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10 candidates . . .

Great interest shown in municipal election

GREAT interest is being shown in Gibsons municipal election. Ten candidates are running for the four vacant seats.

FOR CHAIRMAN

A. E. Ritchey—incumbent, has been in public service for 20 years—two years on St. Mary's Hospital board, nine years on the school board, and 12 years on the municpal council. He received the 1961 Good Citizen Award from Gibsons and District Board of Trade.

"I handle municipal affairs with the same conscientious care I do my own," says Ritchey.

Capt. Wesley B. Hodgson, a member of the Institute of Accredited Public Accountants, has spent four years as commisioner on Gibsons municipal council. He has had over 30 years experience with the treasury department, nine years of which was as revenue supervisor, whose duties were to inspect the records of cities, towns, villages and rural municipalities. Hodgson is also an artist. His portrait of Major Harry Mullen, VC is to be hung in the Saskatchewan legislative building.

"I believe I have the experience, qualifications and time to devote to the affairs of the village. There has never been a time in the history of the village of Gibsons when it has been so essential that an experienced leader with municipal and business qualifications be elected as chairman of the village council," he says.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

John Harvey, incumbent, has lived in Gibsons for the past eight years, although he has been coming to the area for 26 years. During his two-year term as school trustee he has been chairman of the finance committee. He was educated at elementary and secondary schools in Vancouver and graduated from San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He owns and operates his own business.

"I stand for better facilities in this school district and will endeavour to improve the scholastic standing," promises Harvey.

Mrs. Marvin Volen, married with three children, past president of Gibsons elementary PTA has been active for nine years in that organization. She has lived in Gibsons all her life and is interested in school affairs and local government. She has been a regular attendant at school board meetings to learn the problems first-hand.

"I feel I have the time and the interest to give Gibsons good representation on the board. I want to keep the taxpayers here informed on school affairs and feel the impetus should come from me to present periodic reports to the municipal council and to the electors at public meetings. I believe a school will be as good as the community demands—and a good school creates a good community," says Peggy.

FOR COMMISSIONERS —

Mrs. Gertrude Corlett, incumbent is well known and was born in Gibsons. She is a very active and willing

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A. E. Ritchey
. . . for commission chairman

Jim Drummond
. . . for commission

Mrs. Peggy Volen
. . . for school trustee

Mrs. Gertrude Corlett
. . . for commission

Fred Feeney
for commission

E. Yablonski
for commission

John R. Harvey
. . . for school trustee

Replace present system . . .

Elections at large favored at Gibsons

A WELL-ATTENDED Gibson rural meeting went on record as favoring elections at large to replace the present representative system of electing school trustees.

The financial condition of this school district was questioned by Frank West who asked: "How much did we spend on each of the various items of expenditure? How much government grants did we get? What is the proportion of the shareable costs to the non-shareable? For what and how much did we spend on non-shareable expenses? and what proportion did the government pay on the shareable expense?"

John Harvey, chairman of the finance committee stated he had no idea. Board secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. Burns said the annual financial statement was published in the paper each June according to the school act.

West recommended future annual reports contain reference to our financial standing, and these annual reports be printed in the papers prior to meetings so taxpayers would have the opportunity to study them more fully.

TALK SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Residents present from Gibsons municipality made a point that this meeting was for rural residents only, but they had no other opportunity to discuss school affairs. A. E. Ritchey felt a ratepayer's association should initiate such meetings between the municipal taxpayer and the school board. J. Harvey admitted on a question from R. F. Holden, during his term of office he had never submitted a report to the village council & neither had he been requested to do so.

District superintendent of schools, Gordon Johnson felt the board would be only too pleased to hold meetings in both municipalities.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

Who is eligible to vote for

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BULLETIN . . .

Man killed; two injured

ALEX HUNCHAK of Selma Park was killed early Tuesday morning when his vehicle left the road and hit a stump between Sechelt and East Porpoise Bay.

Two passengers, George and Dorrien Wedley, suffered lacerations and broken limbs.

Hunchak and the Wedley's were taken to St. Paul's hospital in Vancouver by Sechelt ambulance-taxi. Hunchak was dead on arrival at the hospital. Conditions of the other two is fair.

Chamber names 1964 officers

1964 slate of officers elected by Pender Harbour & District Chamber of Commerce. President, John Dunlop, of Egmont; vice-president, M. Filgas, Irvine's Landing; secretary, Royal Murdoch (acclamation).

Executive members are: Doug Fielding, Gerry Gordon, Bob Harper, Roy Dusenbury, John Haddock, Len Larson, Ernie Lee, Mark Myers, John West, and Henry Whittaker.

ROAD WORK NEEDED

A petition of 360 names was presented by Ned Garvey demanding work on the Francis Peninsula road be completed.

Completion of work on the Sinclair Bay road and more work on Egmont road will be projects for the coming year.

Lloyd Davis gave a full account of the regional meeting of the Chambers of Commerce held in Pender Harbour community hall last June and berated the executive for their lack of interest in this event.

Cases vary . . .

Busy week put in by Sechelt court

GERHART HORST MIELKE, Wilson Creek, was fined $50 and his driver's license suspended for 90 days when found guilty of driving without due care and attention by Magistrate Andrew Johnston.

David Moore Cochrane, Roberts Creek, was fined $100 for being in control of a motor vehicle while his ability was impaired.

James Herbert Brown, Gibsons, guilty of a breach of recognizance on two charges of breaking and entering and theft was sentenced to one year imprisonment, and a further six months concurrent on a charge of escaping custody.

Hugh Lauderale Mowatt, Gibsons, was fined $50 for being an interdict in possession of liquor.

Henry Russel Cramer, Hopkins Landing, was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment and prohibited from driving a motor vehicle anywhere in Canada for one year on a second conviction for driving while his ability was impaired.

Joseph Latham, Port Mellon, was fined $150 and his driver's license suspended for three months for driving while his ability was impaired.

Henry Robert Gilbertson, Wilson Creek, sentenced to 30 days imprisonment for creating a disturbance and for being drunk at Gibsons.

David Walker, Sechelt, was fined $50 for shooting a female deer, and an additional $10 for not having the deer tagged. Walker's 30.30 calibre was forfeited to the Crown and the meat given to a charitable institution.

Calvin Joseph Craigen, Sechelt, was sentenced to one year concurrent on each of two charges of breaking and entering and theft.

Kelly Vernon Joe, Sechelt, was sentenced to one year on a charge of a statuotory offence.

James Edward Granger, Pender Harbour, received six months suspended sentence for entering into a $200 recognizance, and found guilty of reckless driving; had his driver's license suspended for six months.

Jerome Gauvin, Gibsons, was fined $200 for driving while his ability was impaired.

Club executive resigns en-masse

PENDER Harbour Community Club executive resigned in a body for the good of the club. This action occurred at a poorly-attended general meeting which degenerated into a harangue. The executive felt this deadlock must be broken, so reisgned for the good of the club.

An extraordinary meeting was called five days later for the purpose of electing a new executive. Under the very able chairmanship of Lloyd Davis in a difficult situation, Mrs. R. Jermain moved a vote of confidence in the late executive, thanked them for the excellent work they had done in improving the community hall, and said they should be elected in to for the remainder of their terms. This motion passed 35-13.

The executive met immediately and arranged a meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 26, at which meeting plans were made for new year's dance.

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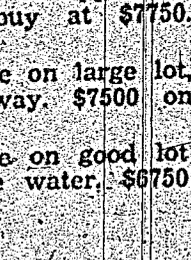

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Johnson says . . .

Elphinstone school can't be added to

"ELPHINSTONE is not able to be added to," stated district superintendent of school, Gordon Johnson, at Sechelt rural meeting of electors, in answer to the question of why $10,000 was allocated for land in Sechelt in the forthcoming referendum.

"We may need the land to build a vocational or secondary school."

This was one of three different answers given to the same question. At a previous meeting, trustee Mrs. Charlotte Jackson said the land was needed to replace the present elementary school which is on leased land. Trustee Leo Johnson stated: "We might have to build another elementary school—maybe in Selma Park, or even Wilson Creek."

Mrs. R. Donley pointed out the board already owns two acres of land at the junction of Mason and Nor'West Bay Roads, bought to accommodate an elementary school.

She also stated school enrolment is falling in Sechelt, Trail Bay is expandable, the department permitted planning only three years ahead (the lease on Sechelt Elementary has about 18 years yet to to run) and it is not sound business practice to tie up $10,000 at five or six percent interest, plus 8½ percent exchange for 10 or so years.

"Obviously there has been no meeting of minds on this $10,000 item."

She moved this item be withdrawn from the referendum. Board chairman Reg Spicer said "Perhaps Mrs. Donley is right. Victoria may knock this amount off the application. No decision has yet been made as to what will go on the property. It wil be up to the Department to decide."

Mrs. Waddell pointed out that, should the Board purchase a piece of property and later dispose of it at a profit, the Department would go off with part of it."

Gordon Johnson announced he had received word from Victoria that day that the referendum had been approved. He felt the board would look pretty silly asking the department to withdraw the item at this point. Mrs. Donley was asked by the chairman if she wished to withdraw her motion. "No," she replied, "regardless of the department's decision I think the same as I did before."

The motion was defeated.

Spicer announced he had not been advised of the departmental approval of the referendum. "This is the first I've heard of it."

"Why didn't the board use Gibsons school hall for emergency classrooms rather than transport a class to Sechelt?" enquired Mrs. Liste. "We've been told the basement classroom in Sechelt was not to be used as a classroom again."

"There was no reason to use the school hall for classrooms when empty rooms existed at Sechelt and Roberts Creek. Gibsons needs the school hall as an activity room," declared Spicer.

Mrs. Donley maintained one of these empty classrooms being referred to was a condemned basement room. "Why didn't you use your emergency spending powers and expand Gibsons elementary annex by two classrooms —according to your own previous statement that annex is expandable."

"We do not call this an emergency," replied Spicer. He also denied the basement room had been condemned.

"We needed six classrooms, not two," explained Leo Johnson.

Gordon Johnson stated "Now with regards to emergency spending funds, my department did not recognize this as an emergency. They have to be awfully tough in this regard . . . My department has never condemned a classroom. They might think it not desirable as a classroom, or even second or third best, but not condemned.

"Also, for the record, I never was in favor of grades 8 and 9 being retained in Sechelt. If anyone was instrumental in getting them returned to Elphinstone, it was myself."

"Isn't this the room that was flooded during the recent heavy rain?" asked an elector. "The children had to sit in that damp classroom the rest of the day after it had been pumped out."

"Why were funds allocated for a piano in the 1963 budget used to purchase furniture for a kindergarten?"

Mrs. Liste referred to the minutes of a board meeting. "No discussion ever appeared in board minutes to establish a kindergarten, so when was it decied to put it in Sechelt? And why put it here when we have students crowded in to basement rooms?"

Gordon Johnson offered to share part of the fault for this decision. "I suggested perhaps we should use the basement classroom for the kindergarten since no kindergarten class would be using the room for more than two hours each day. However, it is my part just to make suggestions. The actual decision to use the annex for kindergarten was Mr. Cooper's."

On a question from Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Burns stated there are a total of 53 pupils from Gibsons in other schools —15 kindergarten at Sechelt, 12 grade one to six at Roberts Creek, 26 grade seven at Sechelt, and 7 grade seven at Port Mellon.

Parents in the West Sechelt area complained because the grade one students are leaving home at 7 a.m. to catch the 7.40 bus. It was suggested another bus be hired, but Leo Johnson stated "There is no possibility the SMT could supply us with additional transportation without additional heavy cost to the board."

Mrs. Ball agreed to bring the bus problem to the attention of the board.

Complaints were laid about speeding bus drivers—some clocked at 65 mph. Leo Johnson recommended that any on seeing a school bus exceeding the speed limit get the licence or bus number, the time, and the place and report it to the SMT manager. He also pointed out that the speedometers on ordinary cars are not accurate.

Supervision of children during the hour waiting period in the morning before school was discussed. Mrs. Lonnenberg declared the smaller children were not allowed in the activity room. They had to play in the basement.

A motion was passed requesting Barry McDonald, the sanitary inspector, to inspect the Farnham property regarding drainage from the septic tanks of business lots on the front half seeping back onto the back portion, which the board is considering as a school site.

Meeting approved a motion for elections-at-large in the district to commence for 1965.

Mrs. Waddell requested information about the $45,000 taken from our assessment rolls and put in general revenue for deficits in rural areas. Mrs. Burns said that the board had been advised by Victoria the government could go in to areas any time during the year for additional assessment.

Mrs. Waddell requested an explanation for the drop in the provincial grant. Mrs. Burns explained we had a drop of $72,000. Since our assessment had gone up $3 million, our basic tax of 15.1 mills raises a larger sum of money so we require less from the provincial government.

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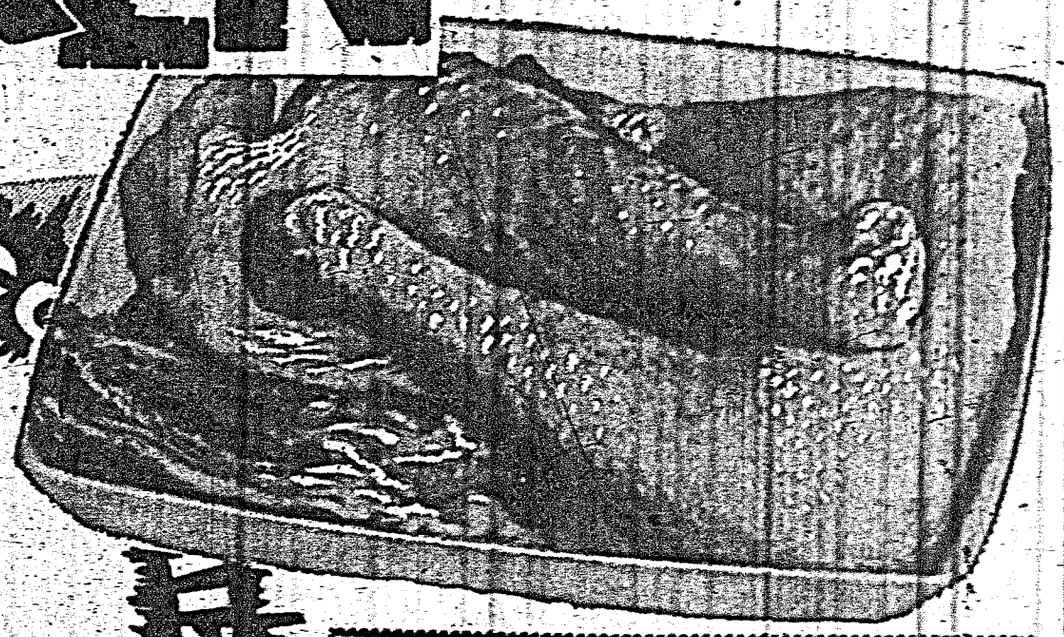

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Students' parents get open letter

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More specifically, has your child either earned good marks in daily work throughout the term and then arrived home with a mediocre report card, or earned mediocre marks and brought home a good report card?

