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Without notice . . .

St. Mary's matron dismissed Dec. 27

MRS. JOYCE NICHOLS, R.N., matron of St. Mary's Hospital for the past year and a half and staff member since 1958 was dismissed without notice on December 27th.

According to Mrs. Nichols' statement, hospital administrator, W. Milligan called her to his office and demanded her immediate resignation on behalf of himself and the board, on the grounds she had been abusive to the nurses.

He said he had conducted a survey among the nurses, but refused to disclose the names of nurses who had laid charges against her. Mrs. Nichols turned over the keys and left immediately.

She states Milligan advised her, "you are the best nurse I have ever known and if you need a recommendation I'll give you one, but not in an administrative capacity." She received one month's salary in lieu of notice.

Milligan when interviewed by The Times said, "I conducted an interview with every member of the staff and found a serious situation. Mrs. Nichols was asked for her resignation for using abusive and profane language, and for discourtesy to other members of the staff." He refused to divulge the names of nurses making statements against Mrs. Nichols.

TWO MEETINGS

Harvey Hubbs, chairman of St. Mary's Hospital Society board stated in a telephone interview, that the board had held two meetings prior to the dismissal and had gone into the matter thoroughly before a decision was made. "We were satisfied with Mr. Milligan's findings," he said. When asked if the dissatisfied nurses had given evidence before the board, he said, "No, they spoke to individual board members." He then amended this statement to "a board committee. However he declined to state who constituted the board committee. "I would rather not disclose that information right now," he said.

John Harvey, board member declined to make a public statement at this point, but he did agree it would appear the investigation had been conducted in an underhanded manner.

Mrs. Rita Filgas, RN, staff nurse, stated Milligan had discussed the situation with her in a general way. She was not aware, however, that this had been an investigation, but rather a confidential chat with her, and only her, since she at one time had held a similar position and might be able to assist in working out a solution to the problem.

She says she told Milligan Mrs. Nichols had never used any abusive language to her and neither had she heard her use such language to any members of the staff. She felt Mrs. Nichols was a wonderful nurse and had the job of matron foisted on her, but on the other hand she was a bit rough on staff members at times and the dissention between her and Miss Horn, another staff nurse, affected the

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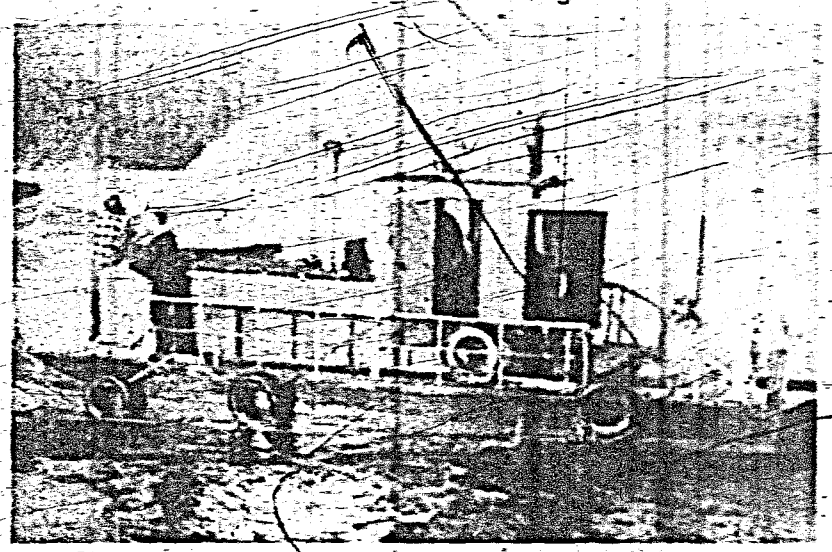
New Fire Trucks

FIRE CHIEF Marshall Rae and volunteer fireman Archie Scott stand beside Pender's fire truck delivered before Christmas and used the next morning.



Fire Boat

FIRE BOAT "Texada Queen", being operated by W. Milligan while fire chief Marshall Rae and Archie Scott man the hoses.

Search on for missing person

A 48-MAN ground search party and skin divers under the direction of Sechelt detachment RCMP are combing the area around Killarney Lake searching for some trace of Clyde Parnwell of Gibsons who disappeared from his home Friday.

When he failed to show up for supper Friday night, his wife notified Gibsons detachment RCMP. Wally Peterson of Gibsons organized a private search party and located Parnwell's car at Killarney Lake, Egmont.

Early Saturday morning, air-sea rescue were called in but failed to find any trace of the missing man.

Culvert cleared; Salmon spawn

DEPARTMENT of Highways crew spent several hours shortly before Christmas clearing out a culvert leading into Mixal Lake, Pender Harbour. This culvert had been plugged by a beaver dam.

Action of the highways department not only saved a portion of the road from washing out in the heavy rains, but also permitted a run of cohoe into the lake to spawn.

These razor-backed male and spotted female cohoe in an advanced stage of spawning were milling around at the mouth of the culvert unable to get into the lake.

14 days jail for impaired

BENJAMIN Joseph Baudoin of Gibsons received 14 days imprisonment and had his driver's license suspended for one year on a second offence of driving while his ability was impaired when he appeared before Magistrate Johnson.

In other court news Charles Robert Madison of Gibsons received suspended sentence when found guilty of assault New Year's eve.

Jerry Mielke of Roberts Creek was fined $50 for consuming liquor in a public place.

John Ferguson of Gibsons was fined $100 for having care and control of a vehicle while his ability was impaired.

Gordon Gough of Pender Harbour was fined $50 for consuming liquor in a public place.

Vancouver pair purchase land

DR. AND MRS. J. W. Vosburgh of Vancouver, BC have purchased the G. O. Fahrni property in West Sechelt. L. E. Kyle, real estate agent of West Vancouver acted for both parties.

When Mr. Kyle came up a few days before Christmas to wish his Pender Harbour friends a happy season, he mentioned this bit of news. We welcome Dr. and Mrs. Vosburgh and hope they will be more than happy in their new home at West Sechelt.

Adds to fire boat . . .

Pender Harbour firemen acquire new fire truck

PENDER Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade now boast a fire truck. They have purchased Sechelt's no. 1 truck to augment their fire boat.

This volunteer fire brigade was organized late in 1959 after several serious fires in the Harbour. They started out with a few lengths of hose and a pump borrowed from the Columbia Coast Mission. In those days, fire calls were answered with equipment being man handled onto the first boat available, or if the fire were inland, into the car of the first fireman to arrive.

After a fund raising campaign, a regulation fire pump and 400 feet of hose were purchased. This and several pumps donated by private parties were located at strategic places around the Harbour.

1960 was a year of great progress. An engine was purchased for a proposed fire boat and plans were presented for a 12 by 36 foot boat, a telephone alarm system was established, a series of training lectures under the sponsorship of the provincial fire marshall's office were given, the brigade was registered under the societies' act and firemen were protected under the workmen's compensation act.

Also during 1960, Gibsons volunteer fire department donated a three pumper ARP unit in excellent condition.

Early in 1961, the diesel-powered scow, Texada Queen, was purchased on terms for $2000. Then commenced a rigorous training campaign as landlubbers who had had no experience in handling anything larger than a rowboat learned to manoeuvre the Queen. Local boat owners gave her a wide berth—but in due time the firemen became adept, and on receipt of a fire call, any one of them

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Council news . . .

Garbage problem "aired" as Gibson council meets

GARBAGE disposal problems received full airing at Gibsons' municipal council meeting. The topic arose out of a complaint from Ken Watson of Ken's Lucky Dollar store concerning failure of Kelly's Garbage collection to pick up his garbage

Kelly was present at the meeting and stated this had been a problem for three years. "I've had nothing but trouble with Ken's Foodland," said Kelly. "I can't get into the alleyway because freight is stacked up there and there is only one entrance. When the fire door is open I can't get in or out. On Wednesdays that alley is not cleared until five or six o'clock. At the other stores I can get it at any time. I've parked there an hour, stopping traffic both ways. There is no roof over the garbage and on rainy days it gets soaking wet."

Watson was unable to attend due to a business trip. Council arranged to meet with Watson, with Kelly present, to discuss the situation.

B. MacDonald, sanitary inspector, stated he had about one call a week from disenchanted garbage collection users. "My function is to keep the service operating. We should take steps to prevent a recurrence of this situation. Council should plan for regular, planned garbage disposals," he said.

To acquaint council with public reaction, he played a tape recording of the feeling of the man in the street to the question: "Are you in favor of compulsory garbage collection paid for through municipal taxation?"

The replies: "Compulsory garbage collection is the only answer to the problem even if we have to pay extra taxes." "It's a must for a growing village like Gibsons." It's

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Told "light winds" . . .

Battles waves and wind to get TV, turkey home

WHILE 104-foot tugs were hanging on for dear life in Halfmoon Bay waiting out 35 to 40 mile-an-hour gale force winds before Christmas, and unidentified speed boat towing a landing barge hove into view in Malaspina Strait.

He was heading home for Sointula near Alert Bay with the Christmas turkey and a new TV. He had taken a barge-load of 4500 cases of empty beer bottles into Vancouver.

Merry Island lighthouse keeper spotted him and phone air-sea rescue, who in turn notified Sechelt Towing and Salvage who stood by while speed boat and barge were safely anchored

The man had phoned the airport weather bureau before leaving Vancouver and been advised of light winds. "If this is a light wind, I'd hate to see a gale," he said.

He pulled out again the day before Christmas when the winds abated. He may have made it in time.

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The purpose for which the land is required is homesite.

Maurice Earl Hemstreet

Dated December 7, 1963.

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DEATHS

SHUPE — Passed away suddenly, December 31, 1963. Claude Spencer Shupe, aged 48 yrs. of Roberts Creek, B.C., formerly of Williams Lake, B.C. Survived by his loving wife, Lily 1 son Landy, and two daughters, Helen, Mary and Pauline, all at home; 1 brother, Capt. Robert Shupe, Silverdale, B.C. and his Mother, Mrs. Robert D. (Lottie) Shupe, Silverdale, B.C. Decetsed was a member of Mt. Elphinstone Lodge No. 130, A.F. & A.M. and also a member of Hong Kong Veterans' Association. Funeral Service Saturday, January 4 at 2 p.m. from St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Roberts Creek, B.C. Rev. Denis F. Harris officiating. Cremation. Flowers in containers only. Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons, B.C. Directors. 5083-4

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West Sechelt news

by Elizabeth Lonneberg

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kline of Blaine, Washington, spent the Christmas holidays visiting their daughter and family, Mrs. M. Lonneberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Benny Frigon spent a few days visiting in Seattle over the holidays.

David Donley has returned from visiting the John Jones' of West Vancouver.

Ronnie, Wendy and Wayne Brackett have returned home after an extended visit with their grandmother on Galiano Island where they were attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pehota and family of Agassiz, formerly of Sechelt, visited friends here over the holidays.

Mrs. D. E. Smith has returned from Victoria where she visited her parents. Over Christmas their son Chris from Esquimalt visited them. He is now on his way to Montreal where he has been transferred.

Also home for the holidays from university is Danny Patrick visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Patrick.

Soon we will welcome Mr. and Mrs. Heyward of New Westminster whose new home is under construction in West Sechelt.

L. Parsons is home again, much improved, after spending Christmas in St. Mary's hospital.

Also home from St. Paul's hospital and convalescing is Norm Watson.

Nick Seymour from Tofino is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fearnley and children of Haney visited Mr. and Mrs. Budd Fearnley of Sea View Lane.

Dr. and Mrs. Swan took Eleanor, Martin and Trevor to the Moscow Circus in Vancouver during the holidays.

Leading fruit-growing province is Ontario, which has not only a faborable climate in its southern section but also a large population to provide a large market for the

Fire Brigade busy in 1963

DURING 1963 Sechelt Volunteer Fire Brigade was called out more often than in any previous year.

There were six house fires, the fire at the Sechelt Inn, seven chimney fires, two roof fires, four brush fires, and two fires in furniture. There was one false alarm, and one car was removed from the top of a tree.

September was the only month without a call. The fires were pretty well distributed over the fire protection area.

One brush fire was set by a lighted cigarette being thrown from a car. This kindled the brush between the creosoted poles of the voltage regulator on the edge of Selma Park. Fortunately the alarm was turned in before the poles could catch fire, which might have resulted in a serious power outage.

The ambulance was called out 13 times during the year. Three calls were to take patients to Vancouver hospitals, one to New Westminster, and three accident calls. The balance were calls to take patients to Mr. Mary's hospital.

Sechelt SPCA has busy month

SPCA president, B. L. Cope reports a busy month. The owner of an injured German shepherd was located after 13 phone calls. Much needless time and effort could have been avoided had the dog been wearing the collar and license required by law.

Two cats were chloroformed—one an abandoned, starving, injured cat in the Sechelt area, and the other a kitten in the Gibsons' area with a fishhook stuck in its throat. Also chloroformed was a sea gull with a broken wing.

Selma Park News

THE H. Bromleys and daughter, Pam, came up from Vancouver to open their summer home for the New Year. Also the Sid Hamons were up to their summer home for the holiday, and stayed over for the cribbage evening in the community centre.

CITY HOLIDAY

The Charlie Fosters were into Vancouver for the holidays with their family and grandchildren, as also was Mrs. George Batchelor, who stayed with her son, John and family.

VISIT VANCOUVER

The Bert Grays were down for a few days staying with their son, Courtnay and his family, and the Harvey Hubbs were down for a day to see their son and daughter, both married and living in Vancouver.

STILL VISITING

Nessie Kennedy is still visiting relatives in Vancouver, and the George Rustons visited friends in North Vancouver for a few days prior to New Year.

VISITS MOTHER

The Chamberlains and their daughter, Renee, were visiting Mrs. Chamberlain's mother, Mrs. L. Campbell. It was the first time in some years they had been together for any length of time. Major Chamberlain has just retired from the Canadian Army. They were in Edmonton before returning to Vancouver, and prior to that had been stationed in Germany, where they lived for a time at Soest.

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Ladies' Wednesday—Gibson Girls 2313, 830; R. Taylor 504. M. Lee 524. D. Crosby 602 (241). L. MacKay 348. M. Connor 526. C. Zantolas 616.

Teachers Hi.—Hit ums 2706, 1021; H. Inglis 605. B. McFarland 643. J. Webb 271. E. Yablonski 678 (271). B. Reed 603 (245).

Commercials — Jets 2592; Larks 980; D. Reeves 714 (260, 267). D. Bailey 608 (309). H. Jorgenson 617 (248). M. Campbell 246. R. Cruice 702 (307, 251). J. Peddie 615 (273).

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Crown and Anchor—Keaves 2693 - 988; Gwen Edmonds 673 (279). L. Gregory 699 (290, 251). J. Larkman 627 (241). A. Holden 602 (255). E. Connor 702 (243, 262). E. Hume 602.

Ball and Chain—Lucky Strikes 2585. Sid's Harem 959. D. Carroll 278.

Juniors—Blowers 1035-578; Carol Forshner 239. Wayne Wright 207. Randy Godfrey 240. Robert Solnik 222. Chuck Bruce 376 (209). Mike Clement 325 (233).

Two years operation . . .

Sechelt Soccer savants under Legion JOTP plan

DURING the school holidays the Sechelt Branch No. 140, Royal Canadian Legion, entertained the junior soccer team which it sponsors.

Fifteen of the boys were present. The event started with sandwiches, cane, cookies, and pop, served by Mrs. W. K. Sheridan, Mrs. W. E. Handford, and Mrs. W. Sheridan.

The adults had a cup of coffee, while the boys worked on a "what has been cut from the advertisement" contest, which was won by Kent Sheridan. The next item was a funny face contest. Four boys, Bobbie Beck, Randy De Leenheer, Kent Sheridan, and Bobbie De Angelis were in the running. By vote of all the boys Randy De Leenheer was the winner.

Charlie Gregory, entertainment MC, did a card trick, and then showed the boys how to do it. He also read by mental concentration messages the boys wrote on folded pieces of paper.

