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Editor banned from board meetings

EDITORIAL . . .

Uninformed Electorate

SCHOOL BOARDS, municipal councils and improvement districts are forms of local government. Trustees are elected by various categories of electors to carry out public business and spend public monies raised by district taxation.

Societies also, incorporated under the Societies Act, spend public monies raised in various manners, i.e. public subscription, membership dues and government grants.

In the case of St. Mary's Hospital Society, the board of trustees spend money raised from membership dues, public subscription, government grant (BCHIS) and direct taxation. This board spends the money raised by the hospital improvement district (HID) by a direct levie on our land.

In turn, we, the people, elect various qualified people to act on our behalf, to make decisions concerning the operation of our business, to spend the monies we contribute, directly and indirectly.

As long as these trustees feel they are acting in our best interests they will be pleased to have us know what they are doing about our business and the reason they are doing it.

The function of the press is to attend these meetings and report on them to keep the public informed about the transaction of their business.

Many times a public body may embark upon a course of action of which the public disapproves. Sometimes this disapproval is valid, other times not. Many times disapproval is expressed because of the public's lack of knowledge concerning the facts. When the facts are known and the reasoning behind the decision explained, the public may still disagree but they seldom disapprove.

Any corporate body acting in the best interests of its membership should be glad of all the coverage it can get, because it has nothing to hide.

This whole process is commonly referred to as the democratic process and can only survive when we have an informed electorate. Failure of an electorate to be informed results in the breakdown of this democratic process with the natural progression to dictatorship, which progresses in an orderly manner from the local to the national level.

The process of an informed electorate taking an intelligent and active interest in the operation of its own affairs is known as local autonomy, grass roots politics, and we fear our grass roots have been fertilized with too much cow manure.

Thrown out bodily . . .

Times editors' rebuff recalls MacKenzie's day

REFUSAL by St. Mary's Hospital Board to admit Times Editor, Joan Donley, to their recent meeting is reminiscent of the days when William Lyon MacKenzie encountered similar treatment in Upper Canada.

MacKenzie found himself bodily put out on the street and his notes committed to a nearby lake when he attempted to give press coverage of legislative happenings.

Could it be that the board had the same in mind for Mrs. Donley?

Referendum is Passed

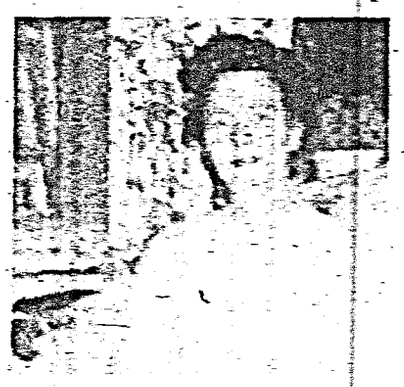
WITH Vancouver Bay and Nelson Island yet to be heard from, the results of S.D. No. 46 referendum No. 4 are as follows.

Attendance area	Yes	No
Egmont	10	10
Irvines Landing	11	3
Garden Bay	13	14
Madeira Park	91	15
Halfmoon Bay	29	—
Sechelt Rural	43	27
Sechelt Municipality	34	23
Davis Bay	23	9
Roberts Creek	75	23
Gibsons Rural	150	30
Gibsons Municipality	223	34
Langdale	43	11
Port Mellon	19	—
Gambier	8	5
Nelson Island	2	—

Total vote 988, affirmative vote 784 or 79.4%.

W. Milligan

IS ADMINISTRATOR of St. Mary's Hospital and secretary of St. Mary's Hospital Society.



Joan Donley

EDITOR of the Sechelt Peninsula Times was recently barred from attending meetings of the St. Mary's Hospital Society.

Joan Donley was a St. Mary nurse

JOAN Donley, editor of the Sechelt Peninsula Times since its debut last year, surely knows what she is writing about when the subject is St. Mary's Hospital in Sechelt, says S. B. Alsgard, publisher of The Times.