If, as entirely likely, you find that either one or the other of these situations prevails in your family, have you ever wondered why?

Well, here is a brief look at the educational *fantasylands* which our youngster must find a way throug during their formative years.

Some time during the first year or two of school a child is required to complete a number of printed tests. Results of these tests do not, supposedly, affect report card marks, but merely indicate a pupil's general scholastic ability, recorded in some mystic, secret number referred to as his IQ.

Suppose, then, that school life goes in unaffected by these diagnostic tests, their results merely being used to indicate the pupil's theoretic ability so that his day-to-day performance ran be rated in proportion to it.

For many years this was the use to which the IQ was put. Not so today. Some years ago a subtle change occurred. Now, some time after the child takes these IQ tests, he is placed, if possible, in a *group of his intellectual equals*. It *is* after this supposedly sound grouping has been implemented that the parent begins to lose contact with modern education.

As indicated earlier, this puzzlement arises from receipt of a report card either much worse or better than indicated by the pupil's daily school-work results.

Whatever reason the parent might be given for either discrepancy, the fact is that the child is being rated, not by what he has produced during *the past two months or so*, each day, but by the theoretical standard he set *for himself* during those supposedly innocuous tests of perhaps a year before.

So—the results of one day's testing count, while fifty days of effort go down the drain. If the IQ indicates "A" ability, the report card is replete with A's; if "D" ability, it will be dotted with D's.

"Yes, young man," says the athletic official, "we realize you have cleared seven feet consistently during the past two months. But once, you knocked the bar off at only *four feet*. I'm afraid we'll have to record you as having jumped only *four feet*."

"You have performed with a competence of 90, young lady," says the adjudicator. "But remember how you flubbed that arpeggic in January? Sorry. I must rate you at 60."

Incredible? Perhaps so in sports and music. Not so in education.

Of course there will be answers to these charges. Let's field a few now.

(1) If the pupil continues to perform consistently, he will eventually receive marks commensurate with his performance. Big deal! And get that 'eventually' bit. To a child, today is 'eventually.'

(2) The IQ or achievement tests, are standardized from *the* results of many thousands of students. Standardized what? *The* very term IQ—intelligence quotient—is in bad repute among educators. There is yet no "standard" for intelligence testing. Results, not only from different tests, but from the same test administered years apart may differ by as much as 20 points on a student's Progress Report Card. Translated into concrete form, a variation of 20 points, as viewed through the eyes of a worshipper of the IQ, makes of a student having such a result an Albert Einstein on the one extreme and a Mortimer Snerd on the other.

(3) The child's IQ—excuse please—scholastic ability, has been determined, not by any single test, but by a battery of tests. Note the neat logistic term, 'battery.' Dare one double such militaristic terminology? Yes, one dares. If the contents of these tests are such excellent guides to intelligence, why aren't all school exams of their ilk?

Official courses of study *prescribe* curriculum material quite at variance with theirs. If prescribed *text-book* exercises constitute desired goals, why cannot two months of compiled results from working such exercises be considered a sufficiently comprehensive 'battery'? By senior high school, course-content results are used to determine report card marks, and eventually, graduation. Provided, that is, that the befuddled student, encouraged by a pair of befuddled parents, reached senior high school.

(4) We are working, in education in our public schools, with a great number of students. A teacher cannot know the true ability of each individual student after only two short months. Great! — The teacher can't tell how a child is doing after having checked his work every day for two months, so we'll just put down what he made on one single set of tests, written when maybe he was coming down wih the measles, or perhaps scared rigid at the mere sight *of* them. THIS is more accurate?

(5) It just isn't so. The entire set of charges is a fabrication. Well, dear parent, if you have a child of seven or older and it hasn't happened to you, you are one of the lucky ones, so far. For many of our children injustices are being perpetrated in the name of our educational Fantasyland ivory-tower psychology. It is high time somebody woke up!

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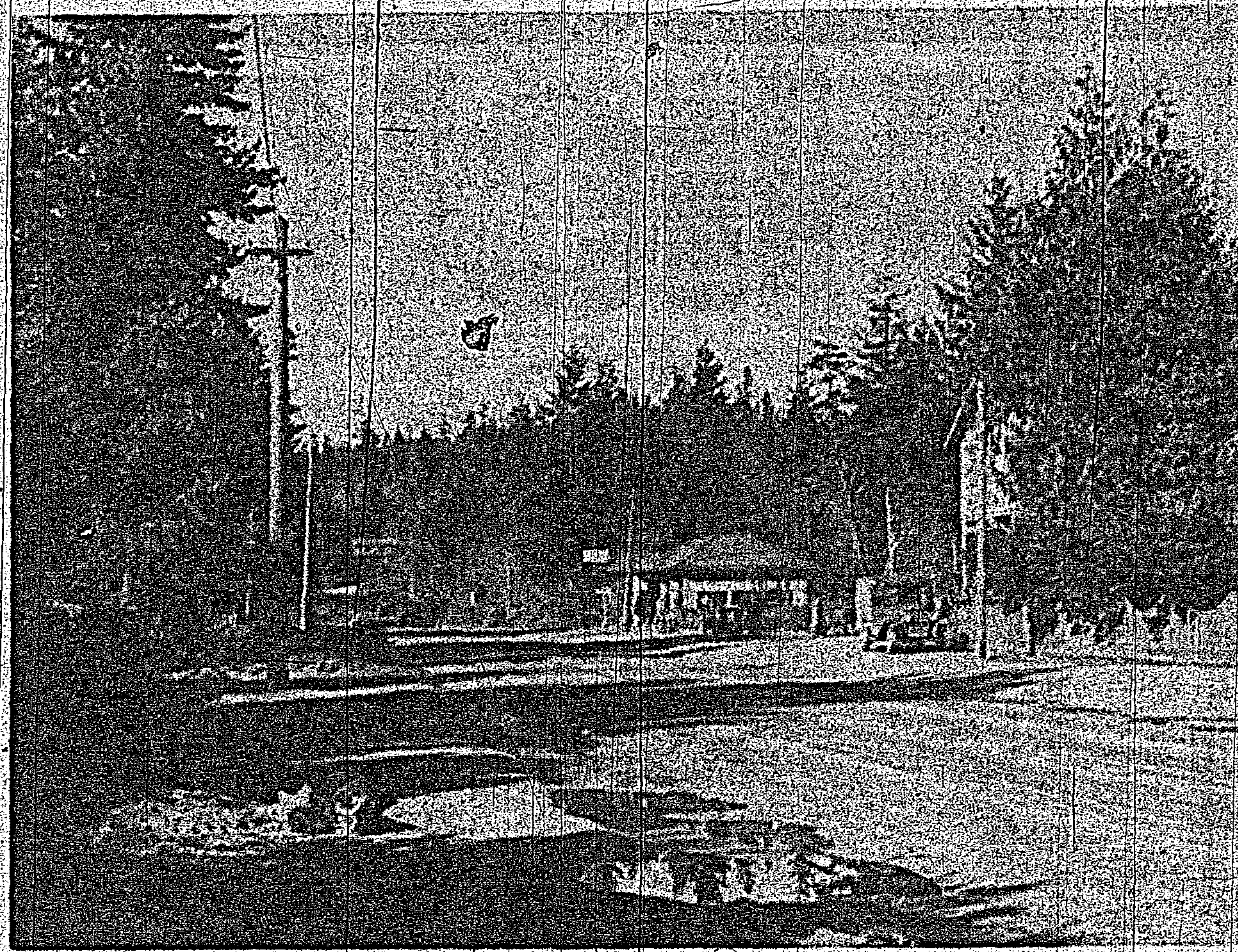

Sechelt circa 1946

THE main street of Sechelt in 1946 had only one store. This was the Sechelt Service store, owned by Joe Spangler who sold it that year to Jack and Lee Redman. These business couple recently opened a new supermarket in the area and Jack, assisted by wife Lee and son Bruce, also operate the Selma Park store. They are all active in community affairs.

Effective Jan. 1 . . .

Final reading given to licencing bylaw

SECHELT municipal council provided an additional public service at council meeting Nov. 6. Third and final reading was given to by-law No. 62 for participation in municipal licensing, to become effective January 1, 1964.

Motion to rezone Lot 20, Block 6, and Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block E *was* passed. Councillor W. Swain cast a dissenting vote on the latter group as he felt that to rezone these lots to permit the operation of a funeral parlour was an infringement of residential property.

A three-year lease from the Department of Transport for seaplane base facilities at Porpoise Bay was tabled until further information could be obtained. The municipality would have to assume responsibility for minor repairs, insurance, and full supervision.

Cpl. Nelson of Sechelt RCMP detachment was thanked by letter for the satisfactory Halloween night protection.

A request for the opening of Barnacle Street will be considered when preparing the budget. St. Hilda's Church Society requested the work done as they are building a vicarage.

Several streets were named and renamed. Councillor F. Parker, backed by councillor H. B. Gordon opposed the renaming of any village streets. Councillor Parker felt that the present names, all *pertaining to the sea*, were unique and should be maintained. Cowrie Street was renamed Sunshine Coast highway, Barnacle Street was changed to Church Street. Shorncliffe Street connecting up with Dolphin Street was named after the original subdivider, and Cook Street was named in honor of Johnny Cook who donated the land for St. Hilda's Church.

Councillors S. Dawe advised that E. W. Booth and R. F. Branca had been appointed to the recreation committee. Branca has also been nominated to act on the interim steering committee. A plan is in the making to appoint a regational recreation director. All recreation grants in the area, amounting to approximately $2,200.00 would go towards paying the director's salary. The provincial government would make up the balance of $4,400.

Councillor W. Swain reported on a plan to install gas pumps at the airport. Considerable revenue is now being *lost* because of this lack.

The Aero Club has offered *to grant a lease on a* building for $1 a year so that a caretaker may be on hand and a telephone installed.

Gibson's Landing . . .

Townsite formed when G. Gibson claimed lot

THE COMMUNITY, which formed around George Gibson's pre-emption, was still known in 1893 simply as Howe Sound.

Visitors are members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, aboard the Union Steamship's S.S. "Comox."

George Gibson, who had claimed District Lot 695 on May 24, 1886, is seen standing, in a shirt, with hands on hips—a favorite pose. Mrs. Gibson, wearing white apron stands to his right, a head of the gangplank, with daughter Charlotte, bareheaded and wearing white blouse, to her right. Also wearing white blouse, Emma Gibson stands directly below funnel behind her nephew Tom Andrew Jr. seated on the rail, who is being held by his father, Tom Andrew Sr. directly behind him.

Ralph Gibson who had preempted Pasley Island at the mouth of Howe Sound, stands to the left of the mast, above and leaning against it. The Rev. E. D. McLaren, St. Andrews' minister, in black, is at the rail, center, holding a wide cup.

A public wharf was built at Gibson's Landing in 1900. The "Comox", built in 1891, made other stops, as mooring facilities became available, at Hopkins Landing, Granthams Landing, Sechelt, Irvine's Landing, Roberts Creek, Gower Point, and other ports of call, remaining one of the Union's most popular vessels in some 25 years of service.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR

Pender Harbour W.A. to St. Mary's hospital held a successful bazaar. They made a profit of $100 and gave out a number of valuable prizes.

Prize winners were: 1, Mrs. Phillips, frying pan; 2, Sharlene Simpson, electric pad; 3, Miss McTavish, pillow cases; door prize, Mrs. Ned Garvey.

To date Sharlene Simpson has not picked up her prize.

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Ernie Parr-Pearson . . .

First issue of Times dedicated to newsman

THE first issue of the Sechelt Peninsula Times is dedicated to Ernie Parr-Pearson who brought the first newspaper to Sechelt Peninsula.

This was only one of the many services this public-spirited citizen contributed to this community.

His last plan before his death in 1957 was to launch a safe-logging school where young men going into the woods would learn safety methods and sound logging practice before going into the bush to learn by the expensive and dangerous trial and error method.

Ernie was born in Vancouver and came to Sechelt Peninsula in 1936 with Ted Osborne Sr. Logging Company. He rose to foreman before leaving to go into the real estate and taxi business in Sechelt.

During this time he studied bookkeeping and became resident manager of Union Estates. It was during his managership that Hackatt Park was granted by the Union Estates to the village of Sechelt. Ernie is credited, more than any other single person, with getting this gift for the community.

He was interim commissioner for Sechelt during the negotiations for formation of the municipality.

He was a former captain of the 11th Battalion RC Machine Gun Corps, and during the last war, officer commanding the Sechelt section of the West Coast militia rangers.

He was one of the instigators and president of the Roberts Creek Credit Union. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and three times president of the Sechelt and District Board of Trade.

Ernie was a sincere friend to and advisor of the Indians of the Sechelt tribe. When presenting a visiting Canadian Chamber of Commerce national president with a memento, he made local history by speaking in the Sechelt Indian dialect.

Ernie Parr-Pearson

With Al Alsgard of the Powel River News he gave the peninsula its first newspaper in 1943, with an office in Halfmoon Bay.