Finally the boys had a singing contest, and finished up by singing an improvised verse of thanks to the adults.

The soccer team is in the Legion Junior Olympic Training Plan, which has been in operation for two years.

Fred Jorgensen, Ted Farewell, W. E. Handord are coaches, with M. J. MacTavish assisting when needed. Every week the coaches and boys turn out for practice or games except during the three summer months.

During the winter, training will be every Tuesday evening in the Sechelt school activity room. The soccer teams are sponsored by various organizations on the peninsula.

There is a junior league of seven teams, boys nine to 13 years, and four teams, boys 14 and 15 years, in the intermediate league.

Bowlers hold annual party

The Gibsons Ball and Chain Bowling League held their annual Christmas Party at the Legion Hall, Roberts Creek.

About 40 members attended the dance and tripped the light fantastic for several pleasant hours. Feature was the Spot Dances, one was won by Murray King with Mrs. Bob Holden as his partner, the other was won by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Carroll. Music was supplied by record player.

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The Time Has Come . . . . . To Talk of Many Things: of Shoes, Ships, Sealing Wax, Cabbages, Kings

Wednesday, January 8, 1964

A Man and a New Year

By Pastor Anonby

THE YEAR of 1963 has been outwardly one of great triumphs. Men have encircled the earth, a test ban treaty has been signed and colonial countries such as Kenya have achieved independence. But things such as racial hatred, moral violence and the assassination of President Kennedy show an inward moral vacuum in a large majority of mankind.

What is the answer? The Bible traces collective outward deeds of violence to an inner corruption of the individual heart. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man live in Christ, he is a NEW CREATION: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Do you have this living, personal belief in Christ that can bring you a genuinely "Happy New Year" in 1964.

Who's next?

IT IS beside the point whether or not Mrs. Nichols is actually guilty as charged by the administration and board of St. Mary's Hospital Society "of using profane and abusive language and for discourtesy to other members of the staff."

Since 1958 Mrs. Nichols has rendered dedicated and efficient service to St. Mary's Hospital. She has cheerfully taken the majority of the emergency night calls and still appeared at seven a.m. to do her regular shift as matron. Until recently she has done all the X-ray and laboratory work with no extra remuneration. She has carried a load far beyond the call of duty.

In return she is robbed of her job and her reputation in the community and in her profession without even the opportunity to defend her position.

The point is she has the right to know who her accusers are, what the specific charge is and to defend herself against the charges before judgement is passed. Her accusers should state their grievances before the board in her presence, and she should be given the opportunity to state her side of the case before the board and her accusers. Even a common criminal is accorded this democratic process.

The days of the inquisition are over, are they not? As a responsible member of a free society she is entitled to her basic democratic rights.

Obsolescent bylaws

IT IS TIME the bylaws of St. Mary's Hospital were brought up-to-date to coincide with the situation as it exists today, that is a new hospital subsidized a taxpayers' expense.

The existing bylaws drawn up in January 1956 were based on custom and usage when St. Mary's was a privately owned and maintained hospital operated by the Columbia Coast Mission. And although these bylaws have been approved by Victoria, the departmental concern is only to protect B.C.H.I.S. regulations.

In those days the Columbia Coast Mission maintained an office in Vancouver from which it administered its three coastal hospitals. Then, it made sense for the administrator to examine the credentials and hire the staff members. Even so, one still had to pass the approval of the matron.

Article XI (c) of the existing bylaws outlines some of the authority and duties of the administrator as, "to select, employ, control and discharge all employees of the hospital," and (f) "to be responsible for execution of professional policies of the Board."

Regardless of how efficient a business manager an administrator may be, he lacks the qualifications to judge the operating efficiency of a professional staff, such as nurses, nurses' aides and laboratory technicians. In fact, nurses themselves take special university courses in administration in order to handle this type of position. Did you ever hear of a business manager sent to judge the qualifications of a teacher in the classroom? Of course not. That's the function of school inspectors, who are teachers themselves.

To expect an administrator to handle this responsibility is unfair not only to him but also to the person who is responsible for the smooth and harmonious operation of that area of a hospital which deals with the care and welfare of the patients. To deprive a matron of the authority that goes with her responsibility is a short-sighted policy and can lead only to friction and inefficiency since she does not have the authority to impose her demands. It's similar to depriving a captain of the complete command of his ship.

And what chance is there that board directives of policy can be carried out effectively when they are relayed from the board to the administrator to the matron?

Another bylaw which should be brought up-to-date is that portion of Article XII, section 2, which reads, "All appointments (to the medical staff) shall be made by the board upon the nominations made by the medical staff."

Everybody realizes that doctors, dedicated as they are to the welfare of humanity, would never exploit such a bylaw that forces another doctor to obtain the nomination of his competitors. This bylaw was valid for a private hospital, but not for a public one.

These bylaws can be amended by an extraordinary resolution passed by a three-forths majority of the vote cast by the members present at any regular or special meeting of the Society provided that the notice of the meeting advises that such amendment is to be dealt with at the meeting.

St. Mary's Hospital Society would be well advised to bring its obsolescent bylaws in line to meet the demands of a growing community and a publicly supported hospital. There's no point in carrying over bylaws proven to be defective.

The morning after

(WIFE SPEAKING)

Good morning my bright international mate.
My outstanding genius in problems of state.
I trust all is clear in that wonderful mind
Which last night remodeled the whole of mankind.
Your handling of Russia, the Ruhr, Palestine,
And China and Greece, it was masterfully fine.
You're sure to be named as the "Man of the Year".
Here's four or five aspirins—swallow them, dear.
Awake my fine songster. It's well on towards noon,
All morning I've waited, just hoping you'd croon
A measure from "Chloe" or "Deep Rolling Sea",
Which last night you sang until half after three.
You wakened the neighbors, you tripped on the mat
And one of your props was your hostess's hat.
I'm sure she will want you again for tonight
The life of the party whenever you're tight.
Arise my sweet prince, but be careful don't skid,
Arise and consider the things that you did.
The uprooted garden, the splintered garage.
It sounded just like an old-fashioned barrage.
Go see your hostess — and carry a cheque,
I think if you sign it just "Pain in the Neck",
The Bank will O.K. it — it would have to be you,
The clown that went berserk "twist dawn and the dew".
So drink up that seltzer, you chattering drone;
'Tis said to be good for a splintering dome.
I wish I were Sandow, how far would I throw you;
For the next thirty days please pretend I don't know;
My juvenile jackass, my dim-witter duffer,
You say you feel awful?—Well, Goldarnit, suffer.

—From Sydney Review

"as Quoted"

. . . food for thought

Lloyd's of London will insure anything (almost) in the heavens above (airplanes) or on the earth beneath (automobiles) or in the waters under the earth (submarines). They will even insure good weather on Christmas Day 1961, if you will pay the premium. But not even Lloyd's will insure the success of a marriage. It takes the man and the wife and God to do that. But it is a great spring through the air, and the glorious uncertainty adds to the zest.

Other Opinions

"I may be wrong,
but I shall not be so wrong
as to fail to say
what I believe to be right."
—JOHN ATKINS

Carpe Diem

(Lakeshore News)

THE courtship of the press by politicians is an accepted fact by working members of the Fourth Estate.

It is usually viewed as a sort of occupational disease, that seldom is fatal but sometimes is dangerous, often irritating and never satisfying.

We have been around the political scene, on all three levels, for some time, and we blushingly boast to have been wooed by the best the political field has to offer.

Wooed—but never won!

The best—by which we mean leading figures on the federal, and sometimes provincial level, whose intellectual calibre and political acumen are of the highest order—live up to the actor's motto: "You're as good as your last press."

They, and expectedly so, woo the press prior to election, the immediate post-election period sees them co-operative, and even in the waning days of a long tenure in office, they never forget. They willingly supply information when asked, and if they can't give information they let one down gently and all in all behave as any smart politician is expected to behave.

These are politicians at their best, but it is a side of character that all too often is missing in politicians on the municipal level.

One recently-elected council comes to mind. When running for office nothing was too much trouble; facts, figures, background—it came in a seemingly never ending stream.

Various representatives telephoned at all hours of the night and day with a plethora of publicity.

They let it be known they were on call, at all times, day or night, and if we wanted any information, all we had to do was ask.

Then they were elected.

Rapport is replaced by reticence.

Bonhomie becomes "don't bother me."

It brings to mind an inscription a politician friend used to have fixed on the wall facing his desk—the Latin quotation, Carpe Diem.

Every time the politician looked up his eyes would see the legend, which means 'enjoy the present day', and is taken from an ode of Horace reminding us that life is so short and the future uncertain.

Or, as the politicians by now must know— Elections aren't forever.

Newfoundland has the Commonwealth's only legislature where the government sits to the Speaker's left rather than his right, a holdover from the days when the Assembly chamber was heated by a single fireplace to the Speaker's left.

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Society limits our freedoms

By Brian Knowles from My-ook

IF our Viking ancestors were able to revisit the scene of their adventures, their mouths would drop agape at our material gadgets. But they would wonder even more, I think, at us. They would wonder why we, with every possible means of well-being and security, are so obviously and desperately distrustful of life and of ourselves. Our more courageous ancestors had a matter-of-fact acceptance of success and failure. Life was a testing ground. How they stood the test was what mattered to them. They spent no time in worry about what society thought of their actions.

We have been brought up in the tradition, if not the reality, of happiness and security. Unfortunately we regard both as a birthright. We go along like sheep with the trend of the day. If society thinks the job we are doing is degrading or not of a high caliber, even though we may be happy doing it, we are considered, of a low class and are anxious to climb (?) to a job more acceptable to society. We may take our ulcers with us and contribute very little to our way of life, but because the new job has prestige, we seek it and expect people to look up to us for having it. We are born to be ruled by society.

Life can be a great adventure, or it can be merely a process of vegetation and decay. Each of us has been given the ability to think and act for himself. The individual, in the final analysis, must stand alone and settle the battle about life's meaning with himself — not depend upon society to interpret it for him. We should accept life for what it is—a challenge to our quality, without which we should never know of what stuff we are made.

Doctor's advice

By Marilyn Simpkins

My mother shouts and shakes
with fright
When baby's eyes go left and
right.
Our Anna has gained a pound a
week,
The book would say she is a
freak.
She hicks or flips her head so
slight,
Or sleeps all day and wakes all
night.
Mum phones the doc. " 'Tis not
this way
In book I read both night and
day."
The doctor laughs and laughs
with glee.
"Mother, the babes can't read,"
says he.

Snowfall

By Marilyn Louie

The snowflakes are falling
From the sky;
Millions of them drifting
By and by.

The snowflakes are falling,
Covering the trees
With white, soft snow;
I fall on my knees,

In the gentle snowflakes
Cool and soft.
A welcome blanket
From aloft.

The snowflakes are falling,
A heavenly sight,
A fairy blanket
In the soft moonlight.

MORE ABOUT . . .

Fire truck

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could operate the boat or man the pumps and hoses.

During 1961, 13 fires, including boat, house and bush, were attended.

In 1962, another series of lectures sponsored by the provincial fire marshall's office were given, and 13 fires were attended again this year too.

However, with their self-imposed responsibility to provide the maximum protection to the maximum number of people in the area, the fire brigade, in 1963, stuck out their collective neck and offered to purchase No. 1 truck from the Sechelt volunteer fire department, and this equipment was delivered Dec. 18.

The very next morning, at 4:45 a.m., with no previous workout or training in the handling of the equipment, the firemen were called to a fire in the home of R. A. Lee of Silver Sands. With determination and sixth sense the fire was struck out before any damage was done to the living area of the house.

One other call the truck has had was to wash down the highway following a car accident, in which a considerable amount of gasoline was spilled on the road.

The plan for 1964 includes intensive training with the fire truck and continued training with the fire boat, and to increase the number of firemen available for calls.

The firemen under the direction of fire chief Marshall Rae spend many hours training and working on equipment. Their efforts contribute to the safety and welfare of the district, but they feel they are not getting the financial support they should from the area. They operate entirely on donations. They receive no annual grant or fees from either residents or businesses. Their limited budget results in curtailment of training and maintenance which in turn affects their efficiency . . . . One training night every week is spent canvassing for funds.

MORE ABOUT . . .

St. Mary's Matron

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morale of the whole staff. Further, she advised Milligan, in her opinion, the one who raised the biggest commotion had left and now things would settle down

Another point to which she took exception was Milligan repeating to staff members a remark made to him in confidence by Mrs. Nichols. When asked, upon Miss Horn's resignation, who should be placed second in charge, Milligan alleged Mrs. Nichols, said, "There's not much to choose from." By repeating this remark, Mrs. Filgas felt Milligan evoked unfavorable replies about Mrs. Nichols from staff members. She also felt this remark displayed a lack of confidence in her staff on the part of Mrs. Nichols.

Other nurses also were under the impression this had been a confidential chat—not an investigation to obtain evidence to dismiss Mrs. Nichols. All nurses indicated surprise to learn Mrs. Nichols had been dismissed. They had been told she resigned. "We were told Joyce walked off the job," said staff nurse, Mrs. Hall, but she refused to disclose who had made this statement to her.

Mrs. Alice Bemont, RN, also a nurse on the staff of St. Mary's states, "I was not interviewed in any way at all."

Miss Horn was unavailable for comment.

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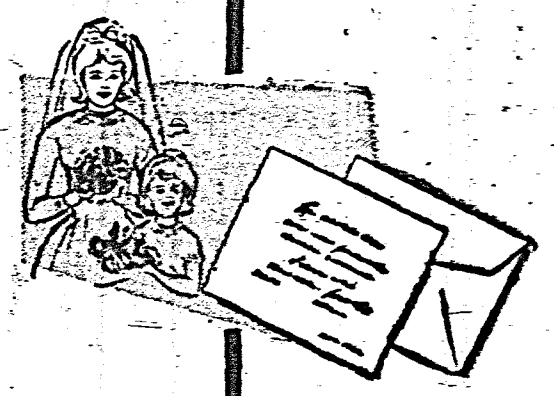

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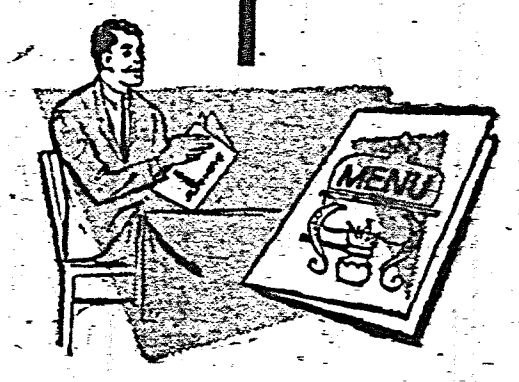

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TEEN TOPICS

At Pender Harbour . . .

Elphinstone five yet to be beaten

ELPHINSTONE paid a return visit to arch rival Pender Harbour for three basketball games Elphi came home yet to taste defeat at the hands of Pender.

JUNIOR BOYS

Elphi won this game handily 33-7 on Pender's floor, yet when Pender played at Elphinstone the game was much closer with Elphi battling to a 41-32 triumph. It's hard to understand how a team could play so poorly at home. Elphi was led by B. Quarry who scored 11 points.

Elphinstone (33) Quarry 11, Baptiste 6, Smith, Gust 4, Kennett, Skytte, Gibson John 2.

Pender (7) Wallace, Bosch, Nicholson 2, Lee 1.

SENIOR GIRLS

The senior girl's game was a little on the rough side. Heather Lang received a badly sprained ankle. Dawn Armstrong's nine points led the Black and Gold to a 21-11 win. This was the first game for the girls of either school.

Elphinstone (21) Armstrong 9, D. Hopkins 3, S. DeMarco, L. Gibson, B. Jack, P. Liste 2, H. Lang 1.

Pender (11) S. Gooldrup 6, R. Silvey, R. Sundquist 2, L. Duncan 1.

SENIOR BOYS

The climax between the Cougars and the Sakinaws was a well-played contest. The Cougars squeezed out a 42-36 victory. Once again the cougars showed their come-from-behind spirit, trailing 18-15 at the half, and 33-30 with two minutes remaining. But the offense switched to a fast break and Elphi gained the victory.