When she arrived on the Peninsula 24 years ago her first job was as a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. Since her tenure as a nurse she has been everything from a tail sawyer at a sawmill to the wife of Bob Donley, a rugged individualist, known on the coast for his definite opinions of many things, not the least of which is freedom of speech.

Joan, mother of five (some now grown) spent three years as a school trustee during which time she instrumental in getting the Pender Harbour high school constructed. She also played a part in the establishment of the rural mail delivery system out of Halfmoon Bay.

She has held a commercial

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Peek-a-boo

EVIDENTLY the only way the Times can learn how St. Mary's Hospital Society spends taxpayers money is by peeking through windows at closed meetings.

Not taxpayers' money . . .

Admission refused to St. Mary's board

TIMES REPORTER, Mrs. Joan Donley, was refused admission Monday night to the regular meeting of the board of trustees of St. Mary's Hospital Society by W. Milligan, administrator of the hospital and secretary of the board, with the authority of the rest of the board, he said.

Mrs. Donley explained to Milligan the board was spending public monies and therefore he could not exclude her from the meeting.

Milligan maintained board funds were derived from general revenue and therefore not classed as public monies.

Mrs. Donley disputed this pointing out that St. Mary's Hospital society spent funds raised by the hospital improvement district by a direct taxation on land.

PRIVATE MEETINGS

Milligan was receptive to this argument and admitted they were spending taxation dollars, but still refused admission on the grounds the meeting were private because the board wished them so. If the public wishes to know what is going on they should join St. Mary's Hospital society and attend the annual meeting, he said.

When it was pointed out that there was a yearly lapse here and surely many items of public interest must come up in the interim, Milligan declared: "That is the only information the public needs, other than what we release in press releases."

Earlier in the day, Harvey Hubbs, chairman of the board, advised another Times reporter, Mrs. Nicholls had not been fired, she had quit. Mrs. Donley asked Milligan to advise Hubbs if he wished to submit this as a signed statement to the Times, we would print it.

St. Mary's Hospital . . .

Editor airs views regarding Board ban

EDITORS NOTE—The following is a personal account by Joan Donley, Sechelt Peninsula Times editor, of the events prior to her being refused admission to a meeting of St. Mary's Hospital Board.

"Previous to the meeting, Ray Nestman of the Times phoned Harvey Hubbs, chairman of the hospital board, to check on the meeting date and Hubbs told him I could not attend this meeting because it was a meeting of committees where various chairmen would be submitting their reports. He also said they were not spending taxpayers' dollars.

"When I arrived at the meeting at 7:55 the door was locked. I knocked and Milligan came out and saw me, stepped back into the room for a few minutes, then came and unlocked the door and asked me what I wanted.

"I told him I had come to cover the meeting for the Sechelt Peninsula Times, and he said it was a committee meeting. I got out my notebook and started to take this down. Then he said it was a meeting of the Board of St. Mary's Hospital Society. I asked him if it was a meeting of the Society, why was he excluding me since they were spending taxpayers' money.

NOT TAX MONEY

"He said it was not taxpayers' money, but that their funds came out of general revenue. I disputed this with him and pointed out that they spent the money raised by the Hospital Improvement District which came directly from the taxpayers' pocket.

"Then he agreed it was taxpayers' money but that I still couldn't come in because they discussed highly confidential matters. I said, 'In that case you can go into committee by a motion on your minutes whenever and if such an occasion arose.'

"He said the meetings were private 'because the board wished them so,' and if the public wishes to know what is going on they should join St. Mary's Hospital Society and attend the annual meeting.

"When I pointed out there is an annual lapse there and surely many items of public interest must come up in the interim, Milligan said: 'That is the only information the public needs, other than what we release in press released.'

