take it away, Harry.

"Any MP who quits or is defeated after being a member for six years immediately gets a *life* pension starting at $4,700 a year. *After ten years as an MP the* **starting** annual pension is $7,800, and if he has been a cabinet minister, then after 14 years as an MP he will begin with $15,000 to $16,000 a year. But that's not all.

"The Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act also provides that when the retired member (whether he retires voluntarily or is retired by the electorate) reaches the age of *60, a COLA (cost-of-living)* clause goes into effect. And it's a real nice COLA clause too. It doesn't only provide that his pension will go up in accordance with the cost-of-living increase after he reaches age 60; it provides that his pension will be boosted to make up for all the increases in the cost of living from the time he retired until he reached age 60.

"If, for example, he retired *at age 46 after 14 years as an* MP and cabinet minister, and if the inflation rate should average seven percent a year, his pension at age 60 would be $40,600 a year and at 70 would be $79,890.

"If the rate of inflation would average 10 percent and that is also a distinct possibility, his pension at age 60 would be over $62,000.

"*That's STILL not all!*

"His medicare payments will *also be taken care of for life.* The plan is contributed to jointly by the member and the federal budget. But of course it doesn't pay for itself. The deficits for these huge pensions come out of the federal treasury.

"Compare that to what our senior citizens get.

"On reaching age 65 - not 60 - they get (at present rates) $153.43 or $1,841.16 a year. They have *no built in COLA clause - they* are dependent on the "generosity" of the federal cabinet for any increases to meet the cost of living. The last increase was 10¢ a day!

"The Canada Pension Plan pays a maximum pension of $194.44 a month (at current rates) or $2,333.28 a year. Many do not get the maximum and *many (housewives, for example)* do not get any Canada Pension Plan at all.

"Some unions have been able to win - after years of struggle - a pension plan of a few hundred dollars a month for members who retire at age 65. But only a third of Canadian workers belong to unions and many have not yet won pension plans.

"I can see no justification whatever for any MP receiving *a pension for life after "working"* for only six years. They deserve *no special privileges at the tax*payers' expense. They should get pensions at age 65 the same as anybody else who pays into a pension plan and the plan should be self-funding. If they quit or are retired by the voters before they reach age 65, they should have to wait until they are 65 *before they can get their pension,* the same as anybody else.

"For MP's to vote themselves such huge pensions while keeping *the average citizen down to only* a fraction of what they get is two-faced to say the least. The average person who works for a living, works a lot harder and under much more difficult and dangerous conditions than any MP. The most dangerous "industrial" accident that most MP's could sustain would be falling off a bar stool.

"These MP's who voted themselves such a munificent pension *for life are the same ones who* are screaming about people cheating on unemployment insurance and welfare. If the term "welfare bum" applies to anybody, it certainly applies to these MP's."

(Mr. Rankin is a co-founder of the Pender Harbour and Distric Ratepayers' Association)

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