Gary Helmer was the whole Pender offense, scoring 17 points on his home court.

Ken Sneddon was top point getter for the Cougars with ten. Allan Marshall, Doug Cooper and George Gibb also turned in outstanding performances.

The game at Pender had a poor turnout, so when Pender and Elphi battle again, come out and support your favorite team.

Elphinstone Cougars (42) Sneddon 10, Gibb 9, Cooper 8, Marshall 7, D. Coates 4, R. Coates, Hamilton 2.

Pender Sakinaws (36) Helmer 17, S. Hately 7, L. Silvey, Griffith, Edget 4.

These games were played in a dull atmosphere compared to those at Elphinstone—so it proves. Elphi has found her school spirit again.

The Beatles

Teen-of-the-week

MARILYN BOSER, our teen-of-the-week, is a fairly new student at Elphinstone. She came to Wilson Creek from Haney last winter, where she was an enthusiastic player on the Albion Girls' Softball Team, playing pitcher and fielder for the most part.

The highlight of her last season came when she was crowned Baseball Queen for 1962-'63 and participated in several parades around the district. "I really wish a women's team could be organized from the Sechelt area to compete against Gibsons. Softball is fun and I know a lot of spectators get as much excitement out of it as the players."

Marilyn, a grade 12 student on university program, is kept fairly busy with several clubs in the school. She is vice-president of the Year Book Club and writes a regular column in the bi-weekly school newspaper, The Gladrag.

At the end of January she and the president of the Future Teachers' Club will attend the Future Teachers' Rally being held at UBC to hear new ideas and suggestions on possible activities in the future for club members and will participate in a fully planned program of discussion, lectures and social activities.

As well, Marilyn is the Red Cross representative for her home room. She belngs to the table tennis club and is an avid singer with the Glee Club, which often performs for school assemblies and other events.

One of Marilyn's favorite subjects is French, in which she takes an eager interest as she plans to travel extensively later on after she obtains her degree in Education.

UNDER TWENTY INTERVIEWS

By John Larson

NOT too long ago Ed Sullivan was arriving by plane in London. The plane circled for a long, long time due to a tremendous crowd all over the airfield. Ed was certain that such a mob scene was due to the arrival or departure of a member of the Royal family. However, when he finally landed and asked what all the excitement was about, thhe answer was: "The Beatles just flew in from the continent."

'The Beatles' — who are they?" Just the hottest singing group in England and, for that matter, perhaps all of Europe, Sullivan was told.

The airport scene was a mass of thousands and thousands of fans jamming to get a look at their entertainment idols. The London police formed a solid, human chain to make a path for the foursome. Fans tried jumping over or diving under the locked arms to rush The Beatles" for an autograph, or just to touch their jackets.

Sullivan went to see the group perform and immediately signed them for three appearances on his show in 1964.

Their newest single I Wanna Hold Your Hand" has an advance sale in England of over 700,000 records — practically a million seller before it hits the stores! And another album being readied for release has sold over 250,000 advance copies. The English price per album is the equivalent of about five US dollars.

FROM 20-23

The four boys — Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, John Lennon and George Harrison — range in age from 20 to 23. When they appear in a theatre the fans go wild. They dance in the aisles, clap, shout, scream and try to rush the stage.

If anyone can imagine such a thing, they are to their audience the equivalent of four Elvis Presleys. Elvis' "gimmick" was his hip swinging as he rocked and rolled. "The Beatles" have their own gimmick. Their "bang" hairstyle is their trademark. "We would no more go out without it than we would appear in public badly dressed," they say.

The Elvis-like, wild adoration of the group is the most noisy, enthusiastic reception ever given o English entertainers. Their music also follows in the Presley mould — Rock 'n Blues. Three of the boys play guitars and the fourth is the drummer. All sing, but generally only three sing at one time.

EPSTEIN DISCOVERY

"The Beatles" are managed by a top talent scout, Brian Epstein who "discovered" them when he and his father were running a record store in Liverpool. His stable now includes "Gerry and The Pacemakers" and "The Fourmost". When we talked to Brian he had no less than eight hits by his talent in the top 25 English singles. The "Beatles" aren't the only group scheduled to invade the United States. "The Fourmost" will record "Hello Little Girl" for Atlantic Records and "Gerry and The Pacemakers" who have scored with "You'll Never Walk Alone", are slated for a March appearance on Sullivan's show.

American recording executives look enviously at "The Beatles" and what they've done to the music business in England. They shake their heads in disbelief and wish the same kind of thing could happen here. Great, popular stars help all records sell. Nobody in America has ever replaced Presley as a record selling wonder. Record companies would give anything to have another Elvis.

Under Twenty MAILBAG

by Bessie Little

Got a problem? Write Bessie Little, Under Twenty Mailbag, Columbia Features, 36 West 44th St., New York 36, N.Y.

Dear Bessie: Last May I fell for a 17 year old boy. I had a blast for a couple of months. I went places, did things, met new people and really lived it up. In July he wanted his freedom. I've tried to forget him, but I can't. Oh, what can I do to get him back?—Wisher.

Dear Wisher: From your letter it seems that the ball you were having was more important than the boy. Could it be that he sensed this? It is, of course, important to have a good time with your dates. But, if you make an amusement ticket out of a boy he's likely to get disenchanted with you. Perhaps if you concentrate a bit more on the boy and less on the joy you'll have a better relationstip.

Dear Bessie: I'm a girl who you would never call beautiful, but except for a generous nose my features are average. I have a boy problem. It's not that boys hate me. They don't even dislike me. Most of them think of me as someone they can talk to as a friend. They tell me all their problems and pour their hearts out to me about their lives. They act as if I'm their sister. There's one boy in particular who I wish would like me as a girl friend. How can I become his girl friend instead of his good ol' buddy?—Buddy.

Dear Buddy: You probably don't realize it, but you are a very lucky girl. Always a buddy doesn't mean never a bride. The fact that the boys confide in you shows you have an understanding and sympathetic personality and evidently some common sense as well. A lot of gals would envy your close contact with the boys as friends, even if they are loaded with boy friends. As for the "special" one, your best bet is probably to invite him to a party or affair and let him know by your behavior that he's a bit more to you than the rest of your buddies.

Tempting profession . . .

Future occupations; Rewards of teaching

By Marilyn Boser

I AM a member of the Elphinstone Future Teachers' Club, in preparation for entering education at university. I suppose there are many reasons why I am considering this field as a future occupation, among them being long holidays, time for travel and hobbies, an ever-increasing salary and often prominency in community activities.

But these are material rewards and are to be considered less than the real, satisfying rewards of this challenging career. As teachers are directly concerned with carrying out the educational program, the future welfare of the country rests largely in their hands.

It is they who play a most important part in the growth and development of the younger generation, thereby gaining for themselves the personal satisfaction of helping a student find a worthwhile goal and move one step closer to reaching it.

Another rewarding aspect to the teaching profession is the respect that goes with doing any job that can have such an impact on the things which matter most to a community. The challenging variety of a task that changes every day, year after year, is one of the personal incentives that is driving me to gain my degree(s) and win the position of teacher.

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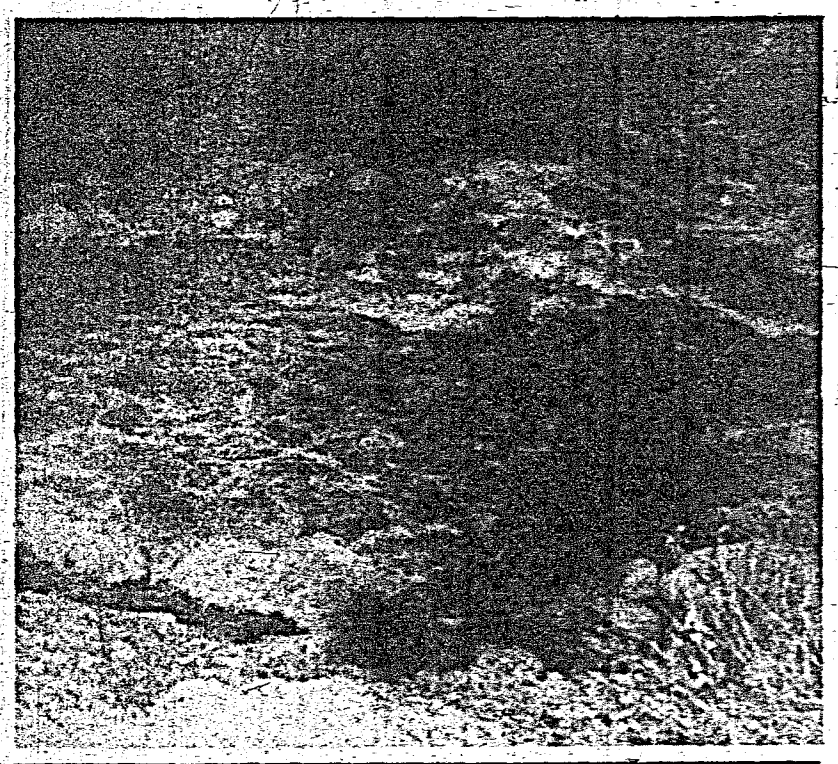

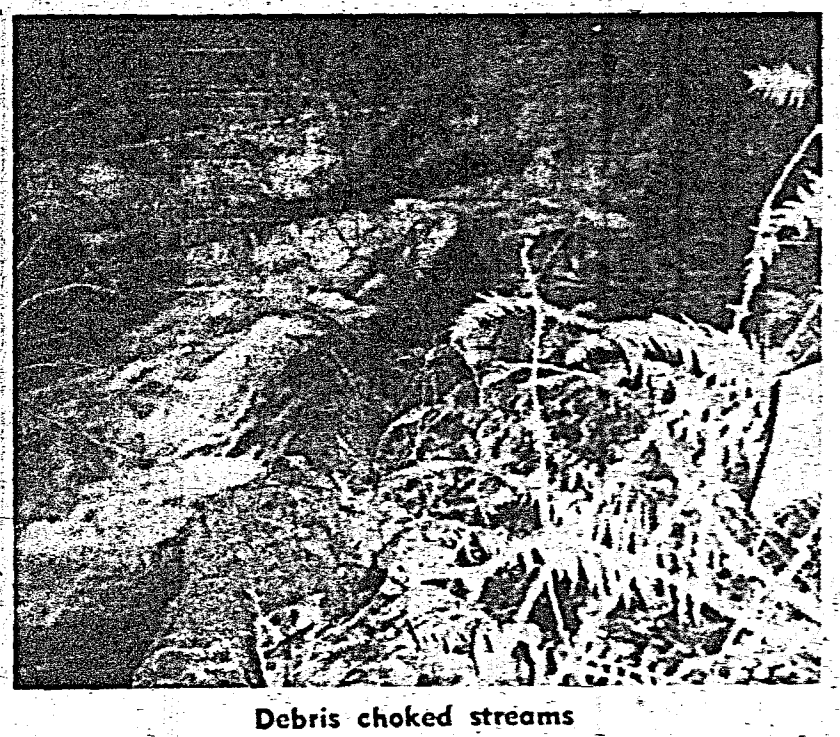

Debris choked streams

B.C. SALMON fishermen are losing much of their harvest due to chocked streams where salmon spawn, says Martin Warnock, veteran fisherman. The above two pictures illustrate the point.

Martin Warnock says . . .

B.C. fishing industry needs good houseclean

"OUR whole B.C. fishery is in need of a good housecleaning," says Martin Warnock of Bargain Harbour, pioneer fisherman and resident of 70 years in the Gulf area.

"A great many of our children have been raised in the fishing industry and as such now raise their children. The fisherman of today is a specialist no less than the lawyer, doctor or auditor. While these latter fortunate individuals may avail themselves of an education costing the taxpayer directly and indirectly upwards of $40,000 over a period of seven to 10 years, the less fortunate fisherman must apply himself from 10 to even 20 years of diligent application with equipment and boats ranging in cost from $5,000 to $150,000 and still suffer the vagaries of nature, or a poor season and lose his shirt.

"But," says Martin, "let's confine our discussion to fishing conditions close to home and the sad condition of our now defunct local Saginaw-Porpoise Bay sockeye run. If I remember correctly the last big Saginaw run was 1940 or '42. Martha here," he nodded to his distaff, "can check her diary. She keeps track of everything.

The biggest Saginaw run in the late thirties was about 46,000 sockeye. They were four to five pound salmon and were caught by about 30-35 small boats fishing out of Pender—some of them manned by housewives and school kids. Multiply this figure by today's prices of 30-35 cents a pounds, and what do you get? 60 to 70 thousand dollars. This would be a healthy injection into the bloodstream of the local economy today.

Not only sockeye spawned in the Saginaw-Mixal-Kathleen Lake complex, but also cohoe, a few chums and steelhead. These salmon have been obliterated by several processes. First, poor departmental management and its resultant poaching, and second, poor logging practice and techniques combined again with departmental neglect, both federal and provincial. This neglect is manifest in the ruined streams choked by debris and the sand and gravel spawning beds washed out resulting in the destruction of entire streams and entire runs of fish. These conditions are not unique to this area but exist the length and breadth of the coast from here to Alsaska.

"Mind you," says Martin, "the gypo logger is not entirely to blame. High stumpage rates and financing costs on his machinery have forced him to 'cut out and get out' leaving this destruction behind him."

Martin continued: "We must do everything in our power to try and bring back our local salmon runs for both commercial and sports fishermen. We need local men of goodwill to sit down around a table and discuss our problems. And not only talk, but act. We need action not next week, or next year, but today."

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At Oles Cove . . .

Sunshine Coast tourist association met Dec. 15

EARLY morning meeting of Sunshine Coast Tourist Association Executive. At 8:30 a.m. Sunday, December 15, the executive of the Sunshine Coast Tourist Association held a regular meeting at Oles Cove.

Attending were John Toynbee, president; Royal Murdock, secretary and area representatives Digby Porte, Bill May, Ole Emholdt, Al Lloyd, Tom Greer, Roy Edmundson, and Mr. Huck from Greater Vancouver Visitors and Convention Bureau.

The remarkable point at this meeting was the fact that it meant getting up at 5 a.m. on a Sunday morning for Roy Edmundson at Lund and only somewhat later for the others.

Probably it was only the thought of Ole Emholdts hospitality and hot coffee at Oles Cove that caused such great attendance. And certainly, whatever the reason, these men deserve a lot of credit for their unpaid devotion to improving the important tourist industry in the area.

The main purpose of the meeting was to report results of the campaign for memberships in the Association and to plan activities for 1964.

Reports from representatives from all areas showed a probable total of $4500 for memebrship fees, well short of the $5500-$7500 objective needed for work to be done.

Agreement was reached on the need for an increase in membership fees for the future and a committee of Toynbee Murdoch and Lloyd was appointed to contact the advertising agency on the make-up of the 1964 brochure, and to report back to a special executive meeting for action.

Mr. Huck extended an invitation to the Association to join the Greater Vancouver Visitors and Conventions Bureau and to place a member on this directorate. He pointed out that this would mean an inclusion of a map of the Sunshine Coast area on the 1964 folder as well as a page describing this area. As the planned distribution of this folder is 150,000 copies, it was unanimously decided that this was too good an opportunity to miss, at a cost of only $400.

B&PWC branch may be formed

MRS. IVY Baston of Powell River, provincial vice-president and membership chairman of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of BC and the Yukon is interested in aiding business and professional women on Sechelt Peninsula form a club here.

The purposes of this national, non-sectarian organization are to develop and train women for leadership and responsibility in business, industry and the professions; to work toward improving economic, employment and social conditions for women; to work for high standards of service in business, industry and the professions and public life; and to stimulate interest in federal, provincial and municipal affairs, and to encourage women to participate in the business of government at all levels.

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Roberts Creek PTA hold dance

THE Roberts Creek PTA held their annual dance in the Community hall, beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Music supplied by the Toe Tappers was all that could be desired for the dancers but unfortunately a rather poor crowd attended he event.