"Earlier in the day, Hubbs advised Nestman the Matron of the hospital, Joyce Nicholls had not been fired as reported in the Jan. 8 edition of the

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DEATHS

FRENCH—Passed away Jan. 21st, 1964 Francis (Frank) French aged 72 of Cowrie St., Sechelt, B.C. Survived by his loving wife Alice. Funeral service was held Jan. 25th, 1964, at 2 p.m. from St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Sechelt, B.C. Rev. Denis F. Harris and Rev. J. Fergussen officiating. Interment Seaview Cemetery. Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons, B.C. directors. 5087-7

DEATHS (Continued)

REYNOLDS — Passed away Jan. 24, 1964, Agnes D. Reynolds aged 63, late of Wilson Creek, B.C. Sruvived by one son, Thomas V. of Horseshoe Bay. Two grandchildren and close friends, Mrs. Olive Graham and Mr. and Mrs. C. Mahlman, Gibsons, B.C. One cousin, Bill Wilkie, Ladner, B.C. and relatives in Scotland. Private funeral service from the Chapel of the Vancouver Crematorium, Rev. D. Donaldson officiating. In lieu of flowers donation to the St. Mary's new hospital fund, Garden Bay, B.C. Harvey Funeral Home, Gibsons, B.C. Directors. 5088-7

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Celebrate 40th Anniversary
MR. AND MRS. J. ELDRED celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary recently with a party in their home.

Celebrate anniversary

MR. AND MRS. J. Eldred celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on January 25th at a party held in their home, many guests were present, among them were, M. and Mrs. E. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. W. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. D. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kurluk, Mr. and Mrs. G. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. R. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. S. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Eldred Jr., Corpl. and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Tingley, Mrs. Lillian Gibson.

A very pleasant evening was had by all. Mr. and Mrs. Eldred wish to thank all for the very lovely gifts which they received.

Lions elect first slate

JOE BENNER was elected president of the newly-formed Sunshine Coast Lions club. Vice-presidents are Charlie Gregory and Fred Jorgenson, secretary — Gordon Hall, treasurer — John Toynbee, directors — Alex Merling, Gerry McDonald and Leo Johnson, Lion tamer — Charlie Gregory, Tail Twister — Art James, entertainment and publicity — Ray Nestman, projects — Jack Gibbs.

Installation of officers was held Sunday at a dinner meeting in the Totem room, Ray Sheward of Vancouver, installing officer.

Directory Church

Bethel Baptist Church
Sechelt, B.C.
Church 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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—Scout Leaders

ED ALDRED, assistant scout master, Frank Newton, scout master, both of the Sechelt troop, and George Flay, scoutmaster of the Wilson Creek troop, roll up their sleeves and pitch in clearing their campsite at Mixal Lake near Irvines Landing. These three scout leaders deserve a lot of credit for the time and energy they freely give to scouting in this district.

Wilson Creek News

By Rosamund Simpkins

LISTENING in on a fireside chat between husband Alex and Trader Vic the Red Snapper, deepwater cod, invaded Davis Bay last summer. Rev. Harbord was seen hurrying home with a monstrous pink fish, almost as big as himself, which he caught from the wharf.

There were over two hundred Red Snappers taken, in shallow water. Brian caught a boat load of them. One of Vic's customers caught so many by herring strip casting that he complained he was seeing pink fish in his dreams. The mystery is why did these creatures of the deep come up into the shallows of Davis Bay? Could it be that there is a huge hole nearby, which became over populated? Or did they come up to admire our gorgeous sunsets?

BROWNIES

Wilson Creek Brownies are collecting a scrap book of Canada to trade with an English Brownie pack. Let's hope they include the Sunshine Coast. Their meeting date has been changed from Tuesday to Monday. Reminder—Mother and Daughter banquet will be February 17.

DAVIS BAY SCHOOL

The children in grades five and six, taught by Mrs. Slater, are putting out a magazine called Shortwave. The name comes from the tugboats going by, operating on short wave.