To quote John Stuart Mill, "They who introduce good things which did not before exist; they who keep the life in those which already exist; these few are the salt of the earth; without them, human life would become a stagnant pool."

At Selma Park . . .

CARE work outlined by field workers

MISS DAPHNE MILLER, field worker for Canadian Arthritis & Rheumatism Society, spoke to Selma Park residents on the work and aims of the organization.

CARS supplied some of the money to install the physiotherapy training section of the medical faculty at University of British Columbia. This coming spring there should be 25 phsio-therapists graduating, all of whom can be absorbed into the health services of the province.

One query was made as to whether CARS intended to establish a treatment centre on the Peninsula. Miss Miller said the Society had a known case load, which would warrant such a centre here, but at the moment there was a shortage of trained personnel. In fact they had had to close four centres for that reason. If and when the necessary personnel were available, and if the residents would undertake the financial responsibility, a centre could be opened in the area. She went on to say the budget of a CARS centre would be so much higher, if it were not for the enthusiasm and unselfish work of the volunteer helpers, who put in so many hours helping any way they are required.

FILM SHOWN

A colored film was shown, so that the audience could see the actual treatment centre in Vancouver, the workers in the research laboratory, and the field worker going into the homes of the patients. The occupational therapist is the person who advises and assists the patient how to look after themselves and their home with modified appliances and furniture to fit their particular physical handicap.

The meeting was told of one man, badly crippled with arthritis, who had overcome his handicap to point that he was now a scuba-diver. CARS has a sheltered training centre and workshop. Articles made are sold for the patients through a retail store operated by the Society. Samples of the work were on display at the meeting, and included ceramic windbells, ceramic ash trays, silk screened hasti notes, and linen luncheon sets.

Any organization could arrange for a speaker and film by writing to CARS, 845 West Broadway, Vancouver. Few people pay much attention to arthritish. It is not a dramatic illness. But so many people are sufferers and handicapped by the effects of the disease.

TWO WAY SWITCH

The housewife was explaining to the electrician about the special wiring job she had in mind. "I want you to install a switch in the kitchen," she said, "that will connect with my husband's basement workshop. I want everything to stop dead when I call him for dinner."

MORE ABOUT . . .

Municipal election

—from page 1

worker in the Women's Institute. She has acted in the capacity of commissioner on the municipal council for four years.

"I know the local problems, and during my term as commissioner I have done the best I could and voted according to my convictions," declares Mrs. Corlett.

Earl Dawe, BA, LLB from UBC, called to the bar in 1950, is married, with two children, has lived on the peninsula since 1960. He is 42 years of age and spent three years in the army as a lieutenant.

"The changing conditions in Gibsons is making necessary a more vigorous and integrated type of administration. Council needs people with more time, new skills and training, and people who can study out problems, such as new tax and sanitation policies, and make the results of their studies available to the people," asserts Dawe.

Jim Drummond, married, has a good business background. He has lived in Gibsons since 1926 and received his elementary schooling here, his secondary schooling in Vancouver and completed two years in commerce at UBC. He has had many years of business experience — in the Howe Sound Trading Co., with Sun Life of Canada, and now in general insurance business.

"I've been thinking about this for sometime, and I feel Gibsons is not prospering fast enough. If one feels there are issues and problems, one should do something about them rather sit back and complain," contends Jim.

Fred Feeney, married, has lived in Gibsons since 1945, and has been an employee of the government telegraph and later of the BC Telephone. He served five years as Fire Chief and belongs to many organizations. He is interested in the community as a whole.

"I would like to see things done a little faster. Water supply is an urgent problem as well as sewage. I would like to see an improvement in the buildings, to foster civic pride," observes Fred.

Ken Goddard, married, with three children, is a young man and a newcomer to this area. He is treasurer of Gibsons and District Kinsmen's Club. He has been with his present employer, Rockgas Propane, for seven and one-half years. He gets around and knows many people and some of the problems. He has always been interested in municipal affairs.

"I feel that it is the democratic responsibility of every citizen to run for office. The electors should have a choice. Water and sewage problems seem to be the most pressing. Long-range planning is important and should be considered soon," states Ken.

Eugene Yablonski, married, school teacher at Elphinstone Secondary School feels the needs of the village have not been met in keeping with modern times. He hopes all voters will turn out on election day and elect the candidates of their choice with such a vote of confidence that those elected will get things done.

"I am and will be concerned with all aspects of future growth of this village within the bounds of the ratepayers' ability to pay; particularly in a plentiful, safe water supply, adequate fire protection, sanitation—sewage disposal, proper collection and disposal of garbage — recreational needs and vehicle and pedestrian traffic and safety," pledges Yablonski.

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Three nominated . . .

J. Horvath elected to represent school

ROBERT'S CREEK attendance area meeting of electors held recently displayed keen interest in the sites under consideration by the school board for the purpose of enlarging Gibsons Landing elementary school.

School trustee Mrs. Muriel Ball stated that two sites were under consideration—one adjacent to Elphinstone secondary school and one adjacent to GLES.

The former was cheaper but would eventually have a substation on the next property with high tension wires running overhead. The property adjacent to GLES, although costing more, had the advantage of existing sewer and water lines, plus the fact that with consolidation they would then qualify for an activity room.

Three owner-electors, D. Macklam, incumbent representative and school trustee, J. Horvath and J. Warn were nominated as representatives. Horvath was elected.

On an enquiry about a night school course in public speaking, Mrs. Ball advised that such a course could be made available if 15 people requested it.

EDITORIALS

Your New Newspaper

THIS issue of The Sechelt Peninsula Times introduces a new publication to the Sunshine Coast area, one which plans to serve you well as a communication medium both for news and advertising. It will cover the scattered area from Port Mellon to Egmont, and in so doing, aim to assist in the gradual growth of these areas and an integration and encouragement of interests through efficient communication.

Its editor is not a newcomer to the Peninsula area; Mrs. Joan Donley of Sechelt has been a resident for two decades, raising a family here, and become deeply interested in the area's progress and development.

Mechanical production of The Times takes place at Powell River, in one of the most modern community printing plants on the coast, thus assuring regularity and good quality in both publication and commercial printing.

Any newspaper can serve you only to the extent that you will help it to serve you. Your news items, your pictures, your criticism and yes, when merited, your praise . . . these will help to make it a valuable community service, dedicated to the progress of your community. The Peninsula area is, like all growing communities, in need of all the dedicated forces it can get to make the most of its wonderful potentialities. We hope to be one of them, and a leading influence for the good of the area.

This area is fortunate in that it will now have two ambitious local newspapers serving it, thus giving all the forces of free expression and opinion full play without any danger of partisanship, repression, or obliteration.

Finally, The Times is respectfully dedicated to the memory of one of the Peninsula's most enthusiastic builders, "Ernie" Parr-Pearson, whose vision and aggressiveness brought in its first newspaper exactly twenty years ago. In spite of valiant efforts by Ernie and his friends at that time, it was a rocky road for the fledgling paper and it never managed to complete the grand design which he had envisioned for it. This is a humble effort to continue Mr. Pearson's vision and, in proper time, complete it.

This is democracy

AT THIS time the municipal electors are given the opportunity to exercise their democratic right of voting for those councillors and school trustees whom they wish to represent them.

This democratic right is not only a privilege, it is also a responsibility. If you, who are eligible to vote, fail to cast your ballot; fail to make a responsible decision, to support or oppose the candidates running, you will have failed to accept this democratic responsibility.

If you fail at this point, you deprive yourself of your democratic privelege, which is to select your elective representa-

democratic privilege, which is to select your elective representatives, elected by a minority vote, degenerate into petty dictators.

Most councillors or school trustees seek office with the desire to render service. But what chance do most of them have? They work for an apathetic and critical electorate — an electorate which demands its priveleges without accepting its responsibilities.

If you fail to exercise your franchise, you have no right to criticize. On the other hand, it is your privilege and duty to express opinion if you have exercised your franchise.

A Gibson's councillor states about 50 people turn out to vote. What encouragement is that for a councillor? What incentive to put his best effort into the job?

You get the government you deserve — federal, provincial and local. Now is the opportunity to voice your opinion on the local level. If you feel your councillor or school trustee has done a good job and you wish him or her to continue in office, get out and support him. If you feel he or she has been unsatisfactory, get out and oppose him.

It's your privilege and your responsibility.

What's in a name

SECHELT, situated as it is between two large bodies of water — the Gulf of Georgia on one side and Sechelt Inlet on the other — emphasizes its marine setting by the nautical names of its streets.

Teredo, Dolphin, Mermaid, Barnacle and Cowrie. Can't you just visualize the teredo rasping away at wood with its toothed shells; the dolphin sporting and spouting in the waves; the mermaids sunning their golden hair; the barnacle standing on its head and kicking its food into its mouth with its feet; and the beautiful, ornamental cowrie shell, symbolic of money, used as legal tender in Africa and the East Indies?

Bert Whittaker showed an imaginative and romantic flair when he named these streets. These names are now part of our tradition, and traditions are entitled to deference.

Properly played up, these exciting names could be a tourist attraction. People from all over would stop in Sechelt to see the unique street. Where else have you seen such names? Local residents should know the significances of these names and point them out to visitors. And not only should the streets retain their romantic names, all village streets in future should continue the nautical theme.

In fact, given the right publicity, every red-blooded male on Sechelt Peninsula would be clamouring to live on Barnacle Street and call himself Bill.

Halfmoon Bay News

A VERY successful fall sale of work was recently held by the Halfmoon Bay Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital. Conveners were Mrs. Holgate and Mrs. A. J. Rutherford, tea; Mrs. Pat Murphy and Mrs. Pat Jorgenson, sewing; Mrs. Ron Robinson and Mrs. Frank Warne, home cooking; Mrs. J. Burrows, door, and Mrs. P. A. Meuse, raffles.

Prizes were won by Bill Grundy, Owen Edmonds, Bruce Charlton and Pete Jorgenson. This very active group has already donated furnishings for a two-bed ward in the new hospital at a cost of $1192.53.

Another active group, the Improvement Association, chaired by Jim Graves, has donated a single-bed ward at a cost of $783.90.

Jerry Gordon, Shell service station, and party, have just returned from a successful hunting trip to the Caribou, bagging five moose.

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, December 8, in the Church of His Presence.

Water district formed in Sechelt

GRAHAM Craig, who was instrumental in the formation of the West Sechelt water district, travelled to Victoria to meet with the water rights branch. Accompanying him were three trustees—the chairman, S. Patrick, C. Thorold, and Mrs. M. Lonneberg.

They received some very enlightening answers to their questions, and assurances of departmental assistance. The trustees are very near to having enough water users to commence the operation of a district, and take this opportunity to ask all people residing in the West Sechelt Water District to join the growing list of water users so we may have this system in operation and ensure the progress of the area.

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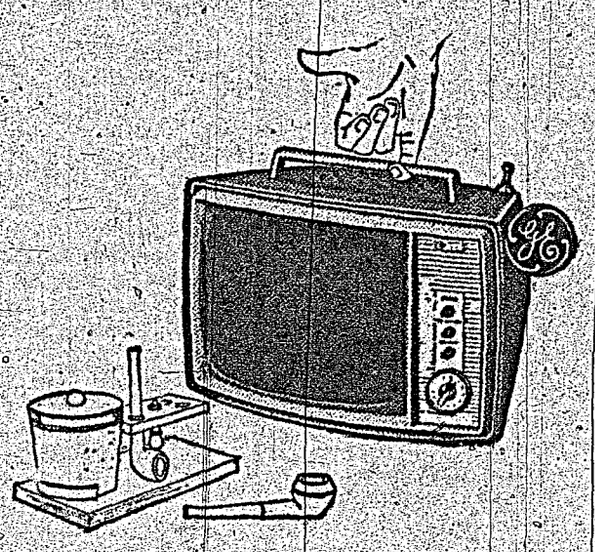
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Bon Voyage

THE DONLEY family of Sechelt say goodby to their daughter Derelys aboard a P&O liner taking her to New Zealand where she is enrolled in the State Teachers' College. Saying goodby are, from left, Joan Donley, Pattie, Derelys, Bob Donley, Adrian and David.

Selma Park made Improvement Dist.

SEPTEMBER, 1931, Letters Patent were granted under the provisions of the Water Act, from an Improvement District to consist of 55 leasehold lots I.R. No. 2, and some 107 individual freehold lots and acreages. Most of these parcels have one boundary line on Highway 101. The district was formed to provide fire protection and street lights.

In October, 1961, the five trustees elected were: Mr. H. Batchelor, chairman; Mrs. W. Waddell, Messrs. C. Stewart, A. A. Sim, and L. A. Fraser. Mrs. Bernie Duval was asked to be secretary. When Mr. Stewart resigned, as he was leaving, Mr. Ken E. Wood was elected to replace him. The recent budget meeting of the trustees decided to increase the grant to the Sechelt Volunteer Fire Brigade for fire protection. Several new homes have been built in the District, additions made to existing homes, and land assessments have been raised. With this over all rise in value, the mill rate should not be increased much, if at all. Two more street lights have been added to the system, making a total of 12. The annual meeting of landowners will be in January, exact date to be announced later.

Engineer says . . .

Building location discussed by council

ENGINEER Martin J. J. Dayton recommended to council the old united church building should be located behind the present library building for ease and economy of hook-up to sanitary facilities.

Council chairman A. E. Ritchey suggested in this case the building should be located crosswise to display the stained glass windows to best advantage. Councillor Wes Hodgson, who favours locating the building alongside the present library felt he would be better satisfied had he had the opportunity to discuss the matter with Dayton when he was in the area.

By-law no. 158 to amend by-law No. 103 to increase water service installation costs from $30 to $50 was given second and third readings.

A letter from Rockgas Propane Ltd. withdrew application on the co-op property, stating they were situating at Robert Creek.

Two building permits were approved — one to Walter Peterson for a 24' by 24' double garage valued at $1000, and one to L. G. Smith for a four-room, 40' by 24' building valued at $10,000.

Grants to Gibsons and District Kinsmen Club for $50 and Howe Sound Women's Institute for $16 were approved. These grants compensate for the municipal portion of taxes on these publicly-owned properties.

DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

Request for relief from drainage from Alder Spring Road on Gower Point Road resulted in decision to continue a previously started drain to its logical outlet. "Otherwise we are taking the problem from one place to another," said councillor Fladager. It was decided to purchase the 10 inch pipe now to bring the 1963 expenditure up to the $600 mark to claim the 50% rebate on secondary road work, and to do the work after the new year to apply against the 1964 grant.

Water flooding off government highway onto a property could be relieved council decided, by digging a shallow ditch to divert the water to Glen Road ditch. If this works the ditch could be paved as a winter works program. "If the provincial highway could do some work on their road we could fix this with a narrow curb," was the opinion of council.

Councillor MacKey reported culverts at Abbs and Edmunds Road had been flushed out. Works superintendent Holland found a spring on Winn Road which was repaired with crushed rock and a four-inch drain.

Council meeting of December 31 was moved ahead to December 30.

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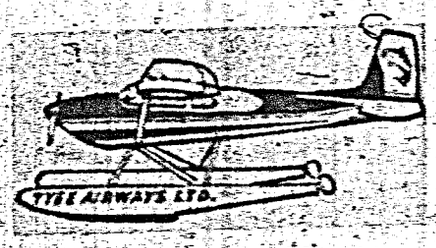

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Powell River 11's play on Peninsula

by Goalie

TWO teams travelled from Powell River to play games with our local boys on the Sunshine Coast; as these games have caused such a stir among local soccer fans, return matches are now being arranged.

PR Rangers played the Gibsons All Stars at Gibsons elementary school grounds; the teams were evenly matched and provided the spectators with many thrilling moments. The PR boys had the decided advantage in the first half, showing particular skill in a close passing technique. The Gibsons goalie had his hands full and was not able to reach a well-placed floater over his head.

However in the second half the Gibsons boys showed they were made of sterner stuff, and by fighting back every inch of the way managed to come up with a couple of goals by Hansen and Holden, thereby making the score 2-1 in favor of our local lads.

The other match was held at Hackett's Park in Sechelt, with the PR team made up of the 1962 Best Boys Team in BC by winning the Sun's Tournament of Stars trophy. This was a well-played and thrilling match, and proved to be particularly rewarding to the Sechelt All Stars coaches. The Sechelt team included various players from the Roberts Creek, Residential School and Sechelt Legion teams, and put up an astonishingly well-played match considering they had never played together before.

Result was a 2-2 tie.

After the games were over and the boys spruced up a bit, all the players gathered together and enjoyed refreshments, and talked up their eventful afternoon.

Fun tips for fall hostess

FALL is fun time — are you ready? As the season for parties and entertaining swings into action, it's easy to gain a reputation as a successful hostess. Parties and at-home evenings can be exciting and colorful as the season. It's all up to you.

To make your fall entertaining really special, consider your guests. Will they enjoy each other? Plan your people as carefully as your menu. Then plan menus you can prepare easily and serve graciously, whether it's a cone-dish casserole or a five course sit-down dinner. Just be sure you can handle all arrangements with ease.

Extra touches will mark you an exceptional hostess. A clever way to mix your guests effectively is to have each guest pick a fresh flower from a basket at the door when he arrives. Ladies pin it on for a corsage and men wear the blossom as a boutonniere. Each flower has a mate at the dinner table—either in a bouquet, or each guest will find his place marked by a flower that matches the one he's wearing.

Another unusual trick with fresh flowers from the Florist Telegraph Delivery is to honor the special guest with a lovely floral arrangement that is tied to the back of her dinner chair. She'll take it home after the party, of course, and you'll be praised for a thoughtful gesture.

Other fun ideas to spark an autumn evening: dress up your table by placing pretty embroidered ribbons on a solid color tablecloth. Arrange the ribbons in simple designs across the table, add matching flowers and candles for a centrepiece, and you'll be proud of the picture-book results.

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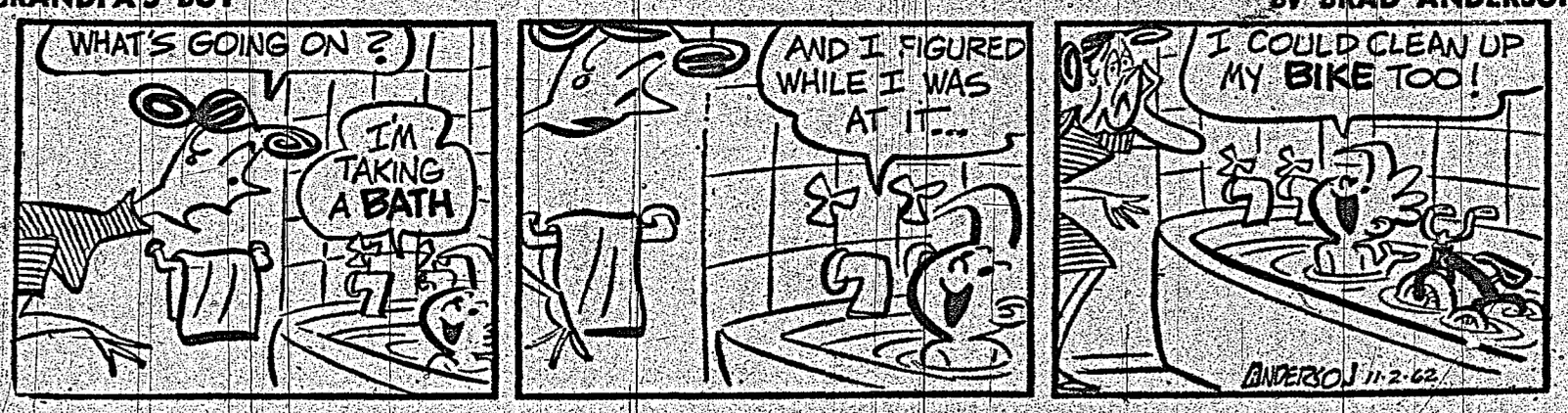

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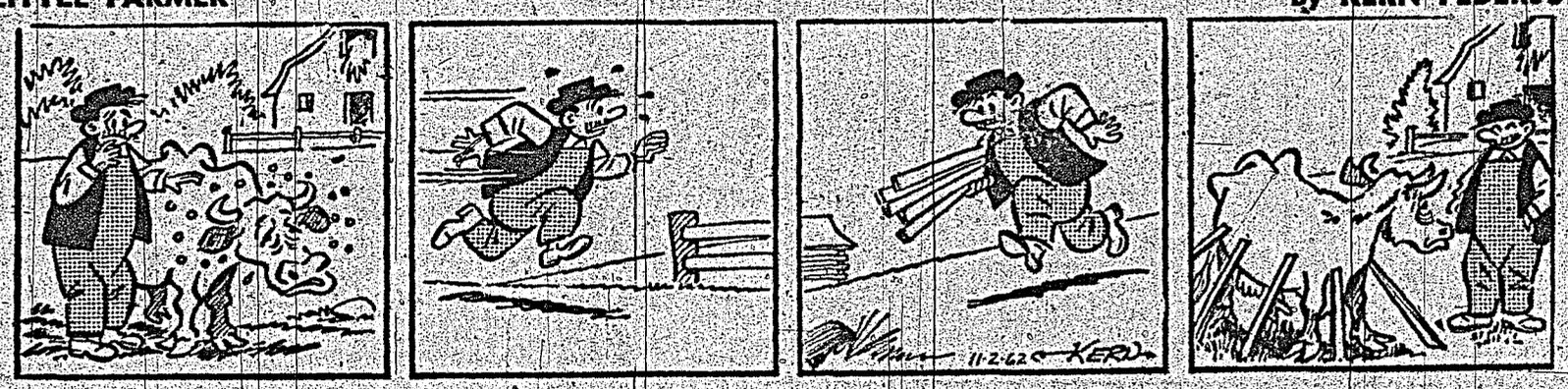

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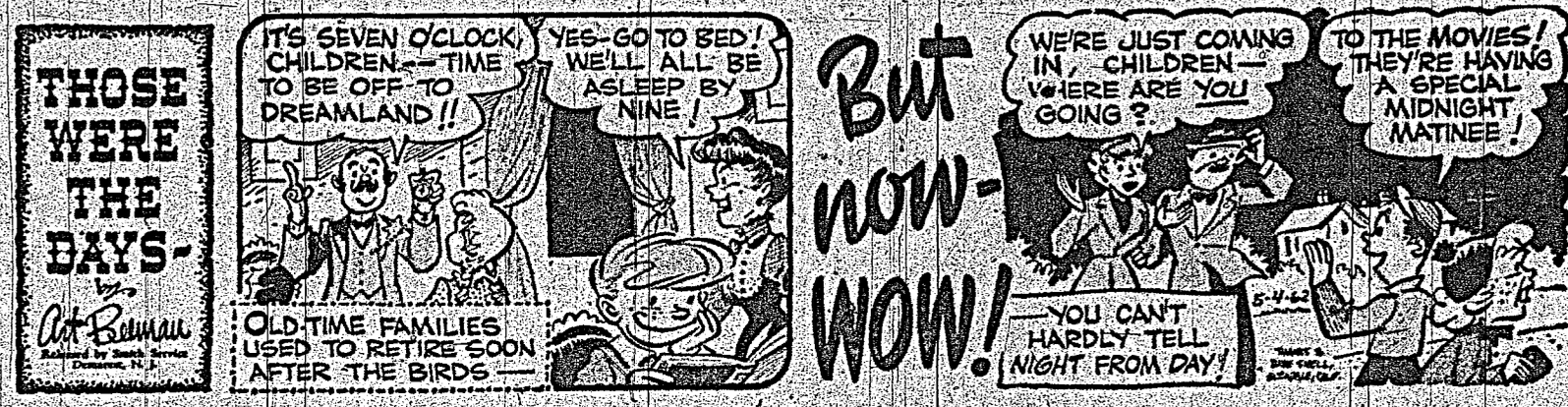

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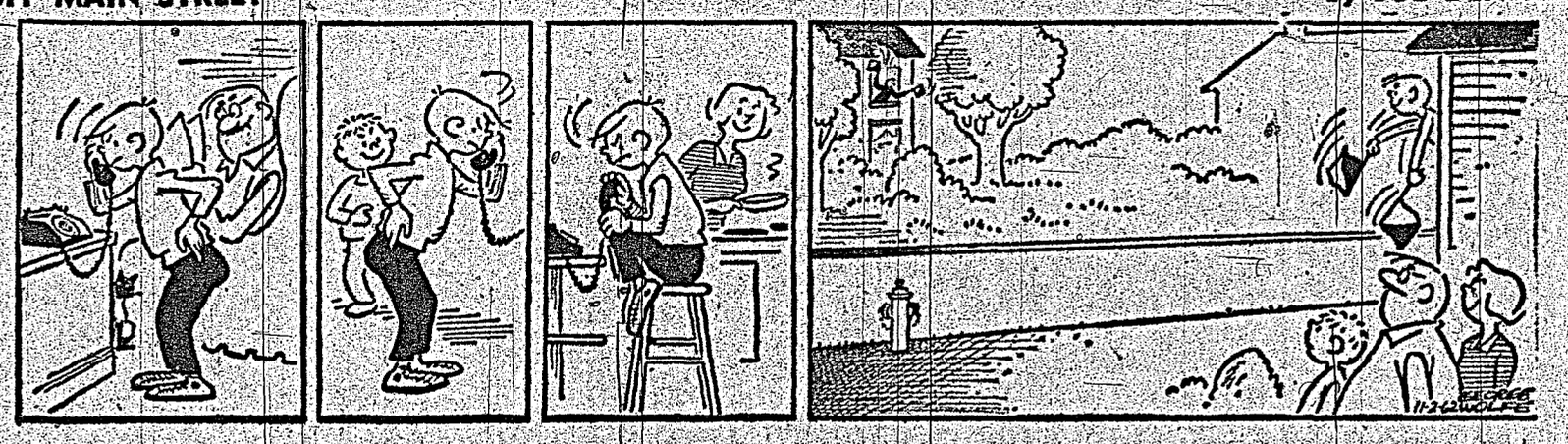

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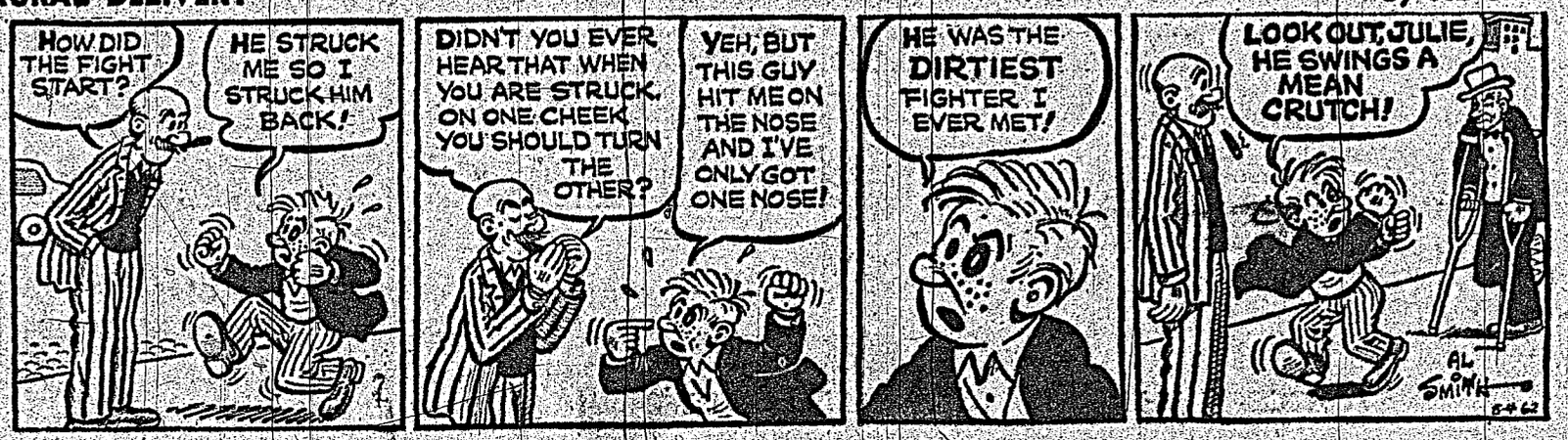

Korean children wait for clothes

Winters cold . . .