This dance was given to raise funds for the Christmas Tree which was held for all the children of the district, 200 in all.

Sechelt news

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Kydd have returned home to Sechelt after a week visting friends in Vancouver. Phyllis Sanderson drove up with them to spend a few days visiting before returning to her teaching duties in the city.

Mrs. Ed Laidlaw, Jr. and her sons spent the school holidays at Clowhom Falls, as it was their father's turn to be on duty this year at the BC Hydro station. The Ed Laidlaws Sr., flew up for Christmas Day.

Mary Parker has been home for some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker, Seaview Lane, and plans to go on a post-graduate course in Vancouver. She had been on the nursing staff of Powell River General Hospital.

Doug Wakefield, son of Mrs. Edna Wakefield was home for Christmas. He was stationed in Moose Jaw but has now been transferred to Camp Borden.

Claude S. Shupe

CLAUDE Spencer Shupe of Roberts Creek died suddenly of a heart attack New Year's Eve at the age of 48.

Born and educated in Winnipeg, Mr. Shupe joined the Winnipeg Grenadiers at the outbreak of World War II. He was taken prisoner at the fall of Hong Kong and released late in 1945.

Mr. Shupe was a member of the Hong Kong Veterans Association and Mt. Elphinstone Lodge No. 130 AF&AM.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Lily Helen (Bunny), a son Landy 7, and two daughters Pauline 9, and Helen Mary 13, his mother Mrs. Robert D. (Lottie) Shupe of Silverdale, BC and one brother Capt. Robert D. Shupe of Silverdale, BC.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Roberts Creek at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 4 by the Rev. Harris. Following cremation, the ashes were interred in Hatzic cemetery.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. Fred Clyne and son David of Kelowna, Mrs. J. Vaughn of Winnipeg, Mrs. Wesley Lewis of Encino, California and Mrs. Charles Taylor, Shuman Oaks, California.

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Dept. of Fisheries . . .

Second phase of fish survey started December 2

THE SECOND phase of the long-term field study of chinook and coho salmon stocks in the Strait of Georgia starts Monday, December 2. Biologists of the Department of Fisheries of Canada are to conduct a new tagging program using the commercial purse-seiner "Naughty Lady".

The long-range objective of the study is to provide information on the factors that govern the production of coho and chinook salmon in the Strait of Georgia area. The tagging phase is specifically intended to measure the movements and exploitation of resident coho and chinook salmon grilse within & away from the survey area.

The current tagging program is the second this year; an earlier one was carried out in May and June. The results of the initial program have been very satisfactory, largely because of the excellent co-operation of sport and commercial fishermen in returning tags. Information collected during the first tagging program is now being analyzed by fisheries biologists.

The success of the current tagging program is again dependent upon tag recoveries. The Department of Fisheries is hopeful that all fishermen will assist by returning tags together with information on the species, date, method and location of recovery. A nominal reward of 50c is offered for each tag returned. Special postage pre-paid tag return envelopes are available at most boat rental and boat moorage facilities and fish camps in the area. These may be sent to the Department of Fisheries, 1155 Robson St., Vancouver, or handed to any Fishery Officer.

Weather permitting, tagging will start in Saanich Inlet next Monday. Tagging will continue for six months and will extend over most sections of Georgia Strait.

Brownie meeting at Wilson Creek

THE Wilson Creek Brownie pack had a happy break-up for Christmas meeting. Little Betty Humphrey quoted the Brownie law and repeated the Brownie promise to Brown Owl Mrs. J. Hicks. Tawny Owl, Mrs. W. Woods pinned on Betty's Brownie pin and gave her her enrollment card.

Janice Jaegar and Gladys McLeod qualified for second year service stars.

Inspection awards went to Ona Burnett, Gloria Sheridan, Linda Barendregt, Janice Jaeger and Diane Beck. Inspection covers a wide field—punctuality, attendance, correct uniform, neatness, cleanliness, etc.

Guests for the day were Mrs. C. A. Jackson, Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Beck.

The hall was decorated with mistletoe boughs, made by the Brownies, who had also cleverly made silver bells from bleach bottle tops as gifts for their mothers.

A Christmas tea party rounded off the afternoon, at which everyone enjoyed cookies made by the Brownies themselves.

Definition of a divorce: a splitting headache.

Port Mellon news

OPEN HOUSE

The open house held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Davies on Dec. 20 was well attended by workers of the mill and their wives.

SURPRISE PARTY

Mrs. P. Comeau held a surprise birthday party for her husband Pierre. Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. G. Hostland, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bergnach, Mr. and Mrs. C. Comeau, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hume, Mr. and Mrs. D. David, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hostland, and Mr. F. Comeau.

SURREY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Giles and family of North Surrey spent the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilkie.

FROM ROYAL CITY

Mr. and Mrs. W. Purser of New Westminster spent their holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. Moore.

ATTEND CIRCUS

Grace Climie of Vancouver visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Mueller over the holidays. Ricky and David Mueller went back with Miss Climie for a few days. While in Vancouver the boys attended the Moscow Circus.

Sechelt Social

by Betty Williams

Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton, with their two small children, Stephen and Gordon, were on the Peninsula from Port Alice, visiting for Christmas with both sets of parents—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fleming of Halfmoon Bay, and Mr. and Mrs. Edric Clayton of Sechelt. Also visiting Mrs. Clayton for Christmas was her sister, Miss Violet Potts of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers with Michele and Butch were here from Prince George staying with Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Laycock.

Mr. and Mrs. Macklin have left for a holiday at Desert Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Redman and small son were here from Vancouver visiting Barry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Redman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner spent several days in Burnaby over the holiday visiting their two daughters and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford of Narrows Arm spent Christmas and New Year in Vancouver. Their son, Lawrence, came from HMCS Naden to spend Christmas with them.

Joyce, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Potts is wearing a diamond on that important finger. The young man is Mickey S. McGuire of Nanaimo, presently working in Vancouver. To Joyce, our good wishes for future happiness. To Mickey, our sincere congratulations for a lovelier, more talented and industrious young lady would be hard to find.

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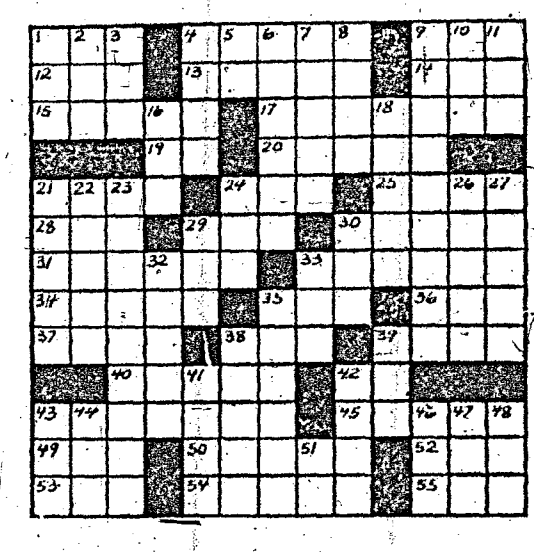
Crossword

ACROSS

1 Precious stone
4 Meat jelly
9 Earth God
12 Mineral rock
13 Heavy string
14 Fish eggs
15 Tango
17 Caring for sick
19 Like
20 Angry
21 Former Persian ruler
24 Garden tool
25 State
28 Free
29 Charged particle
30 Not fresh
31 Devise
33 Mixes
34 Once more
35 Kind of bean
36 Whale
37 Grant temporary use
38 Possessive pronoun
39 Belonging to her
40 Torment
42 Exist
43 Frighten
45 Come in
49 Farm animal
50 Shelf
52 Be indebted
53 Organ of sight
54 German city
55 Marry

DOWN

1 Supreme being
2 Period of time
3 Adult males
4 Sweetsop
5 Compass point
6 A shackle
7 Toughen
8 Tall of tree
9 Complaint
10 Age
11 Entreat
16 Automobile
18 Say
21 Test
22 Scorch
23 Benefit
24 Torrid
26 Church official
27 Pauses
29 Tavern
30 Cunning
32 Kind of duck
33 Cattle genus
35 Spirited horses
38 Islands
39 Female fowl
41 Salt tree
42 Part of to be
43 That girl
44 Plaything
46 Pull
47 Female sheep
48 Scarlet
51 Earth Goddess



See solution on page 12 for today's Crossword

The READER'S RIGHT

The Times welcomes opinions from readers, but does not necessarily agree with those expressed. Brevity is a virtue which should not be overlooked.

All letters must be signed by the writer, although a pen-name may be used for publication.

1964 is Leap Year

Editor, The Times

Sir—To the numerous safety warnings of "DO's and DON'T's" I would add one more which applies to MALE adults; it is: 'Beware—LEAP YEAR, 1964'.

This is not to suggest that females are more alert, etc., every fourth year, but to point out that they may take additional advantage of a Leap Year, to suggest, or propose, without embarrassment or blushing.

They may also wish to relax from their scheming nature, which consciously, or unconsciously, they apply to successly outwit the mere male most of the time.

Of course a few men think that they too, can equal them at this, but a man has to act very consciously accordingly, but they never, or very seldom succeed, their nature is against them.

The moral here seems to be a very good Resolution for New Year, to make and keep it—"HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY."

A. MALE

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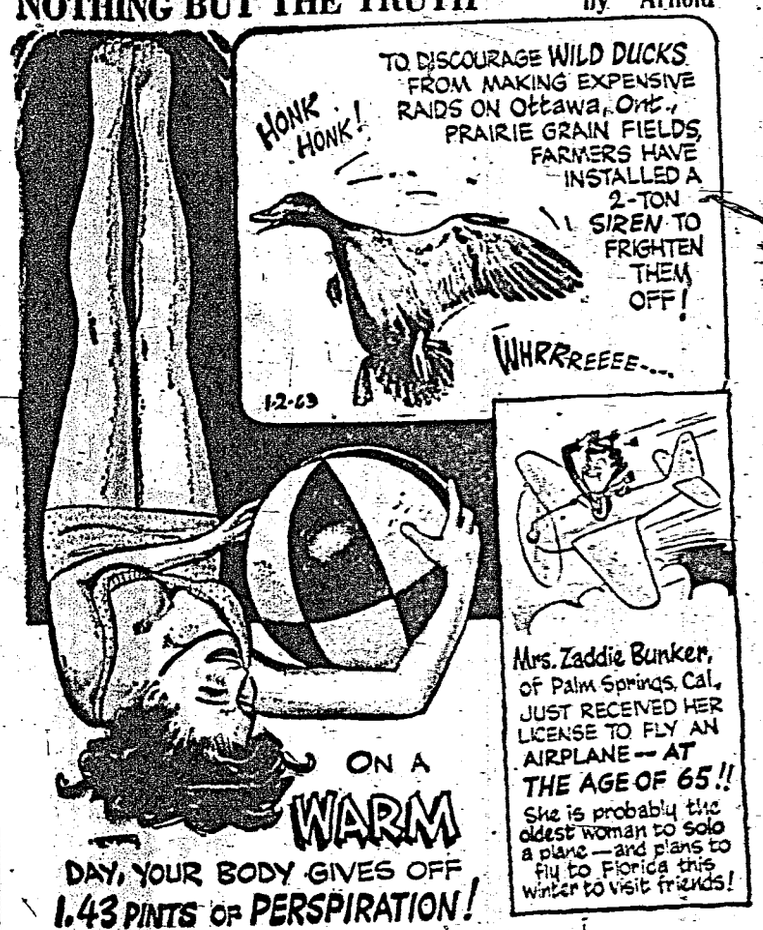
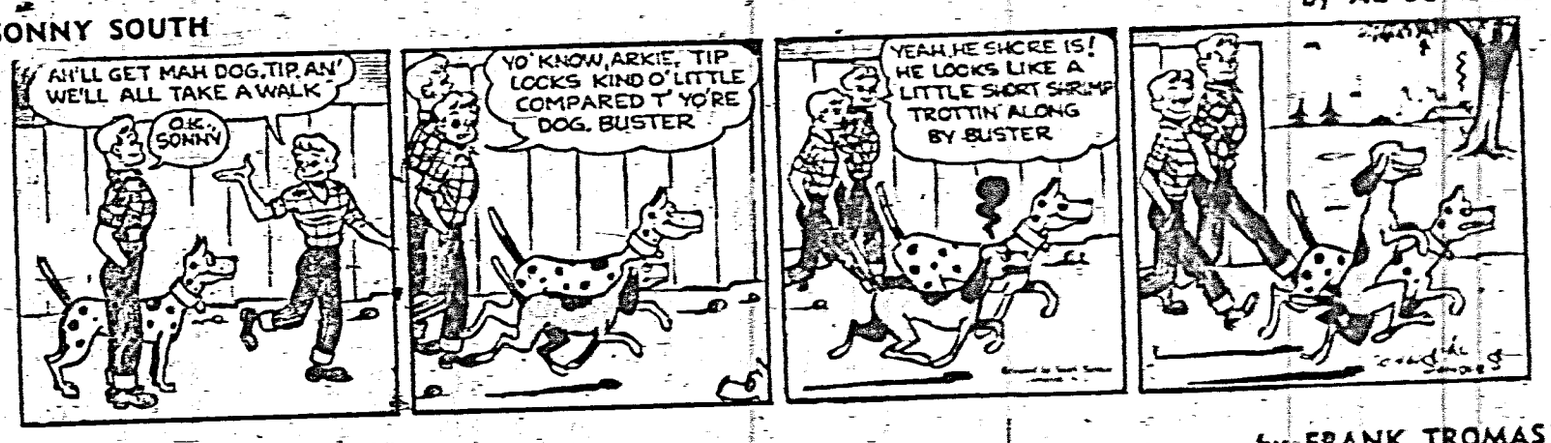
NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

by Arnold



SONNY SOUTH

by AL SONDERS



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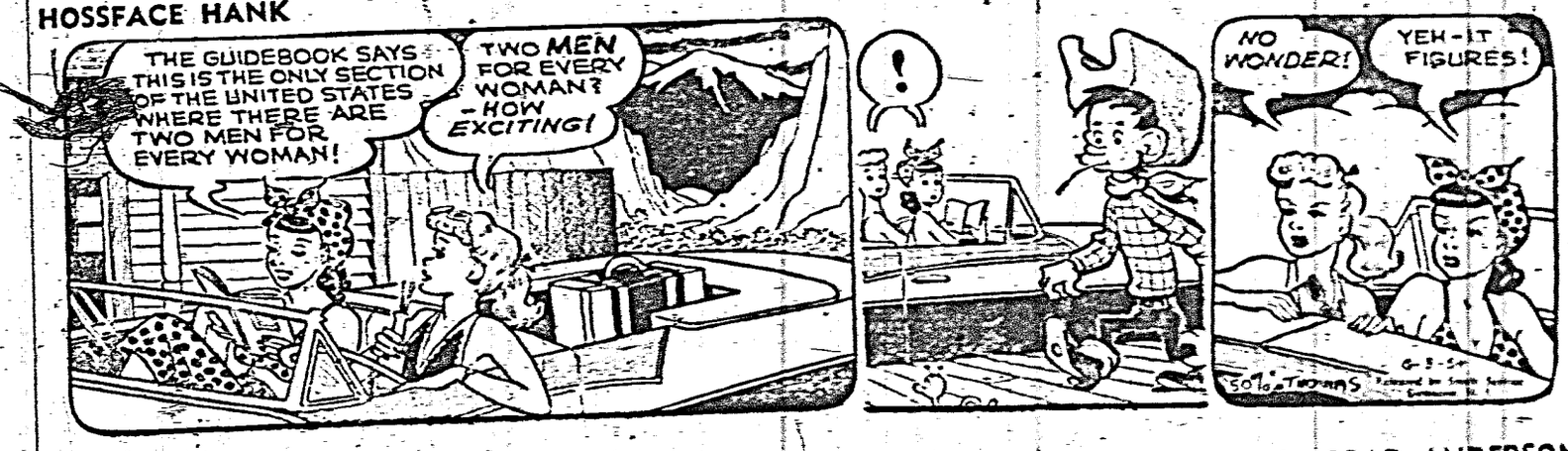