TO UBC

Marilyn Boser has gone with Mary Harding to UBC as delegates from the Elphinstone Future Teachers' Club. They heard lectures about Teachers' Club, were billeted Jan. 24, danced Jan. 25.

SCOUT PROPERTY

Scout property at Mixal Lake has been divided so each group has its own portion—Sechelt, Wilson Creek and Pender Harbour. On Sunday, Sechelt and Wilson Creek scouts organized a work party and went to Mixal Lake, near Irvines Landing to commence clearing their individual areas for campsites. This final division of property was accomplished at a meeting at the home of Cubmaster Bob Goodwin. Negotiation for the acquiring of the property has taken a great deal of time, and both Scoutmasters Frank Newton of Sechelt and George Flay of Wilson Creek are happy to be able to finally develop their sites.

IN SHAUGHNESSY

Mr. Charlie Brookman, with a cracked pelvis, the result of a traffic accident in Vancouver is still in Shaughnessy Hospital, not doing too badly. The children of Davis Bay school heard an account of war condition from Mr. Brookman at Armistice time. They wish him a speedy recovery.

BALLROOM DANCING

Several couples are interested in forming an old-fashioned ballroom dancing group at the Wilson Creek Community Hall. Sounds like fun. If interested, write to Mr. Gregory, Box 242, Sechelt.

TO HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson have gone to Hawaii. They visited their daughter Pam at St. Margaret's School in Duncan, en route, and are expected home February 21.

Mrs. L. Lund

LONG time resident of Selma Park, Mrs. Louise Lund died in a Vancouver hospital and is survived by her son Byron, and grandchildren. Mrs. Lund and her husband, who pre-deceased her, were among the first lease holders on IR No. 2 in 1924. Up until a few weeks before her death, she lived by herself doing all her own housekeeping, despite the fact that she was 94 years old and almost completely blind. Mrs. Lund came from Lancashire, and her father had been a writer with the Manchester Guardian.

The deceased had travelled widely, going to the Gold Coast in her youth with her geologist husband, later had been in Australia, and had lived in various parts of Canada. She always took a keen interest in current events, and with the assistance of radio and taped recordings enjoyed music and the current books.

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ZONE commander L. A. Schon of Powell River installed the officers of Howe Sound District Branch No. 109 Royal Canadian Legion. Installed were president, R. H. (Bob) Carruthers; first vice-president, J. R. (John) Wilson; second vice-president, Mrs. Van Graham; secretary-treasurer, R. F. Kennett. Directors, Harry Juby, A. J. Wheeler, James F. King, M. M. (Curly) Martindale, A. M. Crowe.

This is the first time to the knowledge of R. F. Kennett that a woman has sat on the executive.

Social Notes from Sechelt

by Betty Williams

Lee and Jack Redman flew to Hawaii for a holiday.

Magistrate and Mrs. Johnston flew to Victoria for the opening of the legislative assembly. Mrs. Johnston attended a session with the department of municipal affairs and also with the town planning branch. She invited Mr. Gaglardi to attend a luncheon in Sechelt and he has accepted the invitation.

Milt Lonneberg reports Betty has undergone surgery and is improving rapidly.

Frank Parker is in St. Paul's Hospital.

MORE ABOUT . . .

Editor airs views

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Times, she had quite. I quoted this to Milligan and asked him to advise Hubbs that if he wished to submit a signed statement to the Times, we would print it.

"When speaking to Nestman earlier Hubbs told him: 'If it hadn't been for this paper, nobody would have known anything about this. The paper caused all the trouble, not us'

"I tried to contact John Harvey, board member and called at his house. He was home, his housekeeper advised me, but was too busy to see anybody.

"Nestman saw W. G. Gardiner, trustee from Pender Harbour and all he would say was . "I guess we'll have to throw an open house for her!"

PRIVATE SOCIETY?