Korean children need warm clothes

ON A COLD November morning in South Korea, children stood shivering in a long line of human misery, waiting for bundles of warm clothing from Canada.

The heartbreaking fact is that sometimes pitifully unclad children cannot be served, because there is never enough Canadian warmth to go around. "How can I convey this great need?" implored Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, Executive Director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada. "I have stood there shivering in my own warm clothing, praying that somehow I will find the words to reach the hearts of more and more Canadians and stir them into action."

What do the world's destitute need? They need warm garments; they need food; they need a chance to be educated. "They need our concern, our love, our wholehearted support," says Dr. Hitschmanova. The USC of Canada is now appealing for maximum quantities of warm, practical clothing, and addresses of USC depots are available through USC Headquarters. Cash contributions towards the USC Christmas appeal for 310,000 Friendship Dollars may be sent direct to USC Headquarters, 63 Sparks Street, Ottawa 4, Ont.

School board . . .

Plans outlined for new vocational wing housing

PLANS for a new vocational wing housing H.E., I.A., and commercial were outlined by district superintendent of schools, Gordon Johnson. He pointed out this district is a year behind due to the defeat of the referendum last April.

Board members will give consideration to a plan suggested by W. S. Potter, principal of Elphinstone secondary school, to institute as part of the occupational program, a two-month basic cook's course to prepare boys to cook on tugs and in logging camps. This could be enlarged to a one-year course next year. Gordon Johnson pointed out basic training must be operated in conjunction with on the job exprience which would need the co-operation of local bakeries and hotel managers.

Mobile library plan was tabled by education committee chairman Mrs. Muriel Ball. Patterned after the plan operating satisfactorily in Howe Sound school district it would provide a mobile, centralized professional library of books, film and film strips. The librarian would receive 14c a mile travelling allowance and make two visits a month to each school. The plan allows a greater selection of books and a greater quantity and variety of film. "The response from the teachers was good," states Mrs. Ball. "Only one teacher is opposed and a few have reservations."

Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, school trustee and representative for Davis Bay attendance area declined nomination for appointment as representative for 1964 term. Nobody turned out to the Davis Bay meeting of electors so an appointment will have to be made.

"We can't change the buses. We've already slowed them down at bit," declared board chairman Reg Spicer in answer to a letter from G. A. Cooper, principal of Sechelt Elementary concerning the early arrival of buses. Mrs. Ball felt part of the transportation problem stemmed from having no overall transportation committee chairman. Some children at Sechelt now arrive before 8 a.m. and have to wait until nine for school to open.

Mrs. Ball suggested the taxpayers be asked to indicate by ballot whether they are in favour of keeping transportation costs at a bare minimum or offering better transportation service at the taxpayers' expense. She claimed this district is going against prevailing departmental policy. "We are taking the children to the schools instead of taking the schools to the children as recommended in the Chant Royal Commission report."

Madeira Park elemetary school playground requires 5000 yards of gravel to raise the level two feet to prevent flooding, according to a letter from District engineer F. Underwood. Spicer felt most of this problem could be alleviated if the department of highways would install approximately 250 feet of culvert to prevent drainage water from flooding across the road onto the lower level of the jointly-owned community club — school playground.

An offer from K. Butler Realty of the Propp property consisting of 1.3 acres for $9500 was tendered.

MORE ABOUT . . .

Replace system

—from page 1

represetatives under the act? was a question electors tangled on. Could residents in the municipality holding land in the rural area, vote, and still vote in their own municipal election? Gordon Johnson said, "the act does not say a person cannot vote in a municipality if he has already voted in a rural area." Mrs. Burns gave an opinion obtained from the department of education that municipal residents could attend meetings of rural electors, could vote but could not seek office.

F. West urged school trustees to obtain a legal interpretation on this matter.

Voting for three representatives was conducted in a democratic and business-like manner. The name of each elector was checked off the voter's list as he cast his ballot. Mrs. Celia Fisher, John Matthews, and Alec King were elected.

FARNHAM PROPERTY

"I'm in favor of the Farnham property," said Harvey, when the site for the future Gibsons elementary school was discussed. "I still have to find out the exact reason for the opposition to the Farnham property," stated Fred Cruice.

Earl Dawe outlined the history of this particular property as obtained from the L.R.O. A three-month option to purchase had been registered in August 1962 by C. H. English. This option lapsed in November 1962. The referendum was put in April 1963. "I am shocked at the board's reluctance to answer questions about this property. Failure (of referendum) before was one of public relations. The public was being asked to sign a blank cheque."

Dawe felt the board failed to recognize the difficulties involved and therefore did not meet them. "This attitude destroys the public's trust in the board.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM

"There is also a drainage problem and an access problem," he said. He then moved that the board meet with critics of the last referendum with a view to drafting a referendum that would meet with the people's approval.

"People come to meetings to learn the trustee's viewpoint but get only double-talk," maintained Bob Holden.

"The board tries to present things in good faith. They work without remuneration, with the best interests of the people. Anybody is welcome to my position. I won't run again," replied Harvey. He asked if the meeting wished to put a vote of non-confidence.

"The problem is one of lack of understanding rather than one of lack of confidence," stated Mrs. Cloe Day.

Dawe said he felt the board failed in two fields. "If the school board understands its position, it's not always clear. It appears to the observer that the board is not aware of its administrative function." And as a salesman the board should meet objections as they come up. "The onus is on the trustees to sell this referendum," he said.

As a result of this discussion meeting agreed to a motion that the three Gibsons representatives, the maintenance superintendent and the board's construction committee investigate all properites adjacent to the elementary school before choosing a site.

New citizens

THOMPSON—There is much joy in the household of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson of Pender Harbour on the arrival of their first daughter, Wendy Gale. There are three boys in the family.

RATHBONE— Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Rathbone of Pender Harbour are happy at the arrival of their first daughter Wendy Maureen, weight 11 lb. She has two little brothers.

Organized in 1958 . . .

SPCA sub-branch active in Sechelt

THE Sechelt Peninsula sub-branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (British Columbia, section), was organized March 28, 1958 by George E. Webb, Mrs. George E. Webb, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Cecil Chamberlain.

The BC SPCA Incorporation Act states: "Any authorized agent of the society, or any branch thereof, may examine, seize, hold, destroy or dispose of any animal found at large, abandoned, or in possession of any peron who is not properly caring for the animal, etc." Section nine reads, "All policemen, constables and other peace officers in the province are hereby authorized and required to aid and assist the officers of the society in all lawful ways for enforcing the law and carrying out the objects for which the society is incorporated.

The active officers of the sub-branch for 1963 are: B. L. Cope, Roberts Creek, president; William Morrison, Gower Point Road, vice-president; Mrs. George E. Webb, secretary; Mrs. George T. Smith, treasurer; Leonard Wray, inspector and Mrs. B. L. Cope, executive committee member.

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Any person seeing any cruelty to any animal is asked to call either the president or inspector. Persons having animals that they need destroyed should call the President or Inspector. Persons who want to adopt animals should call the president or inspector.

From April 1 to date (Nov. 24) telephone calls in and out of the president's office are: incoming 204; outgoing 176, a total of 380.

Calls covered everything from stray animals (which the society does not deal with as it is a matter for the RCMP under the Pound Act), cats wanting homes, cats to be destroyed, dogs that are looking for homes or to be destroyed and little birds that have fallen from their nests.

The caller wants to know what to do for them, what to feed them etc. and in one case the caller had a porcupine in his house and wanted to be advised about what he should do with it. He was told to take it well out into the bush and let it loose, it would take care of itself. Fortunately we have not had to deal with any skunks yet, or civits noted an official.

Our inspector has had a busy summer covering the calls he has had from Irvines Landing, Pender Harbour, Granthams Landing, Hopkins Landing, Wilson Creek, etc., either picking up a dog, a cat and in one case a fawn.

The SPCA does not receive any provincial funds to help defray expenses but depends entirely on memberships and donations from those who are interested in humane treatment of all animals.

An advertisement in the Time's classified section has a blank application for membership and also for those who wish to make donations. You are asked to help this good work along. It is planned to organize one or two more sub-branches at Sechelt and Pender Harbour district, also a junior branch of the SPCA.

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Children first . . .

Pender Harborites favor upping school bus costs

CHILDREN waiting from 2:15 until 4 p.m. for a homeward bus, caused Pender parents to complain but to put the small Egmont bus on an extra run to Middle Point would involve an extra 20 miles a day.

"Only 20 miles here but it would cause a chain reaction in all the other areas," contended Leo Johnson.

"Which do you want?" asked Mrs. Ball. "Are you prepared to pay for the transportation you want or do you want us to stick to the bare sharable minimum?"

"When young children are involved in this early rising and late after school, the matter of dollars and cents shouldn't even be considered," declared Frank Lee.

"Which would be greater, transportation or more rural schools?"

"The department urges taking schools to the younger children," replied Mrs. Ball. "People at Gibsons turned down the referendum because they wanted a larger school with more facilities."

Fleming felt that the referendum went to defeat because of lack of adequate publicity.

GROUNDS FLOODED

"Fill the school grounds all you want, but until the drains are opened it's useless," was the opinion of F. Lee on the flooded playing field.

"The department of highways is draining water onto the community club property," stated Mrs. Muriel Cameron.

"The district engineer looked at these grounds and felt it was not his responsibility," reported Mrs. D. Smith.

According to F. Lee the water was running before the road was built. "It's no use passing the buck," he said. "This is a problem of three neighbors. It's the school board's plugged drains that are keeping water on the community club grounds, and Harper's plugged drains are keeping water on both properties."

CULVERT DRAINS

"The culvert on community club property also drains the school property," Mrs. Cameron informed the meeting.

"How can anyone look at that creek and expect the grounds to be dry when it can't get away? The drain may be plugged with mud from being under water," asserted Lee.

"The best plan," he continued, "is for the three neighbours to get together and work out a business-like arrangement to clear the ditches. About four days a year would do it. Two in the spring and two in the fall would keep the grounds 90 percent dryer."

The meeting decided the board should take immediate steps to meet the community club and the department of public works in regards to the drainage problem on the Madeira Park school play area. And the maintenance staff be asked to open ditches as an emergency measure.

DEVELOPED JOINTLY

This school play areas is owned one part by the school board and one part by the community club. Up until recently it has been developed jointly. The board has budgeted a sum of money each year which has been matched by the community club in the form of volunteer labour and equipment. This arrangement goes back to the time the school was built because the grounds were not large enough.

Because of difficulty in soliciting volunteer work the community club has been unable to meet its share of the work.

"What happens to the board's allotment if it isn't used?" enquired Bill Malcolm.

"It goes back into general funds. Sometimes the money is not requested, but Mr. Spicer is always very careful about having all available funds spent on the grounds," stated Leo Johnson.

It was pointed out the board pays nothing for the use of the grounds. The community club pays the taxes.

FENCE IT

"The community club grounds are not under the control of the board, but the children are. The board should either fence it or fix it," declared Lee.

A motion was put that the school board be approached to purchase or lease the community club grounds.

"Although the board is broadminded about the use of the grounds for community affairs, we would want to be assured the young people would have access to them," observed Lee.

"That's usually up to the principal," said Leo Johnson.

DISCUSS KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten received a full discussion at Madeira Park meeting of electors. Accommodation seemed to be the problem. The community hall was suggested but board members doubted if it would pass fire inspection. Meeting went on record as being in favour of kindergarten if a questionnaire sent out to parents received an affirmative response.

Mrs. Ball explained transportation to kindergarten is the responsibility of the parent. Classes last two and one-half hours each day, with a minimum of 15 children, and a maximum of 52. (Two classes of 26). She reported the Sechelt kindergarten has cost in the neighborhood of $1000 "but we are the seventh wealthiest district in BC," she claimed.

Mrs. Fleming stated kindergartens paid off as there were fewer repeaters in grade one. "This is a saving as it costs about $550 a year to educate one child." One elector claimed, "Parents just want to use kindergartens as baby sitters," but Mrs. Ball countered with, "socializing is an asset, especially in areas where communication is limited."

Votes of thanks were tendered by Mrs. Fleming to the school board for the many small courtesies rendered, and to John Daly for his work as a representative, and especially for his assistance with the fishing class.

Bill Malcolm and Frank Lee were elected as representatives.

SWANSON BROS. BUY

The Swanson brothers, Len and Harold, have purchased the equipment of Stockwell & Sons. Both boys are former employees of Evans Coleman plant at Hillside, which is in the process of being dismantled. Len, a shovel operator, has resided in Gibsons for seven years. Harold, a plant carpenter, has lived in Sechelt for ten years.

The transfer becomes effective December 1st.

New Editor

JOAN DONLEY, well-known Peninsula woman, has been appointed editor of the Sechelt Peninsula Times which begins publication today. She is prolific writer and has, for many years, taken an active interest in the area.

Meet Joan Donley . . .

Sechelt Times Editor Sunshine Coast fan

"I'VE SEEN dramatic changes in Sechelt Peninsula since I came here 24 years ago to nurse in St. Mary's Hospital," says Joan Donley, a greeneyed, brunette, native of Saskatchewan.

"Our area has the best climate in Canada and has tremendous potential. It is this potential we hope to develop through the Sechelt Peninsula Times."

Married to Bob Donley, they recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. "Life has been hectic," she says. "Being married to a rugged individualist and raising five individualistic children (four boys and one girl) has been like living in a three-ring circus.

Joan has held a commercial fisherman's license, has worked as tail sawyer in their sawmill, ("My husband was always a gentleman," she interjects, "he always took his hat off when he handed me the peavey") was secretary of P.H., and Sechelt Liberal Association, also Mackenzie riding secretary, and one-time secretary of Pender Harbour PTA and Recreation Commission.