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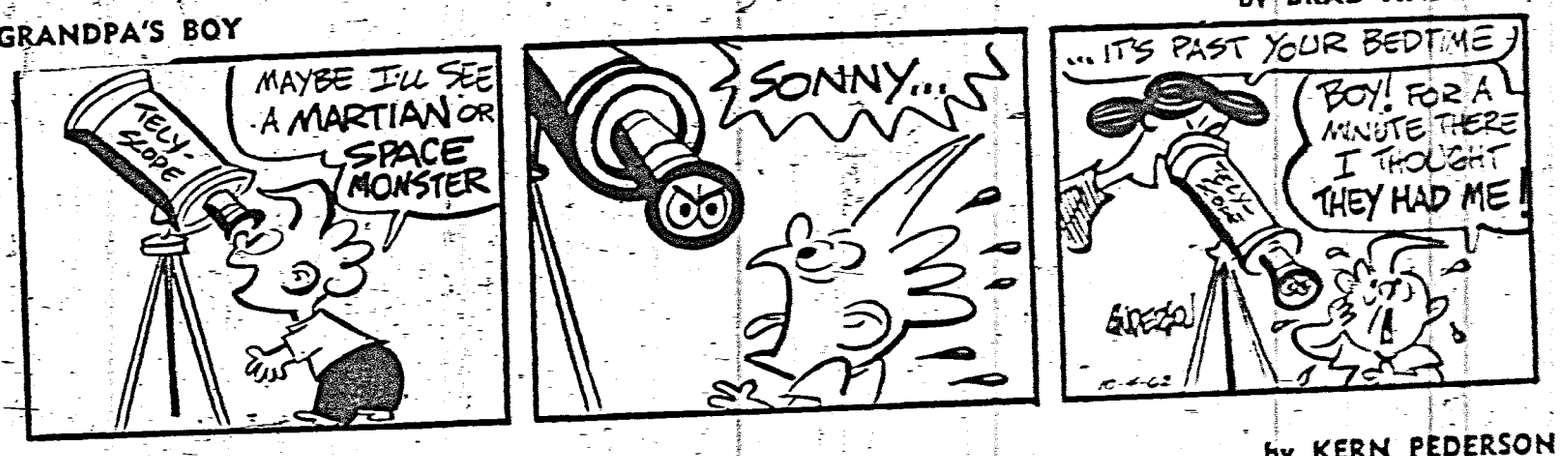

Life's Darkest Moment

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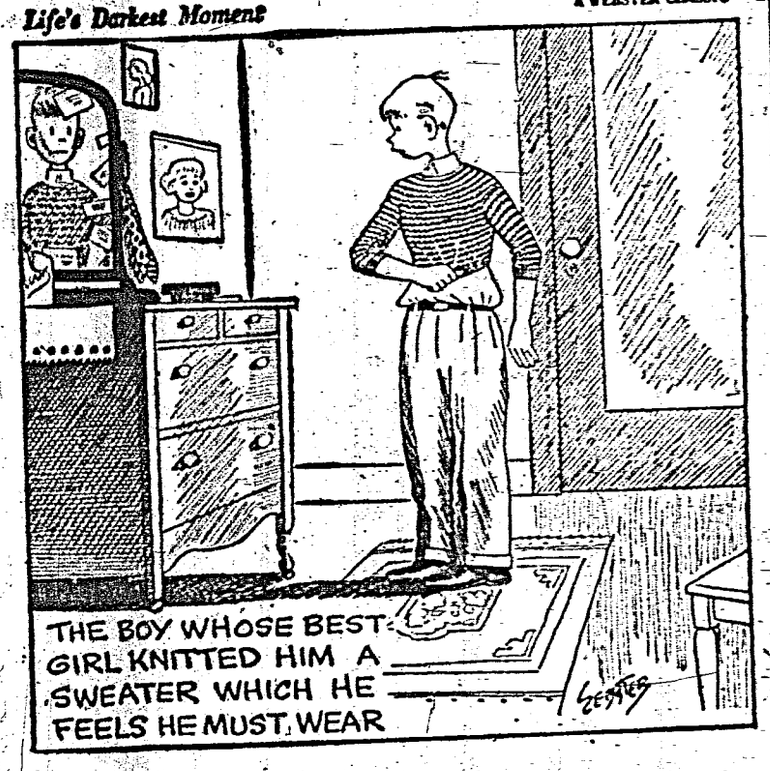
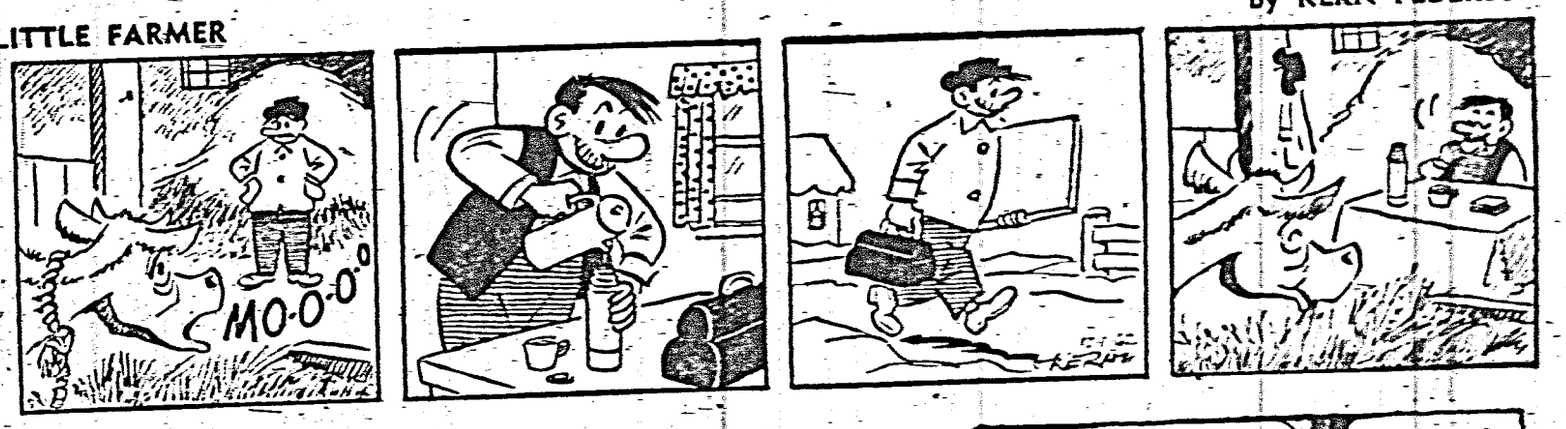


LITTLE FARMER

by KERN PEDERSON



THOSE WERE THE DAYS-

by Art Beeman

But now- WOW!

DEEMS

by TOM OKA

OFF MAIN STREET

by JOE DENNETT

RURAL DELIVERY

by AL SMITH

Quiet ceremony . . .

Theresa Morrison weds Danial Jackson Bithell

A QUIET wedding took place recently when Theresa Anne Morrison, only daughter of Mrs. T. R. Morrison, became the wife of Daniel Jackson Bithell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. A. H. Knight of London, England.

The Rev. E. Jessop was officiating clergyman at the double-ring ceremony which took place at his home. Mrs. Jessop supplied music.

The bride was given away by her grandfather, Roy Gaines, and the best man was Donald N. Pumphrey.

In traditional white, the bride's gown had a full skirt of ballerina length, made of nylon chiffon over taffeta, the bodice of silver brocade with chiffon bolero. The bride wore her mother's chapel length veil which was held in place by a circlet of pearls, her nosegay was of white carnations and white rosebuds.

Sandra Nickerson, friend of the bride and her only attendant, wore a slim, blue suit with white accessories and carried a nosegay of white carnations.

In smart navy blue was the mother of the bride, with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gaines. The bridal table was beautifully decorated with red roses and stephanotis. Tom Morrison, uncle of the bride, proposed the toast. A tape recording was made to be forwarded to the parents of the groom in England.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lumsden of Pritchard, BC and Mr. and Mrs. T. Morrison of Gibsons.

The radiant bride with her delicate coloring looked chic in her going-away outfit of black with blue coat and white fur collar.

Mr. and Mrs. Bithell left by car for a tour of interior BC. They will reside in Calgary where Mr. Bithell is presently serving with the Canadian Army.

Ellen Genower

ELLEN Genower, an old-time resident of the Sechelt district, died in December.

Mrs. Genower would have been 91 in February, and was pre-deceased by her husband in 1950. Since her husband's death she had made her home with her daughter, Doris (Mrs. W. K. Berry). One son, Cyril A. of Vancouver, seven grand daughters, and eighteen great grandchildren also survive her.

Mrs. Genower was born in Norfolk, Engalnd, and her husband Alfred E. Genower was born in London, England. They were married in 1910, the following year migrated to Winnipeg, and left that city for Vancouver in 1914.

In 1915 Mr. Genower went overseas with the Canadian Army and returned in 1918 with the rank of captain.

While he was overseas his family came up each year to Thompson's Point (West Sechelt), to camp with the Redman family. In 1922 he and his wife pre-empted property in that area, a portion known as the McIntyre land. Later in 1931 their daughter, Doris and family moved from Vancouver to join them there.

Mr. Genower was a charter member and first president of Sechelt Branch No. 140, Royal Canadian Legion, and his wife was a charter member of the auxiliary.

Three of their grand daughters and five of their great grand children are living in the Sechelt area.

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Square dance

SECHELT Promenaders held a gay Christmas party in the Wilson Creek hall. This club of intermediate stage square dancers was started in 1957 by Dr. and Mrs. McKee, and has been very active ever since.

Columnist cries . . .

Let's put Wilson Creek on the map

By Rosamund Simpkins

NEIGHBORS of Wilson Creek,. Let's make a new year's resolution to put our lovely Wilson Creek ON THE MAP.

Millions of people don't know there is such a marvellous place. City dwellers are choking in the smog, being run down on the streets and beaten in their homes. Others are being bitten by frost, evacuated by floods, parched by water shortage, tormented by building inspectors, pestered by salesmen and taxed to death.

Here, you might live to be a hundred or more, and never have to lock your door. Our streams run out of 12 clear mountain lakes, uncharted except by air, where pollution or drought cannot take place.

This column is for you, to publish the news of the area. Any happenings you would like printed should be telephoned or brought to me at the top of the Davis Bay Road That which is received by Saturday will appear in this column on the following Wednesday.

A welcome to all new residents of Wilson Creek who are spending their first Christmas here—Rev. and Mrs. Lutener, Rev. and Mrs. Harbord, Dr. and Mrs. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Boser, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Marston, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell from Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Crombie have taken over the beautiful Reynold's A-frame house on the beach built by John de Kleer.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory who have bought long-time resident Burgess' place.

Special thanks goes to Mrs. Margaret Slater, Mrs. Hazel Critchell and Mrs. Judy Parish who worked so hard and successfully to make the children's school concert a whopping success.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sinclair spent the Christmas holidays in Vancouver with both families.

Happy New Year to you all.

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Lighting plans and heating analysis were completed for the customer by the head office of the BC Hydro service department. McPherran Electric did the wiring.

Youth accidently shot in Merritt

THE Harbour was shocked to hear of the accidental death due to shooting of 19-year-old David Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klein who recently moved to Merritt.

Attending the Merritt funeral service were two sisters Joan Klein at home, Mrs. D. Thomas of Kamloops and three brothers, Danny, Dick and Lindsey.

Pall bearers were C. Suttie of Meritt, Wm. Cameron of Pender Harbour, J. Thompson of Merritt, J. Scott of Merritt, J. Bentley of North Vancouver and L. Dubois, Pender Harbour.

Other than members of the family, Pender Harbour was represented by Mr. and Mrs. L. Dubois, J. Phillips, Wm. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stickland.

Rx Monthly News

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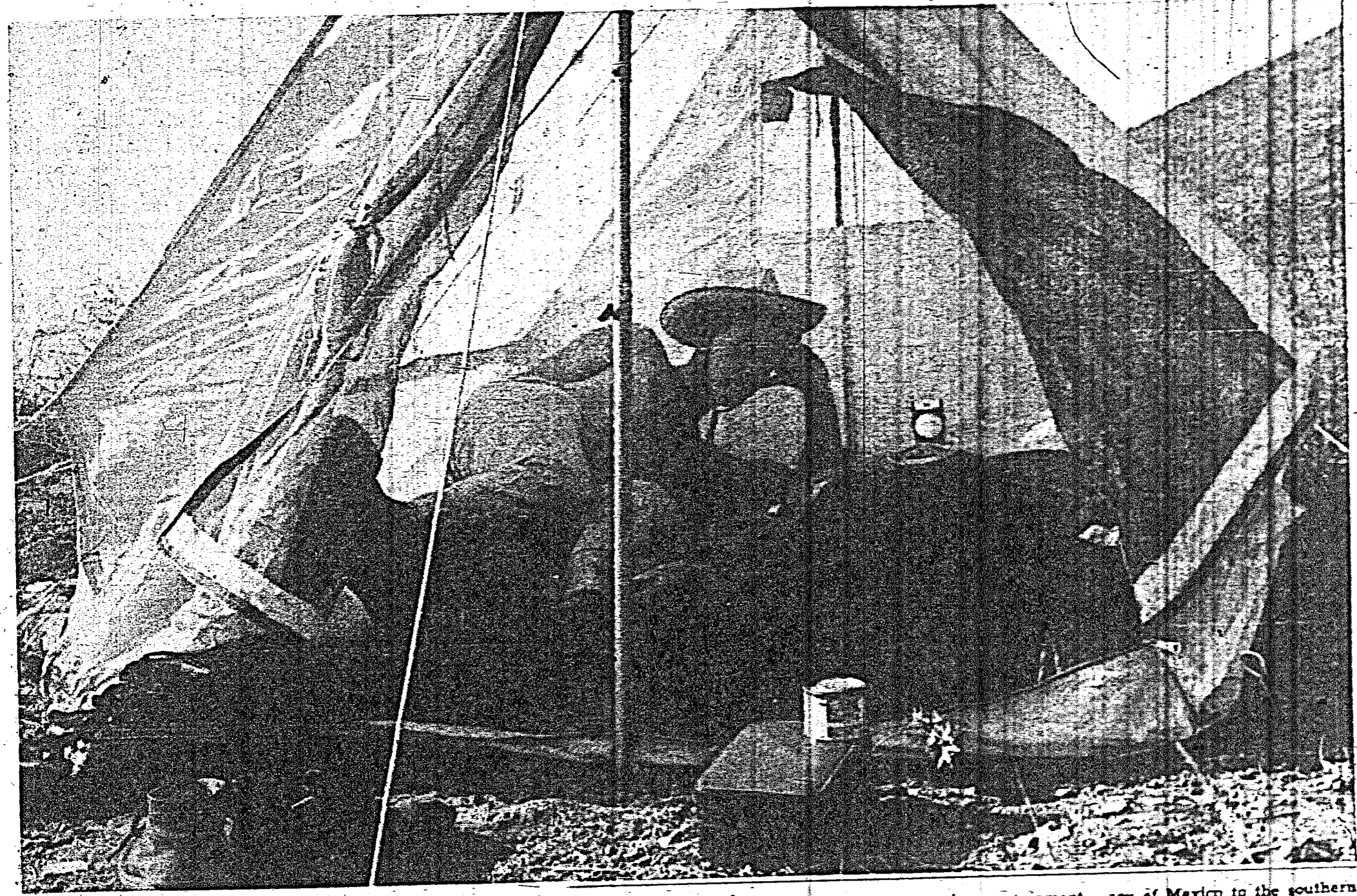

Mexican Siesta

TRAVELLING companion, Mike Suter, demonstrates our "four star" accommodation while travelling in Mexico and Central America.