"Magistrate Johnston, government representative on St. Mary's hospital board was not present at the meeting but felt the board was within its rights since St. Mary's is a private society and responsible only to its members. There had never been any occasion in the past when the press had been present. The society have always made their own press releases.

"He felt my report on Mrs. Nichol's dismissal was grossly unfair and that I was skating on thin ice. If I fired my secretary it wouldn't be anybody's business."

"Also for the past two years he has been working on the revision of St. Mary's hospital bylaws to conform with the new situation i.e. the new hospital.

"He said he felt I should have found this out before I wrote the editorial.

"I told him this was just my point, nobody knew what was going on. How could I ask about this when I wasn't even aware of it?

"However, he is now preparing a news release for the Times about the revision of St. Mary's hospital bylaws.

MILLIGAN RIGHT

"Canon Greene, Columbia Coast Mission representative on the board was present at the meeting. I asked him if he felt Milligan had been right to exclude me.

"He replied, 'I certainly do. We, as a board, were well within our rights not to allow you in—as the press. Other hospital boards do not allow the press to attend their meetings. Even a member of the society cannot attend the board meeting except by invitation.'

"He explained his interpretation of the relationship between the board, the society and the taxpayers. The board is responsible only to the membership of the society, and the society, as a corporate body is responsible to the taxpaying public,' he said.

"The board handles the affairs of the society and presents a public accounting to its membership at the annual meeting. The thing to do would be to approach the society."

"I then asked him if he had been on the committee which investigated Mrs. Nichols.

THE BRUSH OFF

"He replied: 'Certainly. I was a member of that subcommittee.' When I asked him if he was chairman of that committee he said: 'I'll say no more. This is none of your business. This is a private society. Good day, madam.'

"Al Lloyd, former board member and chairman of St. Mary's hospital society, when asked his opinion stated:

"What are they afraid of? Certainly our hospital society is spending our tax dollars and will be spending more of them as time goes by. We have a well established right to know what is being done with our money. Not much information is ever given out at an annual meeting.

"Having chaired more meetings of the hospital society than I care to remember, I can recall very few occasions when matters were discussed which, being of a personal nature, were not of public interest.

"Let's hear more of what all our elected representatives discuss at the meetings that so vitally affect the conduct of our local affairs."

Parking discussed . . .

Selma Park community holds business meeting

THE regular meeting was held Jan. 21, with 17 residents in attendance, and heard guest speaker, Mrs. N. Ball of Roberts Creek. Reports showed the cribbage club had an average of six tables playing, and the bridge club is being enjoyed. It is hoped more foursomes will join.

The librarian, Mrs. W. K. Sheridan, absent through illness, sent a report that the new books had arrived, also a number had been donated to the permanent library, including copies of "My Oak", the Elphinstone publication of student writing.

Mrs. L. Fraser, chairman of the Sewing Circle, reported Clare Barclay had held the lucky number 59 for the cake baked by Mrs. Henshke. It was suggested by Mrs. N. Kennedy that the numbers in the sewing circle had increased so much that it might be well to hold the meetings in the centre as some homes were not large enough.

Mrs. Geo. Batchelor, Sunshine Committee chairman, reported sending a card to Mrs. L. Lund in Vancouver, and a card to George Ruston who had been taken suddenly ill on the Sunday and is in St. Mary's Hospital.

CAR PARKING

Previous minutes showed discussion re the parking of cars on the boulevard at a numerous cars and wrecked leasehold property. This meeting was told by H. Batchelor that cars may be parked on boulevard providing they are 33 feet from the centre of road.

Mobile cars must have a current license, but junk cars do not need licensing. One owner may have three cars a year so parked for sale without being liable to take out a business license. Under new business a discussion took place re notifying members of annual supper. The meeting decided the onus was on the members to attend regular meetings to be informed of events which were planned.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Mrs. L. A. Fraser, president of the centre, introduced Mrs. Norman Ball, chairman of the Board of Trustees, School District No. 46, who explained the School Referendum No. 4, and answered questions on the details in the brochure, which the residents had received through the mail.