She spent three years as a school trustee during which time she was instrumental in getting the Pender Harbour high school. She also played a part in the establishment of the rural mail delivery out of Halfmoon Bay.

"Politics is the lifeblood of our society. I believe if more women took an active part in politics at all levels, many of our social problems could be resolved," she maintains.

"My advice, sir," said the mechanic to the car owner," "is that you keep the oil and change the car."

W. Sechelt news report

by Elizabeth Lonneberg

MR. and Mrs. J. Chippendale have rently moved into their new home on Seaview Lane. It was the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Harrison, who moved to Vancouver.

Other new residents on Seaview Lane are Mr. and Mrs. Budd Fearnley, who have moved into the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Bower.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Dan Currie and daughter Cathy who have moved from Selma Park tot heir brand-new home.

Mrs. A. Swan and daughter Eleanor attended the Bolshoi ballet in Vancouver Saturday, November 16. Also in attendance were Mrs. S. Patrick, Mrs. Norman Franklin and Mrs. M. Lonneberg of West Sechelt and Mrs. H. Carter of Selma Park.

Norm Watson was taken suddenly ill last week and flown to St. Paul's Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Several local hunters have returned with game. Ben Frigon and Don Caldwell with moose each, and Milt Lonneberg and Harry Batchelor with an elk and a deer.

Dave Cassels was visiting his parents Rev. and Mrs. S. Cassels, over the Armistice day weekend.

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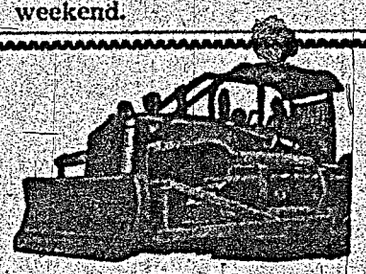

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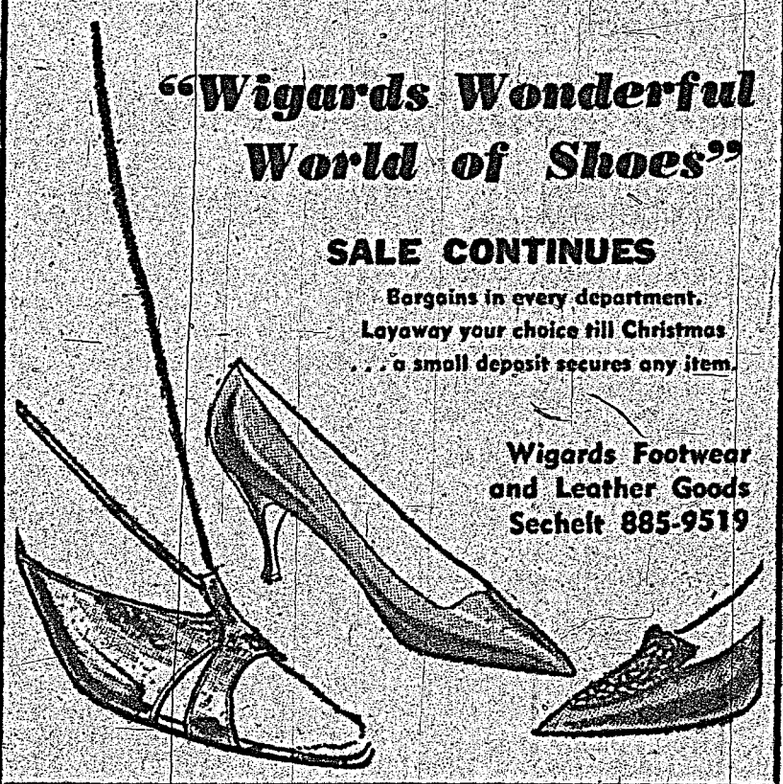

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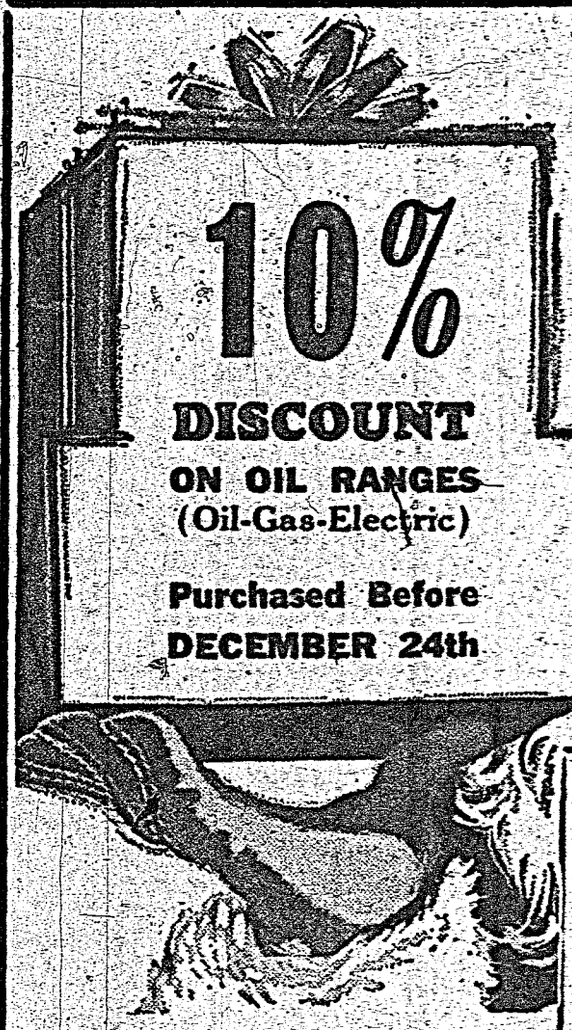

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Students adopt orphaned girl

STUDENTS of Sechelt Elementary school, under the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada are contributing to the support of Pushpam, an eight-year-old orphan girl of Coimatore in Madras State, South India.

Last year the grade 5 students initiated the plan in response to lesons in Social Studies—they started to think of children who were not so well off. Mr. Mactavish, the teacher of the class at that time claims that the action of the students was spontaneous.

Last year's collection of $96. started in the grade 5 class, and gradually spread to the whole school. This year they raised their $96. quota by October.

Pushpam's father died when she was three and left her mother to care for her and her year-old brother. After a three-year struggle her mother died of typhoid fever. Pushpam, then six, and her brother were taken into the home of a neighbor. But times were so hard in India, and the food so scarce that the neighbour could not provide for Pushpam and her brother any longer.

Now Pushpam and her brother are in the Coimbatore Home. The children of Sechelt Elementary school contribute to her support.

Mailbag

DEAR BESSIE:—I have been going with a girl for quite a while. Last week I invited her to our house for dinner. Her table manners are the worst. She practically sprawled on the table to eat. I like her a good deal but I was really ashamed for her. What can I do? —L.C.

Dear L.C.:—This is a delicate thing to handle without hurting anyone's feelings, but handle it you must. When the opportunity is right you might tell her about someone you once went with who had pretty awful manners and how offended you were by it. Good table manners are not too hard to come by once a person knows they might need some sharpening up. If you handle it right, she'll begin to take stock and notice how other people behave at the table. If you know it is bad training, be more patient with her. But if you know it is just carelessness, you can take a more direct approach.

DEAR BESSIE:—I like a boy I don't know very well. He has a good background and is very nice. He has seen me often in school, smiled and sometimes said hello. Once he lent me some money. How can I get to know him better without being suspected?
—Determined.

Dear Determined: — Why in the world should you be "suspected" of anything except being friendly? The boy has certainly indicated that he likes you. When he smiles and greets you, stop and talk to him for a while. If there is a party to which you can invite him, do so. The only thing he can suspect is that you like him. This can only result in his feeling flattered and a desire to get to know you better. If he passed you in the hall with his nose high in the air, you'd have a problem.

Dear Disgusted: — By all means switch to the vocational school. If your guidance counsellors in high school and your parents agree and you feel you are unable to do better in regular high school studies you should make the change. You will be able to use your time to much better advantage and provide yourself with skills for a job when you graduate.

Times
TEEN TOPICS

Clubs formed . . .

Pender Harbour high hive of activities

PENDER HARBOUR high school this year is a hive of bustling activity. A good selection of clubs has been formed, and all are receiving enthusiastic support from the students.

Future Teachers and Future Nurses have been selling hot dogs and chocolate bars to raise funds. The film club plans to show travelogues of European cities for a small charge. Most popular are the dance club sponsored sock hops every Friday at noon, although the bi-monthly school paper, Harbour Lites, is making its way into public approval. The drama club is finally choosing a play to produce.

November 15 was set aside as Sadie Hawkins Day. All the students and teachers came to classes in characteristic Dogpatch dress. For this day, the gymnasium walls were adorned with portraits of the popular characters of this fictitious community. An extended noon-hour dance climaxed the day.

November 23, Pender hosted the volleyball teams of Brooks, Max Cameron, Elphinstone and their coaches and cheerleaders to the annual volleyball tournament. Pender girls made it to the finals, but were defeated by Elphinstone. Pender and Elphinstone boys tied for second place behind the elated and triumphant Max Cameron team.

At time of writing the whole school is organized for the Fun Carnival which the Students' Council sponsors yearly as its major fund-raising activity. The affair promises to be a real success if one can judge from our enthusiastic school and anticipated community support.

OWN OPINION

The rather disgruntled hotel guest was paying his bill. "Here are some views of our hotel to take with you," said the enterprising clerk.

"No, thanks," snapped the departing guest. "I have my own views of your hotel."

Teen-of-the-week

WHEN the Grade Eleven results came out last July, no one at Pender Harbour was surprised to learn that Shirley Haddock had achieved high standing and won the "Know Our Canada" contest sponsored by the local PTA, the winner being the student who achieves the highest mark in Socials 30.

Shirley Haddock
. . . teen of the week

Shirley is well known to the PTA for she has assisted in their annual Fish Derby. She has done all the routine clerical work of recarding the daily *weigh-ins*—a thankless, time-absorbing job. The proceeds from the Derby go to the Pender Harbour High School scholarship fund, so Shirley helps willingly and cheerfully.

Unselfish service is the keynote of Shirley's life at High School. She plays the piano for assemblies, works on committees for the school paper, the dance club, and the drama club. She is Yearbook editor. Whenever there is a job to be done that requires more than average ability and devotion one hears," Perhaps Shirl' will . . ." Usually Shirl does!

University is Shirley's immediate goal, although her long-term ambition is to travel. To further this ambition she writes and receives long letters from several penpals. Since Shirley's family operate Haddock's Marine Service at Madeira Park, part of her interest in travel may be aroused by her conversation with tourists who visit lovely Pender Harobur.

Shirley will take her Grade 10 pianoforte examination in January which means practising all through the Christmas vacation period. She taught piano for three years, "before school caught up with me," she explains. She confided to your reporter that she hopes eventually to swing to jazz and popular. She satisfies this urge at the moment by plunking a banjo at a pretty good clip.

We salute Shirley Haddock as Pender Harbour's first "Teen of the Week". We predict a bright future for a bright student, living proof that the combination of country living and a good home produces teenagers that an entire community can be proud of!

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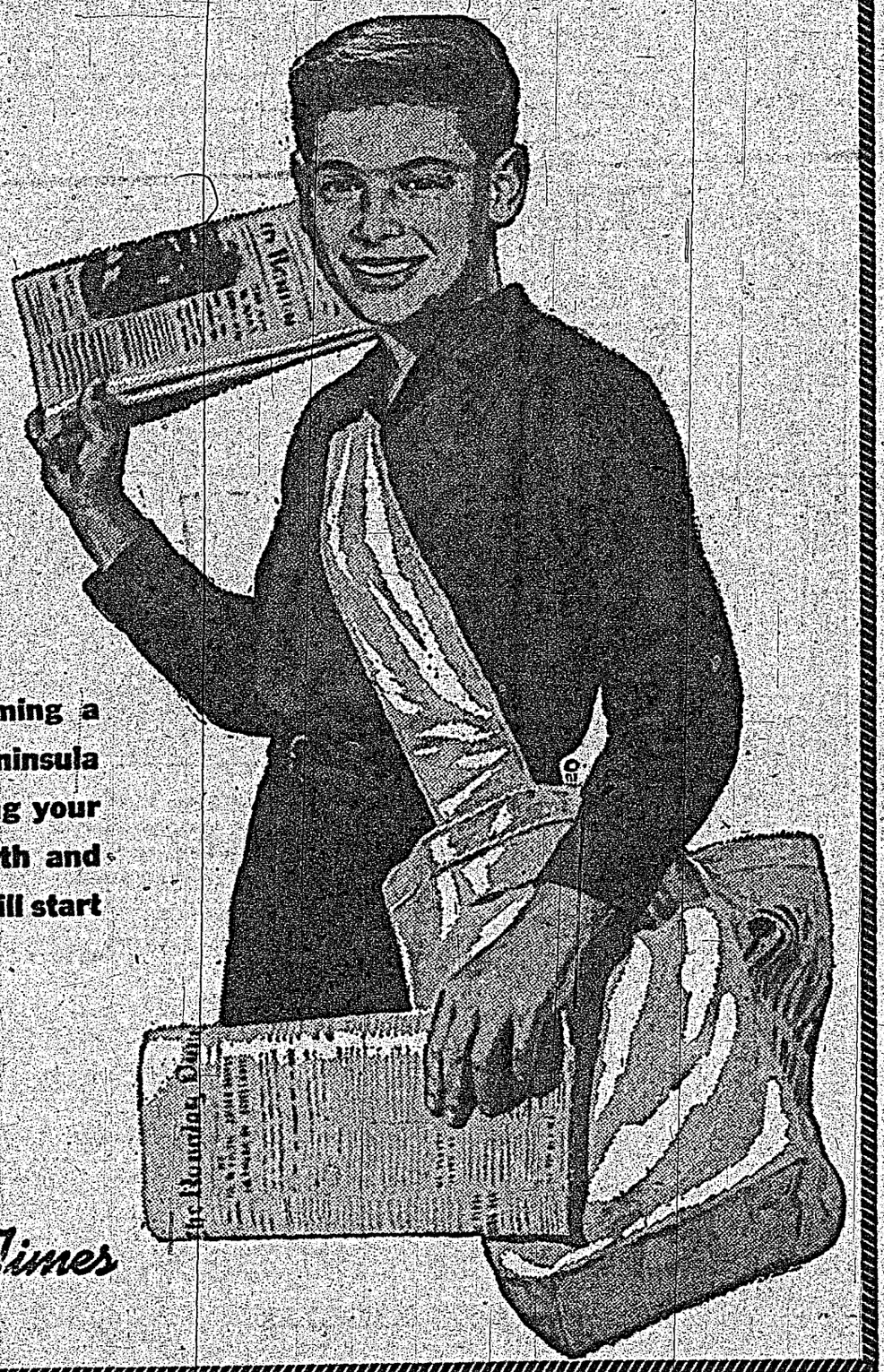

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Square Indian . . .