Foreign Views

—By Ray Grigg

MEXICO, to many, is a place where beef is 10c a pound, where hotels are a dollar a night and where immorality is common and inexpensive. It is a country where there is always sunshine. It is our closest escape from the pace of modern living. It is a wonderful place of romantic and colorful people, of age-old customs and of deceased cultures. For the many who visit Mexico, it is a fantastic vacationland. For the many who must live in Mexico, it is a place seemingly immune to progress.

Border towns mark the embarkation point for those visitors who wish a launching into a world sharply in contrast with that of Canada. At these frontier settlements one becomes abruptly initiated into the corruption of government officials, the atmosphere of poverty and the absence of common sanitation.

One becomes acquainted with the eternality of the inhabitants; people who trudge through their years with a slowness, a painfulness and a lack of resolution. They tread through centuries disregarding the convention of betterment, divorced from the principles of progress and adhering to the ease of casualness. There is much to be learned and observed in Mexico. Most startling initially is the nature of national officialdom.

GRAFT RAMPANT

In the Department of Immigration one encounters a graft that undermines the usefulness of regulations and a casualness that mocks efficiency. Formality is ritual only and officialdom is not a measure of capability but of acquaintance. Beyond the normal entrance charges one pays a dollar when the windshield is cleaned. There is another dollar paid to the customs officer for not examining the contents of your auto, trailer or luggage. Sometimes you will be asked if you are in possession of a package of cigarettes or a bottle of liquor. You might overlook the significance of the question when beginning with the premise that all these civil servants are honest. If you begin with the premise that they are not, then the hint is perfectly obvious. Some officers are offended if you have brought them nothing.

DAMAGE RESPECT

It is erroneous to believe that this graft is common to every official of the government. But it exists commonly enough to damage respect for the intent of authority and is sufficiently prevalent to adulterate the intent of the public servant. It is also popular and lucrative enough to exist in the police force.

As a visitor to Mexico but not a resident, it is difficult to know how these authorities regard their fellow citizens and how the people regard them. Despite my interaction with various levels of Mexican life, I could find no animosity or distrust that is comparable to that existing between these law enforcement officers and the foreign visitor. From what was observed, it seemed that each treated the other with informality but not with disrespect. In fact, the casualness of their observed meetings suggested more comradeship and co-operation than is noted here between the public and authorative bodies. One is eventually led to believe that the widespread corruption and graft is quite acceptable to the Mexicans because they are not its victims.

AMERICANS CONTRIBUTE

It is the United States that is the neighbour of Mexico and is the country that provides the greatest contribution of visitors. Mexico is the place where masses of Americans flock for a "good time and a cheap time." It is an opportune place to vent psychological pressures. When one sees the conditions precipitated in border towns by free-living and fun-loving week-enders, one cannot expect international friendship that springs from the heart. Rowdies and punks game for sex and excitement frequent the edge of Mexico stimulating and sustaining prostitution, disorder, drunkeness and discouraging national and individual self-respect. The towns sleep during the day awaiting the nightly influx of money. They also sleep normally, industrially and agriculturally. Their sustenance is from the sale of disrespectability.

FARTHER SOUTH

There is another brand of this visiting neighbour who ventures farther south. They come in luxurious cars and trailers with fortunes to spend on accommodations, souvenirs, fishing and hunting expeditions and entertainment. They snoop into Mexican life with cameras. They buy the best seats at the bull ring when they do not appreciate the art. They confine their wanderings to the proper places so they won't be embarassed by poverty or get their shoes dirty with the filth that decorates many of the back streets.

Their wealth is useful to the country, in fact, it is imperative to Mexico's welfare. This is another reason why it is resented. This is another reason why the American is called "gringo." It means, "Come American! We dislike you but we will be respectful to your face because you have money. We will exploit you if we can because you exploit us." This is not the opinion of everybody, but it is of many. It is probably the feelings of those officials who have decided to utilize the opportunity to retaliate and of those merchants who know that the price of an object is propostional to the affluence of the customer. "Gringo" is the term that denotes the brash, inconsiderate foreigner.

From the northern boundary of Mexico to the southern extremity of Central America it is a derogatory term. Whenever they asked me, "Usted Americano?", I always replied, "No! Canadiense!" and immediately they reacted more warmly toward me.

Peninsula folk span the world

RON Orchard, Selma Park, has flown to London, England to visit relatives for a few weeks, and will return the beginning of February.

L. F. (Bill) Perkins, Selma Park, is still away travelling through the West Indies. Latest word is that he was at Barbados, where he was met by the son of Mr. J. Momrufet, Roberts Creek. Cid Momrufet has a shipping business in the Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker, West Sechelt, will be leaving the middle of the month to motor with friends through Arizona, Southern California, and down to Mazatlan, Mexico. During their absence of probably a month their house will be occupied by a friend.

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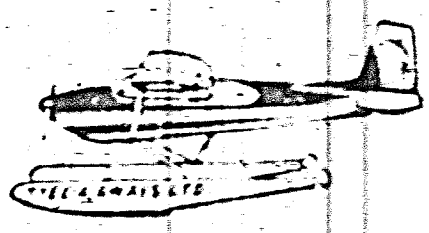

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Water standards . . .

Water pollution menace occurs when no oxygen

POLLUTION of water sources occurs when the oxygen carrying capacity of water is used up and no dissolved oxygen is available to carry out the natural bacterial breakdown and stabilization of organic matter. This is termed BOD (biochemical oxygen demand).

Minimum British standards since 1951 submitted at the Geneva Conference on water pollution problems in Europe in 1961 demanded a BOD of 20 parts per million. At this conference it was recommended examination of water should comprise physical, chemical and bacteriological determinations. In addition, the saprobial organisims (those which feed on decaying animals and vegetable matter in ratio to the oxygen saturation of the water should be calculated.

According to their recommendations, water desirable should contain a minimum for bathing and fishing BOD content of 7.0 per mg/l.

Water can purify itself. To maintain self-purifacation a large body of diluting water with a high oxygen content and a balanced acquatic life are necessary. Sewage must be fresh, with no floating material, putrefying solids or the capabilities of natural flora causes stimulation of certain groups and upsets the balanced condition.

BACTERIAL ACTION

Oxygen content is important because waste material uses oxygen as it decomposes. This bacterial breakdown is carried out by bacterial communities in two stages, firstly the oxidation of carbonaceous matter, and secondly the oxidation of nitrogenous (protein) matter. This is accomplished by two types of metabolic processes—aerobic and anaerobic.

In the less efficient anaerobic process, the organic matter is broken down in the absence of air or by the process products of the breakdown of carbonaceous organic materials in this process are methane, hydrogen, organic acids and alcohols. The efflux from this process contains an larger percentage of solids than from the more efficient aerobic process.

In the aerobic process, organic matter is broken down in the presence of air by oxidation. Here carbonaceous organic materials produces carbon dioxide and oxygen. No methane is produced. Aerobic treatment, ponds trickling filters and activated sludge methods, reduce the number of coliform bacteria 85—95%, whereas the anaerobic or sedimentation tank method destroys only an small percentage of the coliform bacteria.

COLIFORM BACTERIA

In Coliform bacteria, normal inhabitants of the intestinal tract, are not necessarily harmful in themselves, but where they exist, harmful (pathogenic) bacteria can also exist. Coliform becteria have a role in the transformation of organic matter into carbon dioxide and oxygen.

In the second stage, the oxidation of nitrogenous material, several factors are essentail—oxygen, ammonia, presence of carbon dioxide and an alkaline reaction.

PH FACTOR

This reaction, acid or alkaline, is termed the PH factor and is determined by the hydrogen iron concentration. In the sedementation tank or anaerobic method where the breakdown of carbonaceous material produces methane, hydrogen, organic acids and alcohols, an acid reaction as produced which limits the decomposition of proteins and permits an accumulation of ammonia nitrogen which further decreases the PH.

If conditions are not favorable, the breakdown of nitrogenous materials does not proceed to the end products. One of the end products, hydrogen sulphide proceeds only to the sulfuric acid stage. In hard water the sulfides form sulfates which produce unpleasant odors.

OTHER FACTORS

Besides bacteric which are one-celled plants, other inhabitants of sewage materials are protozoa, fungi, algae, spores and nematodes.

Protozoa, one-celled animals, ingest organic matter and bacteria and assist in stabilizing the pollutional material.

Fungi, parasite plants without green coloring matter, are efficient oxidizers of organic substances. They assimilate soluble inorganic nitrogen compounds and minerals and can tolerate more ammonia from proteins. Fungi are present but not too abundant in sewage.

Algae are plants which can survive only in the presence of sunlight. They give off oxygen gas and help to replenish the oxygen in the water. Seaweeds are algae.

Spores, reproductive bodies of some bacteria, are tougher than the bacteria themselves. They can withstand the action of disinfecting chemicals.

Nematodes or threadworms are found by the million in soil. They attack plant roots and parasitize man and animal. Tests carried out by the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, have shown those which breed in sewage plants can ingest disease-bearing bacteria and viruses. Futhermore, these nematodes are indestructible by chlorination.

Poisons: A wide variety of chemicals act as poisons to biological communities and interfere with natural purification processes.

CHLORINATION

Under ideal conditions chlorination with a residual of 0.2—0.4 pts. per million of chlorine can destroy 99.9% of bacteria with a contract time of 15—20 minutes. Destruction of spores is not as great as destruction of bacteria.

In actual practice there are interfering reactions. Chlorine is an oxidizing agent and readily combines with any reduced organic or inorganic substances in nature such as the end products of the oxidation of carbonaceous and nitrogenous materials in sewage. According to Dr. William Rudolfs of Rutgers University, New Jersey, "the greater the state of reduction of sewage, the more chlorine will be required to meet the chemical demand and the less the efficiency of sterilization will be with a given dosage of chlorine."

Organisms which are not killed are capable of after growth to the point of reaching the original count after 24 hours. The reason for this spectacular growth is due to the greater sensitivity of the bacteria-destroying protozoa to chlorine and the development of chlorine-resistant bacteria.

Engineers calculate each person adds between 0.15 and 0.18 pounds of suspended solids per day to the sewage. The solid matter represents the menace since it is here disease germs breed.

A laundry processing 100 pounds of clothes produces wastes equal to that contributed by 24 people. The effect of detergents on bacterial action has not to date been fully determined. Detergents can be removed by the action of coke filters.

All these angles should be well considered before any definite decision is made as to which type of sewage disposal — sedimentation tank, filter field or pond method—should be used as a permanent method in this area.

Pollution-Control Act

Prohibition Section 7

NO person shall discharge sewage or other waste materials into the waters of the area under the jurisdiction of the Board without the permission of the Board. The permission may be in the form of a permit, which may prescribe the degree of treatment of the effluent as well as the location of the point of discharge into the waters of the area and the manner of the discharge as a condition of the permission.

Amends Pollution-control Act. Section 17 Statute Law Amendment. The Pollution-control Act, being chapter 289 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960, is amended by inserting the following after Section 7 as section 7A:—

"7A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7, the Board may classify operations according to the type of sewage or waste materials being discharged or proposed to be discharged, or by the type of treatment proposed or undertaken, or by the volume of the discharge or proposed discharge, or any combination of these, and may, with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, exempt any class or classes of operation so defined from the provisions of this Act, and may further make such exemptions applicable to a specific area or areas under the jurisdiction of the Board."

Interpretation Section 2 In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, "effluent" means anything flowing in or out of a drain, sewer, sewage-disposal system or works;

"Pollution" means anything done, or any result or condition existing, created, or likely to be created, affecting land or water which, in the opinion of the Board, is detrimental to health, sanitation, or the public interest;

"Water" includes all streams, lakes ponds, inland waters, salt waters, watercourses and all other surface and ground waters within the jurisdiction of the Province;

"Works" includes drains, ditches, sewers, intercepting sewers, sewage treatment and disposal plants and works, pumping-stations, and other works necessary thereto, and outlets for carrying off, treating and disposing of drainage and sewage, and any other and all works, structures, lands, conveniences included and necessary to the completion of a sewerage or drainage system.

Section 4 The Board has the following powers and duties:—

(a) To determine what qualities and properties of water shall constitute a polluted condition:

(b) To prescribe standards regarding the quality and character of the effluent which may be discharged into any of the waters within the area or areas under the jurisdiction of the Board:

(c) To conduct tests and surveys to determine the extent of pollution of any waters within the area or areas under the jurisdiction of the Board:

(d) To examine into all existing or proposed means for the disposal of sewage or other waste materials, or both, and to approve the plans and specifications for such works as are deemed necessary to prevent pollution of the waters of the area or areas:

(e) To notify all persons who discharge effluent into the said waters when the effluent fails to meet the prescribed standards;

(f) To order any person after six months from date of notification or such longer period as may be determined by the Board to increase the degree of treatment of the effluent or to alter the manners or point of discharge of the effluent being discharged by such person to bring the effluent up to the prescribed standards:

(g) To order any person who fails to comply with an order issued under clause (f) to cease discharging effluent into any waters in the area as and from a day and time specified in the order.

Section 12 Application:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act this Act applies to

(a) all the areas of land contained within the boundaries of a municipality, draining, by natural or artificial means, into the Fraser River or its tributaries from the Village of Hope to the Strait of Georgia, or into Boundary Bay, or into the area of the Strait of Georgia contained within a line drawn from the International Boundary-line at longtitude 123° 15' to Halfmoon Bay, or into Burrard Inlet;

(b) any area designated by Order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council Section 13 This Act extends:

This Act shall not be deemed contrary to the Health Act, the Municipal Act, or the Water Act, but shall be considered an extension of such Acts for the public interest."

Sechelt comparison . . .

Squamish pollution control act superior

APPLICATION for a permit under the "Pollution-Control Act" I, J. Keubler & Lauer Bros., c/o L. J. Lauer, 10, 933, 132 A Street, Surrey, B.C. hereby apply to the Secretary, Pollution-Control Board, for a permit to discharge treated sanitary sewage effluent into Squamish River via Inlet North of McNamee Place which flows southerly and discharges into Howe Sound & give my application to all persons affected.

The point of discharge shall be located at approximately 100 ft. North of the intersection of Wilson Crescent and McNamee Place. The land upon which the effluent originates is Lot 3 of Lot 4261 Group 1, N. W.D., Plan 6451.

The quantity of effluent to be discharged is as follows: Maximum hourly rate, 0.08 C. F.S., 30 (Imperial gal. p.m.) Maximum 12-hour discharge 10,000 (Imperial gallons.) Average 24-hour discharge through year, if continuous or through season if seasonal 12,500 (Imperial gallons.)

The operating season during which the effluent will be discharged is continuous.

The characteristics of the effluent to be discharged are as follows: Suspended solids (p. p.m.) 200 before treatment 30 after treatment. Total solids (p.p.m.) 400 before treatment, 60 after treatment. Biochemical oxygen demand (p.p.m.) 200 before treatment, 30 after treatment. pH 7.2 before treatment, 7.2 after treatment. Temperature (degrees Fashrenheit) 45-60° before treatment, 40-55° after treatment.

Coliform bacteria, average m.p.n. per 100 ml.) 30x10 6. Toxic Chemicals (p.p.m.) — None.

The type of treatment to be applied to the effluent before discharge is as follows: Coarse screening, Primary sedimentation, Activated sludge, Secondary sedimentation, Chlorination. A copy of this application was posted at the proposed point of discharge on the 16th day of December, 1963.

(Agent) P. G. W. Walker, P.Eng.,
Consulting Engineer,
2840 Spruce Street.,
Vancouver, B.C.

More stringent law . . .

St. Mary's applies for pollution permit

APPLICATION for a permit under the "Pollution-Control Act" WE Director of Indian Affairs of Ottawa, Canada AND; Board of Trustees, St. Mary's Hospital, Sechelt, B.C. hereby apply to the Secretary, Pollution-control Board, for a permit to discharge chlorinated septic tank effluent into Trail Bay, a part of the Straits of Georgia and give notice of my application to all persons affected.

The point of discharge shall be located 600 feet East of West Boundary of Sechelt Indian Reserve No. 2.

The land upon which the effluent originates is Sechelt Indian Reserve No. 2, and St. Mary's Hospital.