At the close of the discussion, Mrs. Fraser thanked the guest speaker, and invited all present to stay for tea and cookies.

New citizens

To Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Cumming, a daughter, Jan. 21 in St. Mary's Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Reid of Pender Harbour a daughter born Jan. 20 at St. Mary's Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay of Madeira Park, a daughter, January 22, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Age has its wisdom. But it took teen-agers to discover that life can be sustained on nothing but hamburgers and french fries.

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EDITORIALS

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

Wednesday, January 29, 1964

Down With The Wire Curtain

BETWEEN Port Mellon and Egmont, a distance of approximately 65 miles, three different telephone toll charges are in effect.

This is really one community. People from all over the area belong to common clubs, use one hospital and one liquor store, residents from as far up as Sechelt work at Port Mellon. Everybody pretty well knows or knows of everybody else. Yet the most important facet of our unity—communication—is restricted by toll charges imposed by the B.C. Telephone Co.

These toll charges tend to foster partisanship since each area conducts its business and social dealings within the confines of its own toll area, because excessive toll costs prohibit the free interchange of plans, ideas and opinions.

If we are ever going to work as a whole to create something of value for the whole area we are going to have to work together and to do this we must have effective communication. As long as we are saddled wiht restrictive toll charges we will suffer from the results of inadequate communication, such as restraint of trade, partisanship, poor liason and public relations.

With lack of communication minor misunderstandings can snowball out of all proportion to the facts and circumstances. We are in a difficult transition period and need all the breaks we can get. One of the first steps should be to eliminate this restrictive practice—take down the wire curtain.

Canadian Unity

IT LOOKS as if Prime Minister Pearson has given the lion's share of $87,000,000 additional federal funds to be distributed in the Canadian provinces to that notably troublous province of Quebec. This powerful base of French culture in Canada is to get $47,000,000.

But doubtless the allotment can be justified on grounds of population and regional development needs. In any event, generous treatment of Quebec has its special usefulness. It is in that province that the strongest elements of French separatism are at work in Canada, and it is there that they might proceed with least regard for the dangers of their program even to their own French culture.

Mr. Pearson may point out to them that just over their border lies a United States whose economy is so powerful that it might easily, and even in spite of American wishes, overrun Quebec if that province tried to exist independently of the rest of Canada. Supporters of Canadian unity need more than such warnings with which to maintain a common sense attitude in the province. They need, indeed, token that Canada is moving toward an era wherein provincial rights will have more opportunity for orderly, peaceable asertion as against the rulings of centralized government at Ottawa.

The recent Pearson move provides little more than temporary reassurance to people who share such feelings. But that it has been taken is understandable to friends of Canadian unity.

Let Him Try

AS THE Conservatives in Britain so recently discovered, and the hard way, there really is no substitute for a leadership convention. In this country, there are growing mutterings by Conservatives about much the same thing.

Mr. Diefenbaker, exuding confidence, is currently predicting that he will be accorded overwhelming support at the Conservative party's annual meeting early next year. And well he might, for at annual meetings, support for the party leader is virtually axiomatic.

Yet whether Mr. Diefenbaker could carry a full bloom leadership convention is quite another matter. If he feels that he can—and this would certainly appear to be the case on the basis of his recent utterings—then he should by all means be given an opportunity to try.

This, certainly, is the only way that lingering doubts in the minds of many will be dispelled, and the air cleared.

A COUNTRY PREACHER in Alabama, when asked by his congregation to pray for a more abundant crop, responded: "Oh Lord, we pray thee in accordance with the request of this thy people that thou send them a more abundant crop; but, oh Lord, thou knowest, as they know, that what they need is deeper plowing, harder work and more fertilizer."