True (?) story on how Sasquatch came to area

By Bob Donley

LOUIS SPOTTED LIVER was a square. An Indian square.

The tribe of course, would not have recognized the term, nor would the recently arrived whites, who had arrived and were still arriving, in their sailing vessels, because the date was circa 1858, A.D., that is. These sailing vessels were bound for the Royal City, and among their passengers were the Royal Engineers, sent out in His Majesty's service to survey townsites in the new colony of British Columbia.

Louis was a kipper—two-faced and no guts. And lazy too. This laziness was actually what soured the rest of the tribe. Some of the boys caught fish. Others dug clams. Still others killed deer and game. All this contributed to the communal kitchen of the little Indian settlement at Sechelt, about forty miles up the coast from the Royal City.

Louis Spotted Liver wanted to be a Medicine Man. He felt that his yearning for superior knowledge put him in the favoured position of relieving him from the menial hunting and fishing tasks of the village.

Today, however, the elders of the tribe decided that Louis must contribute at least one day a week to supplying meat for the pot. This ultimatum had been delivered to him firmly and emphatically — no labour, no clams.

HEADS FOR CREEK

Louis set out reluctantly along the beach in the direction of the creek about two miles south of Sechelt. He carried a fish spear and a length of deer hide resembling a long rope. His intent was to acquire food in the easiest manner, and to him the spawning salmon in the creek represeted the most easily tapped source.

Louis felt resentful and frustrated. The tribe must be made to realize his worth. They needed someone to dance around them when they were ill to drive out the demons. After all, someone had to make them see that it was not the food, or lack of it that made them ill, but the evil spirits. What else?

It was a cold raw day in late fall. Louis shuffled along deep in thought. Hu hugged his deer hide jacket closer about his ears. He was in thouble with the spirit world, he knew, and as he plodded along the beach, every log, boulder and tree assumed a significant shape. He spoke to each one in turn and formulated the appropriate answer. So deep was he engrossed in his meditation that he almost stumbled into the roaring creek. He recognized that the roar was from the angry spirits of the salmon king who protected the fish in the stream.

Louis' eyesight was poor—a fact that he had withheld from the tribe for some time. As he peered intently up the stream he thought that he saw a moving object behind a large windfall log. It seemed to be on all fours, looking into the stream. It couldn't be a bear — it was not quite large enough. Louis' weak eyes watered with the effort. It seemed to have a dark, hairy coat, yet the head and face seemed to be covered with a hair of a different colour — a flaming red.

MUST BE YETI

This, moaned Louis to himself must be Yeti. This was Sasquatch. He sank to his knees in terror and babbled to his tribal Gods to protect him. He dared not run lest it would overtake him an devour him. His only salvation was to kill it. But how?

His furtive eyes lit upon a knobby branch of a tree laying on the ground. If he could hit the Sasquatch on the head and stun it, he would be able to scuttle off home with a head start.

Timorously he hefted the club and sneaked up behind the log. It could not hear him because of the roar of the creek. The monster seemed to be lifting water to its face with its paw. Louis struck out blindly from behind with the club. There was a sharp crack as the club hit bone. The terrified Louis sped for home, terror lending wings to his feet.

Louis' tale of the Sasquatch, the mythical giant, struck fear into the hearts of the staunchest tribesmen. The dreaded Sasquatch must be foraging farther afield. Louis' adventure, though doubted, still added to his stature and relieved him of further menial duties. It was at least sux months before the tribe summoned up sufficient courage to venture near the creek for proof. When they did investigate there were the bones of a very large, manlike creature, and fur, obviously from a coat or pelt. Mice, ravens and packrats had dispatched most of the evidence. The remains were gathered up and buried in a deep hole and the place rendered tabu for many moons.

In an office in the Royal City, a very clerical individual in stiff collar and cuffs remarked to a mustachioed officer of military bearing.

"sir, our next ship leaves for London soon and I am completing the final report on our surveyors' field work. Do you wish me to include the current list of engineers and the sick and casualty list?"

"Yes," mused the commanding officer. "You might also include Murphy on the missing list. I often wonder what happened to that big, foolish redheaded Irishman. He disappeared a year ago while duck hunting in a small boat. Drowned in a south-east gale, I presume."

NEW BUSINESS OPENS

The Candy Box, a new business opened November 28 by Anne Evans, handles good candies, imported chocolates, smokes, and gift items. Fresh supplies of chocolates are made up as required for the Candy Box by Grant's Chocolates.

CDR. KEN GRANT
. . . killed in air crash

Gibsons naval officer killed

COMMANDER Kenneth E. Grant, who was killed in Montreal plane crash was the son of Mrs. E. B. Grant of Gibsons.

Although he was born and went to school in Vancouver, he spent all his summers in the family summer home, which is now his mother's permanent residence. He was always fond of the sea.

He obtained his B.A. from U.B.C. in 1938, and for a year worked on the Sun newspaper, before joining the navy. He was in the first officer's training group at Royal Roads, and graduated from there in 1940.

Last spring he was in command of the 9th Canadian Escort Squadron, then was appointed to Hamilton as Command Officer Sea Cadets.

Besides his mother, a dignified and gracious lady, he leaves to mourn him his wife and one daughter in Hamilton, and three sisters—Mrs. E. B. Matheson, Mrs. Thomas Beynon and Mrs. Thomas Johnson.

Motion passed . . .

Sechelt councillors ban shooting in area

AS A result of a report from G. A. Cooper, principal of Sechelt Elementary School concerning firing of shots in the vicinity of the school during school hours, Sechelt councillors passed a motion banning the use of firearms within the village.

Accompanying the complaint was a letter from Magistrate A. Johnson pointing out that discharge of firearms in this case was illegal under sections 11 (2) of the Game Act and 165 (1a) of the Criminal Code.

ASK CONDEMNATION ACT

Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce requested passage of a building condemnation act to enforce demolition of the old, unused buildings on the waterfront. In this regard a letter was read from Sechelt Lands Ltd. advising council of sale of this land to Squamish Valley Holdings.

APPLICATIONS IN

Applications for additional help in the municipal office were considered. This position will pay $250 a month for full time employment and $1.65 an hour for 14 hours a week, part time.

Council decided a male employee would be more suitable since he could also be employed to do casual labor such as mowing grass filling pot-holes. "I'm not convinced," said Councillor S. Dawe, as he registered a negative vote.

Village clerk T. Rayner was authorized to interview male applicants.

Lease of Porpoise Bay government wharf as a seaplane float was discussed and held over. Councillor F. Parker pointed out the importance of this facility. He related Norm Watson would have had to be packed on a stretcher around to Schroeder's to board a plane for Vancouver had the wharf not been available. He agreed to the proposal to hold the application over "as long as we can hold on to it as a public float."

Arrangements are to be made to have the Christmas tree up early.

Building permit was approved to remove an old cottage on to the property of Lloyd Turner for the purpose of storing furniture from the Sechelt Inn.

Provisional budget to the end of May, 1964, in the amount of $18,000 was approved.

Airport grant of $750 will be paid.

Next meeting, December 4, will be devoted to discussion of amendments to the rezoning bylaw.

TOURISM DISCUSSED

S. Dawe reported on the meeting of the Greater Vancouver Fraser Valley and Sunshine Coast Tourist Bureau he attended in New Westminister.

"The Fraser Valley is very interested in the tourist business," he said. "Not only the Councils and Chambers of Commerce, but also groups of businessmen are promoting tourism."

This organization is supported by a 10-cent per capita levy. Greater Vancouver contributes 75 percent of the cost, Fraser Valley 22½ per cent and Sunshine Coast 2½ percent. Sechelt contributes $50 for its 500 residents.

This year this organization hopes to raise $70,000 and this plus a matching grant will be put into advertising.

He referred Council to an article about this area in the "Western Homes and Living" magazine. Delegates attending from this area were S. Dawe and J. Toynbee from Sechelt; L. Larson and R. Murdoch from Pender.

Councillor W. Swain pointed out other areas were richer than we are. Two suggestions for dissemination of tourist information were put forward:

(1) To compile, centralize and distribute tourist information from a booth in the village; (2) place signs in stores "Tourist Information Here."

Parker reported that the new road at the church will cost about $300.

Council indicated favourable feeling to a joint plan proposed to run Christmas lights from one end of the village to the other at a cost of approximately $15 to each business.

PTA meeting . . .

Elementary teachers supervision thanked

PTA CONVENER, Mrs. Goeson, reported a profit of $90.05 had been realized on the rummage sale. She recommended a donation of $5 be made to the hospital auxiliary, along with a letter thanking them for the use of the more centrally located hospital cottage.

A letter from Gordon E. Johnson, district superintendent of schools, was read by president Mrs. T. Lamb, in which he asked the members of the Sechelt community to study and consider the possibility of a vocational school in Sechelt. He wished the people to make their wishes known thru their PTA's and local ratepayer groups.

Sechelt elementary teachers were thanked on behalf of the mothers of West Sechelt for supervising their children between 8 and 9 a.m. "The mothers should be extremely grateful to the teachers for this supervision of their children, as the teachers are paid to teach the children, not supervise them," said Mrs. Beck.

George Cooper Sechelt elementary principal, was asked if it was the responsibility of the teachers to supervise the children in this case. He replied, "it is a debatable question."

W.S. Potter principal of Elphinstone Secondary school spoke to the parents regarding the changes in curriculum brought about by the Chant Royal Commission report, in grades seven, eight and nine — the new math course, the introduction of French at the grade eight level, the retention of grade seven in elementary schools and other changes at the junior secondary level. He passed out mimeographed sheets showing the proposed changes in vocational and technical stream at the senior secondary level which he had just received from the department of education. There followed a question period.

It was a reflection on the interest in education that there were so few parents present to hear this informative and interesting outline of the future of education in our secondary schools.

Children begin by asking their parents questions and not realy listening to the answers; and they end by giving their parents' answers without even listening to the questions.

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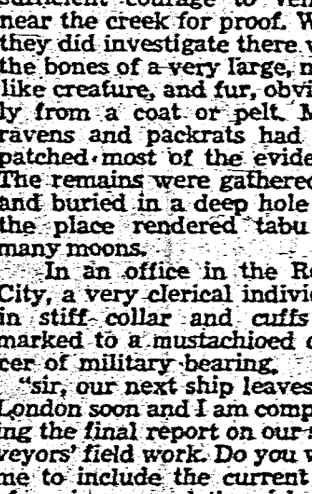

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Antiques, UN . . .

Two new additions in annual hobby show

NEW ADDITIONS to Gibsons Third Annual Hobby Show this year were an antique and United Nations section.

Organizer and spark plug of the entire show, Mrs. Wm. W. Duncan says the quality of arts and crafts this year was slightly higher than last year, but attendance was down due to the assassination of President Kennedy.

All proceeds of the show went to Arbutus Rebekah Lodge No. 76.

The judges Maurice Ells and Mrs. John Gerhard had a difficult time due to the high calibre of the exhibibts. Mrs. Duncan wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Mel Usher and Lionel Singlehurst for their invaluable assistance, and to all the exhibitors. "I feel this Peninsula abounds in a great source of untapped talent, I would like to reach them and invite them to take part in this community effort," says Mrs. Duncan.

The following is the list of winners as submitted.

Spinning wheel, special, Norman Burton.

Smocking, special, Mary B. Gibson.

Braided rug, special, Mrs. V. W. Duke.

Hooked rug, first, Florence Strachan; second, May Longton; third, Florence Strachan.

Other rugs, first, Verda Schneider; second, Mrs. June Stewart.

Quilts, first, Arbutus Rebekah Lodge No. 76; second, Arbutus Rebekah Lodge No. 76; third, Arbutus Rebekah Lodge No. 76.

Antiques, special, Mrs. Fred Cruice.

Car display, special, Chancellor Car Club.

United nations, special, Miss F. Grant, Mrs. G. Grant, Mrs. M. Usher, Mrs. M. Hutala, Mrs. Adams.

Lace cloth, first, Mrs. Grant;; second, Mrs. Whiteside; third, Mrs. E. Begg; special, Mrs. Grant.

Cut work, first, Mrs. E. Begg; second, Mrs. A. Osborne.

Stamp collection, special, M. Veale.

Candles, special, Mrs. E. Yablonski.

Photography, special, Roy Grigg.

Shell collection, special, C. Bedford.

Pillowslips, first, Mrs. E. Begg; second, Mrs. A. Osborne.

Oils, special, Lionel Singlehurst; first, Verda Schneider; second, Mrs. E. Davey; third, Mrs. Small.

Pastels, special, M. Veale, Mrs. Kemp.

Rock Jewelry, first, Harry Davey; second, Mrs. June Alynson.

Wood carvings, special, Helen Bezdeck.

Driftwood ,special, Miss B. Labonte.

Needlework, first, Vida Butt; second, Mrs. E. Begg.

Good breeding is that quality which enables a person to sit in well-mannered silence while some loudmouth gets all the service.

Selma Centre is renovated

BY WAY of marking 16 years of service to the community of Selma Park, money has been spent on renovating the interior of the Centre.