The quantity of effluent to be discharged is as follows: Maximum hourly rate O.11 (C.F.S.) 60 (Imp. Gal. p.m.). Maximum 12-hour discharge 35,000 (Imperial gallons.). Average 24-hour discharge through year if continuous or through season if seasonal 57,500 (Imperial gallons).

The operating season during which the effluent will be discharged is continuous.

The characteristics of the effluent to be discharged are as follows: Suspended solids (p. p.m.) 300 before treatement. 67 after treatment. Total solids (p.p.m.) 600 before treatment, 300 after treatment. Biochemical oxygen demand (p.p.m.) 250 before treatment 170 after treatment.

pH 7.0 to 7.5 before treatment, 7.0 - 7.5 after treatment. Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit) 50-60 before treatment, 40-60 after treatment.

Coliform bacteria (average m.p.h. per 100 ml.) 5x107, 98-99% reduction. Toxic chemicals (p.p.m.) Hospital wastes.

The type of treatment to be applied to the effluent before discharge is as follows: Primary sedimentation, Chlorination.

A copy of this application was posted at the proposed point of discharge on the 24th day of October, 1963.

Date October 25, 1963
W. G. Coleman, P. Eng.
for Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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At Sechelt . . .

Engineers, sanitation experts attend council

S. COPP, Federal Department of Public Health and Welfare regional engineer, W. Robinson, Department of Indian Affairs regional engineer, Barry MacDonald, sanitary inspector, and Drs. A. Swan and W. Burtnick attended Sechelt's council meeting to answer questions on the proposed plan to discharge treated effluence from the new hospital and the Indian reservation into Trail Bay.

Commissioner H. B. Gordon asked, "What scientific proof can you produce to prove chlorination will destroy all bacteria?"

Robinson: "It will not. All bacteria are not harmful. Both harmful and non harmful bacteria can emerge. This treatment is adequate according to public health authorities."

Gordon: "How far out will this efflux be discharged?"

Robinson: "About 200 feet."

Gordon: "Will chlorination destroy golden staph, strep, viruses, typhoid, polio, dysentery?"

Robinson: "The concentration we're using will kill the majority. We can't count on killing them all. To do that they would have to be sterilized in a retort. In Vancouver the average coliform count ranges from 200-500 per 100 ml, and there have been no epidemics traced to swimming on the beaches."

Gordon: "Is that why they closed the beaches?"

Robinson: "Raw sewage was going into the bay."

Swain: "But it won't be raw sewage from here."

Copp: "No, and futher the volume of treated sewage flowing into the bay will be small."

Gordon: "But it will increase over the years, and the size of the bay isn't going to increase."

Copp: "By that time you may find some other means."

Robinson: "The amount of solid material coming out of the plant is so small you wouldn't be able to tell the difference from that and ordinary creek water. The maximum flow at any given time will be 60 gallons a minute, the equivalent flow from a three inch pipe at 20 pounds pressure—not as large as the flow in a culvert. The treatment plant will be at the beach and chlorination is done after the effluence leaves the plant."

Gordon: "Will this efflux be tested every day?"

McDonald: "The pollution control board will advise me what steps to take."

Gordon: "Then it might be once a month, or once every six months, or every year."

McDonald: "The permit is issued by the pollution control board. If the count is unsatisfactory, the permit will be withdrawn."

F. Parker: "Do you consider 200 feet out ample?"

Robinson: "This gives 20 feet at low tide, which seems to be ample for the currents. Bear in mind, cost is of the essence."

Parker: "There is no value you can put on our beach if you ruin it."

Robinson: "We can always extend the line."

Gordon: "Then this is experimental?"

Robinson: "This is the minimum."

Gordon: "Is this efflux free-flowing or is it pumped out?"

Robinson: "Free-flowing. It has an elevation of 12 which is about two feet above the highest tide experienced here."

Parker: "Is there any alternative scheme?"

Robinson: "Yes. Individual septic tanks and disposal fields. The hospital was designed with a disposal field, but maintenance difficulties occur, it becomes clogged then you have pools lying around."

Gordon: "What about nematodes? They breed in sewage disposal plants and are affected by chlorination."

Copp: "They're in water systems too. They are harmless."

Gordon: "They ingest bacteria and protect the germs they carry."

Burtnick: "They don't carry any bacteria harmful to humans."

Robinson: "I've never heard of them in B.C."

Copp: "Organisms break down organic compounds. Coliform inhabit the growth of harmful bacteria. The ratio of pathogens to coliform is very small. If there were an epidemic of typhoid, the doctors would close the area immediately."

Gordon: "What about drugs and chemical wastes?"

Robinson: "What harmful chemicals would there be?"

Swan: "Chemical wastes, lab acids will not go into the sewage system. They will go into a rock pit."

Burtnick: "Chemical wastes will be dispensed as garbage."

Gordon: "What information can you supply about detergents? Are they not insoluble? What effect will they have on marine life?"

Robinson: "The concentration is so small there will be no effect."

Gordon: "They find their way into lakes and streams. Is there no occurances of detergents here?"

McDonald: "We don't notice it in Gibsons."

Copp: "There's no evidence of it on the beach in Vancouver."

Burtnick: "It's safer in the chuck than in people's wells."

Gordon: "We don't drink the salt water but we swim in it."

Swain: "You say 60 gallons of efflux an minute, but how many millions of gallons of water are there in the bay?"

Dawe: "There is a strong current at high water, but not at low water, but I have no fear of any contamination of the bay or threat to fish life."

Gordon: "Do you have permission from the federal department of fisheries to spew out in the bay? This particular area produces a chum salmon run, is a crab fishing area, and also the Indians have a permit to obtain their winter supply of scrap fish there."

Robinson: "That is not required by any legislation."

Gordon: "Section 33(2) of the fisheries act says, no persons shall cause or knowingly permit to pass into, or put or knowingly permit to be put, lime chemical substances or drugs, poisonous matter, dead or decaying fish, of remnants thereof, mill rubbish or sawdust or any other deleterious substance or thing, whether the same is of a like character to the substances named in this section or not, in any water frequented by fish, or that flows into such water, nor on ice over either such waters."

Robinson: "That only applies to illegal dumping of garbage. It does not affect a sewage plant."

Copp: "All the towns along the Fraser discharge into the river."

Gordon: "Will there be danger to marine life?"

McDonald: "The residual chlorine content is .2 to .5 points per million left over after the organic materials is dissolved. We know what percentage marine life can accept. We're going to play it down the center. It will be below the tolerance level of marine life."

Robinson: "This will be the same type as Iona."

Gordon: "Is Iona 100% effective?"

Copp: "About 99% effective on the bacterial count."

Gordon: "What effect will there be from Japanese seaweed retaining efflux?"

Robinson: "There shouldn't be any problem there."

Gordon: "Henry S. Reuss, United States congressman, graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law Sshool states detergent foam slows the sewerage removal by preventing light and oxygen from reaching the contaminants."

Copp: "That's a different type of treatment plant. There is no light in a septic plant."

Gordon: "Hospitals are clean and sanitary yet you have outbreaks of staph. What precautions can be taken to prevent these from appearing on the beaches?"

Swan: "Most of the staph bacteria would be on dressings and these are incinerated. The ones discharged from the human intestinal tract don't pose any problems."

Parker: "Salt water is not an enemy to bacteria?"

Burtnick: "To coliform yes. Other bacteria die out their natural habitat."

Gordon: "What is the comparison in cost of the original disposal field and the sewage system?"

Swan: "It is $1000 cheaper to put in the disposal field on the hospital grounds but the operating costs are higher because of clogging."

Gordon: "Essondale has used a disposal field for years. They just clean it out."

Robinson: "This will have to be done here every two to five years with the treatment plant to clean out the solids."

Gordon: "We have an alternative for the hospital then?"

Swan: "For the hospital yes, but not for the reserve. There is no place there to sink septic tanks."

Gordon: "What about the pond method used by the city of Langley?"

Robinson: "Some good sized cities use them. I wouldn't recommend them where an alternative method of discharging sewage into a body of water is available. There are some operational problems when the ice breaks up in the spring."

Swan: "Would contamination from an outfall be more or less than from 30 or 40 pleasure craft dumping sewage at a breakwater?"

Copp: "More from a breakwater."

Swan: "Then pleasure craft represent a greater hazard than the sewage pipe. A breakwater would tend to form a trap. The outfall could be extended if a breakwater comes. A local resident is taking up a petition against the sewage disposal, but the breakwater would be the greater hazard. Indian reservation sewage is a hazard to all of us. I'm concerned with the health of the local Indian. Infectious hepatitis is a sewage problem. Sewage in surface water is a potentially dangerous situation. What would happen if our sewage plans were delayed?"

Robinson: "The Hospital would have to put in a disposal field. The Indian affairs money lapses after March 31st. We would have to reapply for it. We have to wait a minimum of 30 days from advertisement before we can get a permit from the pollution board. If there are no protests we can start under the winter works campaign. It would help ease the Indian welfare problem. We are at a stage of planning where we could have men on the job by January 15th."

Gordon: "I don't consider the welfare problem as serious as the pollution problem."

Swan: "Should this sewage plan be contested successfully this would automatically eliminate a breakwater."

After departure of the experts, council discussed their position. "I think we should take the advise of these learned authorities," declared Swain. "We be very foolish to oppose," said Dawe. Council decided not to carry this any further, with Gordon registering a protest vote.

Nativity pageant at St. Hilda's

by Betty Williams

ST. HILDA'S church school and members of the congregation were treated to a very lovely pageant of the Nativity, by the girl's auxiliary assisted by the junior auxiliary.

The girls created their own costumes, (some of which looked most authentic) stage props and back drops. Valuable assistance was given by Bill and Garry Billingsley and Robin Hanford. Moral support and practical assistance from Rev. and Mrs. Fergusson.

Appropriate passages from the Bible were read by scribe Cheryl Billingsley, who had made a scroll for the purpose. All present joined in the singing of carols accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Jackson.

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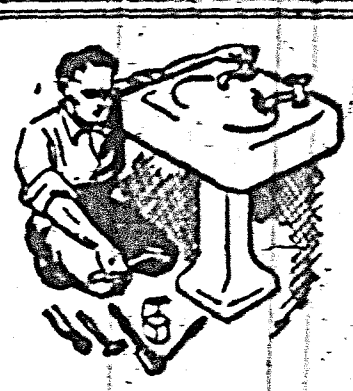

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From Community Club . . .

Pender Harbour school board wants land deed

PENDER Harbour Community Club is to be asked to deed their portion, (approximately 3 4 acres) to the school board. This was the decision of the board after discussion of the poor condition of the community club portion of the jointly owned playing field at Madeira Park.

"Are we prepared to spend five or six thousand dollars on these grounds?" asked board chairman, Reg Spicer. "They're a mess, we're going to have to fix them anyway," stated trustee Mrs. Muriel Ball. "If merely cleaning out ditches was the answer, it would have been solved long ago. This is a long range deal."

TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

Transportation complaints as aired at the Pender Harbour meeting of electors came under discussion. "Scheduling is the problem. No one is happy when a child has to leave home at 7:30 a.m.," said Spicer. "The system can be improved," declared Don Macklam. "The main problem is lack of flexibility on the part of the transportation companies. We were prepared to pay the cost. It was a case of getting through to the bus company. We couldn't get them to agree to a new bus," he said, "unless we would guarantee eight hours running time."

A transportation problem on Bowen Island was tabled for the consideration of the incoming board. "The main problem is right now we have no policy. We have to establish one," said Mrs. Ball.

Also on transportation W. S. Potter reported difficulties with discipline on buses. "Usually the problem has gone on for some weeks before I hear about it, and then usually from parents," he stated. "The bus is an extension of the school. Certainly we must have control," stated Macklam. "Is there any reason why bus drivers cannot fill out a weekly report on student behaviour on the bus and submit it to Mr. Potter?" he enquired.

"The bus drivers feel they are paid to drive bus only, not to keep order," explained board secretary, Mrs. A. Burns. "This is a breakdown in basic responsibility," said Macklam. "Who's running transportation—the bus company or the board? We're chartering the bus, so we're responsible."

Board decided to advise bus companies to submit a weekly report on student behavior on each bus.

MY-OOK

Potter tabled a copy of 'My-Ook' Indian name for grizzly bear, a booklet of creative writing by Elphinstone students, typed by the senior commerce class.

He explained the increased cost of equipment for the new physics course is due to a change in methods. Now each student will perform experiments instead of watching the teacher. The increase amounts to $2000 for Elphinstone, $1382 for Pender and $840 for films which can be shared between the two schools.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Are occupational students regarded as employees? This question was asked when discussing the position of occupational students in regard to insurance coverage. "This is only a training period. They are not paid," explained Potter. "The average employee would not want to be put in that position for doing a favor," declared Macklam. He moved a letter be written to the WCB to obtain from them a statement concerning the board's responsibility in the matter with a copy to the BCSTA. In the meantime Potter will see that the 14 occupational students carry school insurance.

Trustees' group accident insurance change-over was tabled for the incoming board. Macklam said, "I don't think it's that important that we be overinsured. I'd say at $10 leave it."

PRIZES OFFERED

Prizes of $15, $10 and $5 will be offered to students from Pender Harbour Secondary and Elphinstone secondary schools for the best posters to be identified with the referendum.

Trustees unanimously agreed to the request made at a meeting of representatives to notify representatives of regular board meetings in the same manner at trustees.

Mrs. D. Caldwell's offer to sell 3½ acres of land for $2500 was tabled for the new board to consider.

A letter of appreciation written by Mrs. Fleming, principal of Pender Harbour Secondary school on behalf of the students and teachers was read thanking the board for the public address system, mineral display cabinet and kiln.

Board agreed to budget $150 to send a principal to be recommended by Gordon Johnson, district superintendent of schools, to the principal's conference July 20-31 on UBC campus. Last year Gordon Freeman of Madeira Park elementary went, and the year before that W. S. Potter of Elphinstone secondary.

Mrs. Ball was selected to attend the BC educational research council annual meeting at UBC January 8.

University seminar on problems of municipal government for January 13-16 was announced.

SCOUTS, CUBS PARTY

The Wilson Creek Boy Scouts and Cubs held a joint Christmas party in the Wilson Creek Scout hall. Parents of the boys and the Wilson Creek Group Committee provided refreshments for the successful affair.

Cubs' party held Dec. 16

A CHRISTMAS party was held at the Earl Haig Camp no. who also accompanied in Roberts Creek on Dec. 16 by the Roberts Creek Group committee.

The program consisted of a Cub candlelight service, a going up ceremony for Cubs Ken Bland and Randy Naylor, and a demonstration on rescue. The evening's entertaiment was rounded off by a few skits and a showing of films by Mr. Fleming.

1964 CUB PROGRAM

Due to the lack of response from the parents in this area, the 1st Gibsons 'A' pack will be handled by district cubmaster G. Thatcher, from Jan. 11 at the school hall from 10-11:30 a.m. and every Saturday from then on. Any adult or teen age boy interested in assisted is asked to contact G. Thatcher at 886-2479.

Parents who have boys interested in joining are asked to contact G. Thatcher. Days and times of meetings are listed:

Roberts Creek at Camp Earl Haig, Mondays 7-8:15 p.m.

Saint Vincent's at Camp Earl Haig, Fridays 7-8:30 p.m.

1st Gibsons 'B' at Legion Hall, Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.

Port Mellon at Community Hall, Wednesdays 7-8 p.m.

Sechelt area sickness list

CHARLES Brookman, 80, of Wilson Creek, was knocked down by a car in Vancouver. He was taken to Vancouver General Hospital for emergency treatment, then transferred to Shaughnessy Hospital where his condition is reported as good. Mr. and Mrs. Brookman were in Vancouver visiting friends for the holiday season.

Frank French of Sechelt is still in Shaughnessy Hospital.

George Wedley has been discharged from the hospital and spent a day in Sechelt. He has returned to Vancouver where Mrs. Wedley is still a patient in St. Pauls.

Also in St. Pauls is Mrs. Dudley Frere of Porpoise Bay.