That goes for an awful lot of things in life, as well as for most of us. Aren't we often praying for divine help when what we really need is a little more and a better grade of effort from ourselves?

Minute Messages

"Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand; but . . . the passages that bother me are those I do understand". — Mark Twain

"FINALLY, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might." Ephesians 6:10.

Paul heartily believed in "the strength of the Lord and the power of his might!" He had good cause to believe it—he had encountered it! We may secretly think "that was fine for Paul in the olden days—but it isn't realistic or even applicable in modern life." There are living examples to prove Paul's advice is still realistic and applicable. I learned a great deal about "being strong in the Lord" from a man who wasn't an Anglican—wasn't even a Christian. He was an elderly Jewish friend, Mr. Bergman, who ran a small, struggling street-corner delicatessen. He had fallen ill and was facing a very serious cancer operation. His doctor warning him there was a 50-50 chance he would die on the operating table, asked: "was he willing to take the risk?"

Mr. Bergman's instantaneous reply showed the very real way in which he believed in the strength of God. He waggled a finger under his doctor's nose and with his Jewish accent instructed:

GOD has the power
I have the vill—
YOU do the vork!

This is the kind of trust in the power of God that inspires us. If we are "strong in the Lord" it doesn't really matter what else happens to us, because, like Mr. Bergman, God gives us the power to face it boldly.

"as Quoted"

. . . food for thought

To be engaged in opposing wrong affords, under the conditions of our mental constitution, but a slender guarantee for being right. —*William Ewart Gladstone*

Fun Fare

. . . let a smile be your umbrella

We are happier in many ways when we are old than when we were young. The young sow wild oats. The old grow sage.

Random Thoughts

by Ben Burroughs

"HAPPY MEDIUM"

REACH for the moon but when you do . . . do so with faith and hope . . . for without these you cannot scale . . . even the slightest slope . . . you lofty dreams will be in vain . . . unless within your heart . . . there is a pool of faith and hope . . . to give your dreams a start . . . things come to those who work, not wish . . . there is no other way . . . those who wish but fail to work . . . will surely rue the day . . . yet, one without the other . . . nurtures only strife . . . it take a happy medium . . . to mold a happy life . . . reach for the moon but when you do . . . do so with faith and hope . . . for without these you cannot scale . . . even the slightest slope.

Other Opinions

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

Taxes "Death Warrant"

(Westcoast Advocate)

IN A submission to the Royal Commission on Taxation being heard in Ottawa, an American director of Credit Union International told the commissioners that if credit unions were subject to income taxes it would mean the "signing of their death warrants".

Rather a strong statement to make, and one which will be hard to prove, for credit unions have taken large strides in Canada and many of their local branches are in an influential monetary position.

It has always been a point of contention why those grouped under the banner of credit unions should not be charged the same taxes as other banks and institutions performing the same services. To assume that credit unions do not operate for profit as was stated in the submission, is carrying things too far.

If the credit unions were not making money they would have to close their doors as do other institutions. On the other hand the credit unions have become the holders of some valuable real estate, not to mention other holdings. This could not have been achieved without making a profit.

Perhaps those hearing the case of taxing credit unions will have a wider knowledge of such things, but to the layman it is hard to distinguish between 2 institutions dealing in financing and one being exempt while the other must meet federal and provincial taxation.

You Will Be Judged

(National Wildlife Magazine)

FIRST teach the child the value of work, no regimented play, but productive work. Teach him that democracy and free enterprise have been recording his idealisms in this country for nearly 200 years, and that the recording is far from complete. That being conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal will not suffice; that freedom and liberty will survive only in proportion to the responsibility and restraint that is exercised. Teach him to create a culture of which he will be the beneficiary and not the victim.

Teach him that a sunset over a verdant countryside has more intrinsic value than the most costly painting; that outdoor recreation should not be hawked and peddled on the street corner; and that our wildlife should not be weighed and sold by the pound. Teach him that bread comes from the soil and not from a store; teach him that fat cities do not thrive on a lean countryside.