The storage cupboard shelves were redesigned to make more space. The hall floor has been sanded, and refinished in a golden brown shade of scuff proof surfacing. The back door entry hall and "powder room" have both been refloored and tiled, the walls covered and painted. The kitchen walls have also been re-painted, and that floor is to be re-done shortly.

A hanging cupboard has been removed from the library room, making for easier access to the shelves of books. The cusodian, Mrs Sheridan and others, painted the walls a pale shade of green. The window and end wall have been hung with a striped material in shades of dark green, yellow, and white. This smart, bright room can be seen from the main hall.

The cribbage club, which has been active for some seven years, is just as popular again this season. Just recently a one time player, Harry Steed, of Gibsons, was here for a visit, and said he does miss those fortnightly games. This Fall, on alternate Saturdays to the cribbage, a newly formed bridge club has been playing. Anyone interested in either game, should telephone the secretary of the Centre, Ron Orchard, 88-52175.

If you are the energetic, restless type, a ping pong table and equipment is in the hall.

Alimony has one advantage. A husband no longer has to bring his pay check home to his wife—he can mail it to her!

Used by all . . .

Free lending library sponsored by centre

FOR THE past six years a free lending library has been sponsored by Selma Park community centre, for the use of all residents.

Walter Waddell, an original member of the centre, was the volunteer custodian for five years. Now Mrs. W. K. Sheridan is the volunteer custodian, with her daughter, Laurelei, and Poline Liste, as assistants. Library hours are two until four each Saturday afternoon.

The Public Library Commission, Victoria, provides a box of 100 books in September, which is replaced in January by another selection for the next four months. Many books have been donated to the center, & altogether there is a choice from some five hundred books, non-fiction, fiction, & who-dun-its. Three books which should interest newcomers to Selma Park, are "The Gibsons Landing Story" by L. Peterson, Elphinstone School Year Book 1958, and a short resume of the activities of the Center since inception in 1947. If you are curious about the sessions of Parliament, copies of Hansard are on the shelves.

"The Prize" by I. Wallace, fiction story of six winners of the Nobel Prize has been donated recently. The box of books from Victoria include "Am I Too Loud?" by Gerald Moore, an autobiography giving an insight into the art of accompanying singers and musicians. Excerpts from this book are being read on Trans Canada Matinee C.B.C.

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By representatives . . .

Three new trustees elected in Sechelt

THREE new trustees were elected at a meeting of representatives held in Schlt. John Horvath, Roberts Creek, Mrs. Celia Fisher, Gibsons rural, and Mrs. Leslie Jackson, Davis Bay were elected for two-year terms.

Referendum set for Saturday, January 25, was discussed at length. "This is what you are going to vote on. This is the considered program of the board and passed by order-in-council. This cannot be changed," stated Gordon Johnson, District superintendent of schools.

It was explained costs of all buildings is set by the department. The price is arrived at on estimated costs of building a particular type of facility in every part of the province. The department have expandable plans all prepared which school boards may use at a cost of six percent of the cost.

The merits of I.A. and H. E. programs were debated. Gordon Johnson saw no reason why given the right teacher, pupils at Pender Harbour would get as good instruction as any other area. "The difficulty at P.H. will be getting a good teacher who can give one-quarter or one-third time to other related subjects. We had such a teacher lined up last year, but someone wouldn't let the referendum pass," he said.

Don Macklam maintained vocational courses are one of the crying needs of industry. "All industry is insisting on higher education. Tradesmen of yesterday are not going to be good enough for the work tomorrow. This board pushes IA in our schools to keep students in school as long as possible," he said.

The basic question is, according to Gordon Johnson, is high school the place to teach specific trades? Do we want practical courses comparable to general program, in with our academic courses? If so, what would be successful fields to start? Possibly general automotive for boys, commercial for girls?

Horvath pointed out industry seldom considers anything less than a grade 10 standing. Chris Johnson advised automotive and heavy duty machinery courses are over-subscribed, with long waiting lists, while other courses—pipefitters and construction, as examples, were undersubscribed.

Mrs. Ball wondered if vocational schools were an attempt on the part of industry to circumvent responsibility, and if such courses superceded apprenticeship. Horvath felt these courses led to opportunity. Macklam believed they allowed more children the chance to qualify.

Gordon Johnson was surprised to hear about the recent news item concerning construction of a vocational school at Powell River, and stated he had a date with the Powell River mill manager next week to plumb the interest. Gordon Johnson felt the mill preferred to train their own men. "They have an academic tradition there, and there is not good liason between the school board and the Powell River mill at all," he said.

He went on to explain the difference between vocational and occupational programs. Vocational schools require grade 10 standing, but have such long waiting lists the better qualified receive precedence, while occupaional courses are terminal and are for slow learners and low achievers who cannot pass grade seven.

GIBSONS ELEMENTARY

Board was asked if it had considered building an entirely new unit for Gibsons elementary and using the present building for administration. "Then you would have choice of property anywhere, instead of being restricted," stated Mrs. Liste.

Harvey felt the old elementary building would be far in excess of space required for administration. Gordon Johnson felt his department wouldn't share costs of any plan as long as usable space were available.

SECHELT SITE—$10,000

Board was asked what purpose they had in mind for this site in Sechelt. Harvey explained the board had been lax in acquiring future sites, and referred to the trouble being experienced in Vancouver in this line. "In five or 10 years we might need a site and have to pay $50,000 for it. It's good business to acquire sites, especially in this area," he said.

Mrs. Liste explained Sechelt had three alternatives: Davis Bay and Trail Bay schools are expandable, and the board already owns two acres in West Sechelt. "It doesn't cost us anything to have the money there," said Leo Johnson. "We have two or three tracts available, but we can't negotiate without money. We're not going to be caught in the bind this time. I don't want to hear any more of this argument."

It was pointed out the referendum reads 'three years', yet the board is talking in terms of 10 years. "Must this money be spent within the three years?" enquired Alee King, "and does it have to be spent for the specified purpose?"

Gordon Johnson explained the department likes to have the money spent. "They don't like to have it lying around. The purpose can be changed, but only by the proper process of law." It was learned the board have $8400. from 1951 for Gambier Island school, plus approximately $10,000, saving on buildings in the last referendum. Mrs. R. Maxwell felt Gambier would be opposed to this money being spent for any other purpose. Mrs. Ball explained if circumstances should warrant need for a school at Gambier, the board had at their disposal emergency building funds to $50,000.

"If all parts of the district vote this money, how can one part prevent spending of a certain portion of it?" enquired Chris Johnson. Meeting recommended with Mrs. Waddell expressing reservations on the $10,000 item for Sechelt and Mrs. Liste abstaining from voting.

Mrs. Charlotte Jackson is compiling information for distribution to householders. A poster contest is to be held in the secondary schools for a poster to be identified with the referendum. Meetings will be called in all areas, and board members wil lbe available to attend any meeting on request.

Celia Fiaher scored the attitude that Gibsons alone was responsible for the defeat of the April referendum. She pointed out six other areas had failed to cast a majority vote. "The attiude seems to be, even if we didn't approve, we didn't have the right to vote against it," she said. Bill Malcolm felt anybody who had the best interests of the children at heart could not vote against it.

OFFERS OF SALE

Celia Fisher presented a suggestion from the critics of the referendum to eliminate speculation on the part of property owners and real estate agents, the board should establish the policy of advertising for offers of sale, to place landowners into competition. Harvey felt this would be a good idea.

Mrs. Waddell brought up the matter of attendance of representatives as spectators at board meetings. "Board adopts the attitude representatives should stay away from board meetings. I feel the board does not want the representatives to know what is going on," she accused. "The board could make more use of representatives to good advantage. It is necessary for us to attend if we are to maintain the continuity of board meetings—and at times like this we are expected to show great enthusiasm."

"You must have faith in your trustees," said Spicer. "They are elected by the representatives and the board is not required by law to notify represenatives of meetings. Gordon Johnson felt interest of representatives could be good, and it could be bad. "I am recommending to the board a time be set aside at these meetings for representatives to be recognized. But I'd hate to see 21 representatives at a meeting," he stated.

Harvey suggested board should remind representatives of regular board meetings the same way as trustees are reminded.

Payment by the board of a speeding fine for maintenance superintendent Harry Chaster was questioned by Mrs. Liste. "Such a fine cannot be paid by the board under the amendments to the act," she said. Spicer explained Chaster was speeding because of a fire in Langdale school. "I don't know what the act says," he claimed, "and I don't know whether this fine was paid by the board or not, but if it wasn't it should have been."

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Christmas tea held at Selma

SELMA Park Community Centre held the annual Christmas tea Friday.

The door prize of three terry dish towels was won by Mark Sladey, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Sladey, Madeira Park.

The ladies, who convened the tea, were pleased to welcomed Mrs. T. Ritchie, Sr., Mrs. S. Henderson, and Mrs. M. Forbes from Wilson Creek. From Sechelt had come visitors Mrs. J. Mayne, Mrs. T. Lamb, also Mr. and Mrs. "Herbie" Kydd. Mrs. Huntingdon, who has recently moved to West Sechelt, came to the tea with her sister, Mrs. L. Campbell.

Mrs. J. Keith, Bellevue, Washington, came with her cousin, Mrs. B. Duval.

The members missed Mrs. E. P. Biggs, who is recovering from an injured ankle, and is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Pearson, Wilson Creek. Another resident of Selma Park, who was missed at the tea, was Mrs. Bert Sim, is recuperating in St. Paul's Hospital.

The hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas motifs and greenery. Mrs. George Batchelor was in charge of the door prize, and half way through the afternoon, was the recipient of flowers and best wishes for her birthday. They had been cabled by her daughter and son-in-law, who is stationed in Scotland.

Mrs. M. Livesey was in charge of the lucky numbers on a large cake, which had been baked by Mrs. Henschke, a new resident of Selma Park. This lucky number will not be known until December 14, when the name will be announced in the Times.

Mrs. A. Marsh, Mrs. Henschke and Mrs. F. Clark were in charge of the home baking table. The needlework and novelty table was looked after by Mrs. H. B. Gray and Mrs. V. Mossent.

Mrs. L. A. Fraser, president, officially opened the tea, and set up the dainty sandwich plates, with Mrs. Bernie Duval doing the cake plates.

Mrs. W. K. Sheridan was kept busy making fresh hot tea. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kennedy, and Mrs. C. Foster were equally busy looking after the tea tables.

Altogether it was successful event, with the relaxed atmosphere of a friendly chat over the tea cups.

News from Egmont

by Jean Jeffries

MR. AND MRS. Leonard Silvey, nee Williams, are the proud parents of baby girl Elizabeth Colleen, born in St. Mary's Hospital.

POORLY ATTENDED

Egmont meeting of electors was poorly attended this year, and no special decisions or complaints were made. John West was re-elected as representative.

TEA HELD

A tea was held by the ladies of the Egmont Community Club under the convenership of Mrs. James Wallace. Their fall bazaar and dance was held Nov. 16.

NEW MANAGERS

The local store under new management is taking on a new look. Bob and John Bathgate are putting up rustic fencing, erecting new signs, spot lights and dock lights. A great improvement.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sechelt S.D. No. 46 employee's union local 801 held its annual Christmas dinner on Sunday afternoon at Ole's Cove. President of the local, Roy Blake of Gower Point, and treasurer W. Duncan arranged the pleasant affair.

Gibsons' Landing 1893 or '95

ST. ANDREW'S Presbyterian Church (now St. Andrew's-Wesley) picnic by Union Steamship vessel probably SS Comox. George Gibson is seen standing on the dock in shirt and with arms akimbo.

By acclamation . . .

Chamber officers all re-elected

THE 1964 slate of officers for Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce was elected by acclamation.

They are: President, E. F. Osborne; vice-president, E. W. Booth; treasurer, J. B. Janiewick; executive committee, R. L. Jackson, Robert Goodwin, Fred Jorgensen, Norm Watson, J. M. R. Hayes, Mrs. Harriet Duffy, Al Campbell, Dave Lilley, H. Carter, Capt. S. Dawe. Mrs. Dorothy Smith, who was asked to be relieved of the secretaryship will act as secretary until this position can be filled.

BREAKWATER DISCUSSED

Jack Davis requested a brief on the breakwater. He requires information on how many and what type fishing vessels would use this facility, and what the annual value of their catch would be. How many small boats would use the shelter, and for what purpose. What would be the estimated annual income from sale of fuel, food, etc. to these. What other commercial uses would be practical.

Davis said it is difficult to make a case for a breakwater at Sechelt and suggested the log booming area south of Sechelt be opened up and dredged to form a marina and a refuge from storms. He also outlined the new type of pontoon breakwater being considered for Lund. The breakwater committee was delegated to prepare the information requested by Davis.

Obstruction to traffic caused by slower moving, heavy vehicles was discussed. A recommendation to W. M. Underwood, district superintendent, to provide turnouts at intervals to facilitate passing will be investigated by the Highways department. Underwood pointed out the highway is of standard width and his department would not expend funds for turnouts. John Toynbee requested a survey of the entire situation at an early date. It was decided to request support from both Gibsons and Pender Harbour Chambers of Commerce.

Also to ease the traffic congestion problem, especially at ferry time, the BC Toll Highway and Bridges Authority was requested to have trucks and buses, which unload first, pull to one side to permit ferry traffic to leave first.

BOAT RAMP SITES

R. L. Jackson reported on four boat ramp sites— Elphinstone Park at Roberts Creek, Davis Bay, head of Nor'west Bay and Ruby Lake. He enquired if the provincial government would assist in this development. Toynbee advised only a few hundred dollars is available and this only to municipal grounds. E. F. Cooke stated concrete ramps do not last on the waterfront. He felt ramps blasted out of rock would be feasible but the cost would be prohibitive.

E. F. Osborne felt cableway transporter with piling and skyline would provide the most efficient method of boat launching.

A. M. James reported on a meeting with the game officer for the purpose of establishing a hatchery in this area to stock local lakes with cutthroat trout. The committee is now awaiting a report from the government biologist.

A blitz campaign for a liquor store at Sechelt will be gotten underway by a joint committee in an organized concerted and simultaneous effort accompanied by a proper brief.

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