J. H. McCrea of West Sechelt was taken in to St. Paul's emergency Saturday for a check-up, and he is still in hospital. L. P. Hansen drove him into Vancouver.

Queen Victoria's birthday has been celebrated as a Canadian holiday since 1845.

New toys difficult . . .

Parents should have toymaking instruction

By Teddy Benson

WITH modern toys being what they are, I have come to the conclusion that there should be special courses for parents in naval architecture, aviation engineering and chemistry.

Ever try building the latest in model boats, or airplanes? Instructions come on two pages. Each page is approximately the size of one's dining table. At first glance it looks quite simple. Once you start you're not quite certain what 'aft' means. I hate admitting to being an uninformed landlubber, so I procede to read instructions which tell me to cement the aft mast to the aft stack, then cement the antenna and the crossarm to the aft mast.

Finally admitting to ignorance, I pull out the dictionary and learn aft means to the rear. Then I look up crossarm. By this time I'm inclined to leave all nautical terminology to the navy. But I don't want my son to think me completely uninformed, so I procede with reluctance.

Model airplanes, too, are beyond the layman. They instruct you to build, as one piece, minus center rib and top spar, then cut in half and the halves joined at the required dihedral angle. Sounds more like a surgical procedure.

By now I'm hoping it takes my son a long time to build his models because I'm wondering about that chemistry set yet to be opened, and thinking I must teach him the difference between H2O and C2H5OH. (The former he can drink, the latter he'd be wise to merely sniff). And while I'm at it I must check that set to make certain the generous chemical company didn't enclose some glyceryl trinitrate, or perhaps, in this modern day they may have substituted such fissionable elements as plutonium or uranium 235.

Anyone for advanced courses?

Port Mellon news

by Linda Moore

THE Teen Town Dance was held on Friday the 13th. The crowd was not too large, but most of those who were there had a good time. The Teen Town would like to thank the sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Hume, Mr. and Mrs. W. Flockhart, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Littlejohn, for their time.

The children's Christmas party was well attended at the Community hall. At two o'clock the film "Kidnapped" was shown and at about 3:30 Santa appeared. Candy and oranges were given to the children. Dave Sherman and Wong were there to take pictures of the children with Santa if the parents wanted.

The Sunday School children of the Port Mellon Community Church held their Christmas program Dec. 15. The play, "This Shall Be A Sign", was presented to a good attendance of parents and friends. Each of the classes of the Sunday School had parts in this program.

WEEKEND AT HOME

Miss Loraine Logan spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham.

BRIDGE LAKE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Farnham of Bridge Lake are spending part of their Christmas holidays at their daughter and son-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bergnach of Stucco Row, Port Mellon.

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Last meeting . . .

Gibsons municipality reports year success

CLERK'S report prepared and read by Jules Mainil outlined the progress of the municipality during the year. He reported a small surplus due to council's thrifty administration.

Opening the highway and creating safe parking resulted from the laying of 700 feet of perforated steel culvert along the west side of Marine Drive, erection by department of public works of 100 feet of retaining wall adjacent to Marshall and Butler properties, and replacement with concrete of all wooden steps disturbed in this project.

Closed perforated steel drainage line was laid on Gower Point Road, adjacent to the post office with curbs and approaches to that building paved. Five hundred feet of road was built at the top portion of Winn Road and a portion of Trueman Road was paved.

PARKS AND BEACHES

Floats broken up by storm were replaced with surplus floats from Crown Assets Corporation. The municipality purchased the old United Church property to be used as a memorial park. Work has been started on the Bluff parksite donated by E. Gibbs.

WATER

Twenty-three new metered services were installed. One half mile of three inch laid from the upper divisionary dam to the main reservoir will conserve water which previously ran off. 1800 feet of two-inch galvanized new line was laid—550 feet down Sergeant Road, 600 feet down Dogwood Road, and 650 feet down the lower portion of Abbs Road.

The three-inch wooden main along the east side of Marine Drive was replaced with 1800 feet of new four-inch transite complete with all valves and hydrants. 900 feet of two-inch pressure equalizing main was installed from O'Shea to Abbs Roads. A water survey was made in order to make immediate and long range plans for municipal water needs. Two large wells were located, bored and equipped in the watershed.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

A sewage survey dealing with collection, treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage was made by consulting engineer Martin J. J. Dayton, to meet the needs of the future.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

New fire fighting equipment purchased was Akron piercing applicator and a Scott air-pak. Restrooms built by the firemen were in use at the municipal beach.

BUILDING PERMITS

Forty permits were issued varying from a $200 garage to a $40,000 business building. Included in this is the $35,000 Public Health center sponsored by the Kinsmen's Club of Gibsons and district. The municipality provided the land and a $2500 grant in 1963 plus a further $2500 grant for 1964. Also the municipality is providing the sewage disposal system at a cost of $2600.

A house numbering system was put into effect.

Two small parcels of land were purchased to extend the the airport runway 4400 feet.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Department of public works engineer will inspect the harbor early in the new year, but unless the deadheads are a menace to their own property they do not accept responsibility for their removal. The engineer request permission to remove the float shed. Council agreed on the grounds of sanitation, space and improved view.

DISPOSAL PROBLEM

Outcome of the garbage disposal problem between Watson and Kelly was outlined in a letter from sanitary inspector Barry MacDonald. Garbage pickup for Ken's Foodland is to be between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Watson is to make sure the access is available to Kelly at that time.

Another garbage disposal problem was aired by commissioner Corlett. This time Kelly was unable to get into the lane behind the Mariner Cafe, and had to carry the garbage through the cafe to load it on his truck. Mrs. Corlett advised MacDonald who had the persons responsible for blocking the lane to remove the obstructions.

Wes Hodgson was nominated to carry on as civil defence co-ordinator and will attend the joint army CD committee meeting in Vancouver on January 9th.

Water connection permit was granted to O. Hoag.

Mrs. Corlett reported on the increased water-throwing efficiency of the fire hoses as the result of the three new baffle plates on the hoses, an innovation brought back from the fire-men's convention by C. Mahlman.

Accounts in the amount of $1760.94 were ordered paid. Of this amount $1327.01 was paid under the winter works program.

Halfmoon Bay news

by Thelma McLean

PATRICK Murphy spent three weeks holiday with his family.

Denis Gamble returned from his hunting trip with his allotment of moose.

Bob and Joan Cunningham spent the holiday in Vancouver with her family who held a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wilkinson of Welcome Beach spent Christmas in North Vancouver with their family, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Macey who looked after their budgie, Joe-Joe, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Julian of Merry Island lighthouse who took Corky and Blacky, the dog and cat.

Mrs. Ed Surtees met her son John in Vancouver and then went to Cumberland to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. George Richardson.

Mrs. J. H. McLean has returned from her stay in the Burnaby General Hospital much improved. Their son Norris and party visited his parents on Boxing Day.

Mrs. P. A. Meuse's grandson Neil Williamson, a student at Victoria University, visited her over Christmas and Paul Williamson visited her from Ottawa on the New Year.

Legion Ladies hold meeting

THE annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Roberts Creek Legion was held at the Legion Hall. Final arrangements were made for the children's Christmas Tree.

The usual arrangements were made that gifts be sent to the Veteran's Hospital, also to St. Mary's Hospital and Essondale.

Election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in Mrs. Millie Thyer being re-elected president; Mrs. A. Attrell re-elected vice-president; Mrs. Flo Ellis, second vice-president. Sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Dolly Davidson; executive committee, Mrs. Agnes Fossett, Mrs. Lillian Sears, Mrs. Jessie Hughes. Treasurer Mrs. Bessie Clark and secretary Mrs. Emily Quigley. Standard Bearers, Mrs. Ethel Cope and Mrs. Dolly Davidson. This was the final meeting for the year.

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Garbage problem

from page 1—

time we went modern. This system is not sanitary." "Everybody should be on it then they couldnt' throw their garbage in some lane or outside the village." "It would be a more equitable way for everybody to pay their share than the present 'hit and miss' method." One voice only felt, "it is OK the way it is—but there should be a law that everybody has to go along with garbage collection."

SUGGESTS BY-LAW

MacDonald stated under the present system people use anything from lard pails to a 40-gallon drum, set it where they like, think the garbage collector should be there on the split second, then won't pay the fee. He pointed out people are more tolerant of a group—they feel they have more control over an individual. He suggested council should pass a by-law establishing size of cans, lids, packaging materials, etc.

"People have to get rid of garbage somewhere," agreed Fladager, "and if they have to pay for it they'll use the service."

"The question," maintained Hodgson, "is not whether we should have it, but how to put it in operation. You couldn't take $12 a year collection fee from an old lady."

Village clerk, Jules Mainil claimed $6 a year would cover only part of the cost. "It will take 10 mills to cover purchase and maintenance of a truck," he claimed. "It would have to be paid partly by taxes and partly as a direct charge with 10 percent charge on delinquent payments. Not cheap but effective."

Council agreed to give this problem their attention at the first meeting in the new year.

PUC MINIMUM

Four inches is the minimum size of pipe PUC feels is adequate for extension of water lines outside the village boundaries council was advised in a letter. "Our rule," said Ritchey, "is a minimum of two-inch galvanized pipe because this is the size to take our standpipe." Council decided to turn this matter over to the engineer.

DoT inspector stated in a letter the seaplane float is anchored in the only possible place to be protected from Squamish winds. He pointed out the community must purchase property for this installation and place it in the name of the Crown. "It is not we who are objecting but the people who are trying to use it," said Hodgson.

Donation of $10 was given to the Salvation Army. Accounts in the amount of $732.64 were ordered paid.

Domestic water service for F. J. Wyngaert was approved.

COMPLAINT HEARD

Council decided, on a complaint from Mr. and Mrs. A. Summers about an RCMP dog chained to the porch and barking incessantly, to send a copy of the complaint to the RCMP officer for his information and action. "We should follow the same procedure as we would with anyone else," stated Norman MacKay.

Fladager reported the recreation committee had $35 on hand which they would use for fill on the Kinsmen playground. Also they were working jointly on construction of a children's cement wading pool.

Cuncil agreed to pay the light bill on the merchants' co-op Christmas light scheme which would amount to $90 to $100. Hodgson tendered a vote of thanks to the merchants. He claimed they had spent approximately $1200 over the last three years to light the village at Christmas.

Fladager reported Plows' easement is cleared and Sicotte has started the rough grading preparatory to putting the pipe in. One hundred feet of drainage rock and a 10-inch drain line had been installed on Gower Point Rd. Park property donated by Gibbs had been slashed under the winter works program. Next step will be to install tables, benches and outdoor fireplace.

Rigby Porter of the Sunshine Coast Tourist committee came before council to request an increase of the per-capita grant to 10c or $100. "Our funds haven't increased any," declared Ritchey, "we will give you $50 for 1964."

Porter, also representative of Gibsons and District Chamber of Commerce requested permission to install a boat launching ramp 40 feet long by 12 feet wide to be placed 30 feet above high water mark. Cost of float will be paid by the chamber of commerce and installation will be done by volunteer labor. Council agreed to approval in principle and Hodgson suggested the plans be submitted to Dayton, the engineer, for scrutiny.

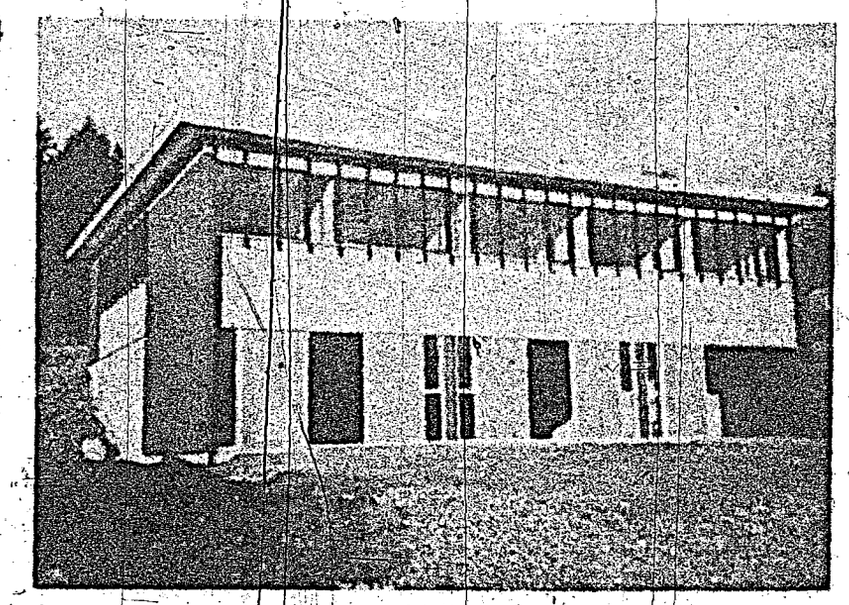
Harbor's board will be contacted, with a letter also to the federal department of public works, to remove the deadheads in the bay.

NEW TRUSTEE COMMENDED

Fladager commended a suggestion from Mrs. Peggy Volen, newly elected school trustee, to hold a meeting in the school hall to explain the coming referendum and the budget. "This is breaking ice we've been trying to break for years," he said.

SECHELT QUEEN ON RUN

The Sechelt Queen is presently on the Horseshoe Bay-Langdale run while the Langdale Queen is undergoing an overhaul.



Health Centre

GIBSONS adds another architectural beauty to its village as the completion of the Health Centre is near. Shown in the photo is the back of the building overlooking the bay. The Kinsmen first started their drive for this Centre 4 years ago to raise the required amount needed from donations etc. of the total cost of $35,000 and today they can be proud of their work as the health offices and sanitation dept. move in this month. The official opening will take place some time in March.

Pender Harbour news

VISITORS to the Harbour during the festive season were numerous but difficult to contact. Among those noticed on my own were Roger Walker from UBC to visit with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Walker and April.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Wilby and daughter Trisha were guests of Capt. and Mrs. R. Jermain, Joan Wilby's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sparling spent the week with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis. Daughter Sharon also gravitated to the home fireplace for Christmas.

Joan Cameron came home to spend the time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cameron. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gillespie and their daughter Kathleen came up to their summer home for New Year. Kathie announced the date for her forthcoming marriage to Bill Wiley as March 26. Bill Wiley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Piggot spent Christmas at the Harbour with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Piggot.

We were hoping to have a New Year baby but so far the younger generation has decided to wait to see how the New Year shapes up before arriving.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stickland had their family gathering for Christmas day and on Boxing day took his daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Andre Dube of Sechelt to the Moscow Circus in Vancouver.

Many of the homes had the misfortune to have mumps spoil the holiday season but at least these unwelcome visitors are now on the wane.

Garry Spicer spent Christmas in Casablanca, North Africa, after travelling through Spain where he got by on $1.65 a day travelling the youth-hostel-way. Next stop on his round-the-world itinery is Egypt.

Egmont news

by Jean Jeffries

EGMONT Sunday school presented a Christmas program in the Egmont Community Hall. It was a huge success and Mr. Wallace wishes to thank all who helped make it a success. This is the first time in the many years I have lived in Egmont there has been a Sunday school for the children, and Jim Wallace has worked hard to get it started and keep it going.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Ackroyd, Mr. and Mrs. Tjorhom and family, Mrs. William Wray, Mr. and Mrs. Higgens and family and Mr. George Owens and other members of the Pender Harbour Tabernacle Sunday school were some of the many visitors who helped present the fine program.

Linda Silvey, who has been working in Powell River since leaving school last June, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Silvey.

Joyce and Doug Ellson spent Christmas with Joyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beale. The Ellsons now reside in Richmond.

The Neil Blacks of Nanaimo spent Christmas with Mrs. Black's parents, the John Dunlops. The young couple were warmly welcomed by their many friends and neighbors.

Among those leaving Egmont to spend Christmas with their children were Mr. and Mrs. J. Blais, who spent the holidays with Jeanette who is working as a nurse's aid in Vancouver, and Mrs. Viola Phillips, Ralph and Ron who spent Christmas in Vancouver with Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCall and young daughter.

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