We will be judged by our offspring and in that judgment if all they can contemplate is muddy and polluted rivers, eroded hillsides, burned forest lands and wildlife behind glass, stuffed, then they will have a right to ponder just what type of improvident barbarians sired them.

An inferiority complex would be a blessing, if only the right people had it.

Of many things

by Ambrose Hill

HOW TO FACE A CRISIS

SOMEONE, in talking about evangelist Billy Graham, doubted that he preached "a philosophy acceptable to our times." I read that criticism and it bothered me. We streamline our automobiles and change our furniture styles, but must philosophy come in new model each year?

I don't think so. I find philosophy of Emerson true today, and the Sermon on the Mount needs no new curlicues.

It seems to me that if I were deeply troubled, I would not reach out, quickly, for the latest in philosophy. I would go back to the old maxims.

What better way to face a crisis than to remember the old injunction that sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof? Every time I bump into some of the hard facts of life, I go back to that old advice and try to live my life one day at a time, looking neither backward nor forward. I get out Sir William Osler and read him again, for that was the philosophy that guided his life.

Mankind has battled for so long—generation after generation—that virtually every crisis we ordinary men must face has been puzzled over and faced a thousand times by others. Some of the most gifted have written down, in detail, the attitude that helped them most. It seems to me that these attitudes are as valid now as they were when Caesar ruled, and when Christ walked among men.

Some planning for the future may be necessary and prudent, but a plan, if too formalized, has limiting effects. To some extent it closes the mind, and closes the door to alternatives that might in a flash make the plan obsolete.

For what it is worth, my advice to those in trouble is to go right back to the old philosophy. Live the day before you, trying to love your fellow man, knowing that we all face personal trials and tragedy. Plan in only the most general way for the days ahead, and grieve only in the most general way for the days behind. Live today the best way you know—and that's plan enough for any man.

Baby's First Smile

By Marilyn Simpkins

I sing to my little sister
To the tune of Rock-a-by-baby

Our little Anne has
Made her first smile
No doll can equal
My sister's style.
Dollys are painted
With eyes of blue
But they cannot match
A babe that can coo.

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Official name is White Road

ROBERTS Creek' community association general meeting was advised by letter from the Department of Highways, that White Road is the official name of Beach Avenue.

Tony Gargrave, M.L.A., will present the road paving question on the floor of the legislature if road petitions are sent to the Department of Highways, Victoria, with a copy of the covering letter to him, meeting was advised.

Sechelt Insurance Agencies will be requested to send a representative to the next meeting to discuss an increase in the fire insurance on the hall.

The sick and visiting committee reported on the cards, fruit and flowers sent out. This committee is much appreciated as every resident of Roberts Creek is remembered in times of sickness or sorrow.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. Stevens, gave a favorable report. Stage renovatons are completed & some repairs are anticipated on the kitchen roof.

New officers for St. John's

UCW of St. John's United church, Wilson Creek, elected their 1964 slate of officers. President and official board representative is Mrs. Lamb; first vice-president, Mrs. Franski; second vice-president and program convener, Mrs. DeKleer; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Handford.

An interesting film, "The United Missions to Nepal" was shown. The United Church has three missionaries in this country of nine million.

Port Mellon news

MR. AND MRS. Walter Morrison of Andes Bay and Mr. and Mrs. Tex Enemark of Longview attended the 21st Annual Truck-Loggers Convention at the Bayshore Inn, Vancouver.

Mr. Bernard Comeau arrived from Nova Scotia on January 16th to spend a few weeks with his sons Pierre, Charles, and Felix on the Peninsula.

The Port Mellon Burn's Club will hold their Annual Burn's Supper in the Community Hall, Saturday, Feb. 4th.

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Joan Donley
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fisherman's licence, was secretary of Pender Harbour and Sechelt Liberal Association, secretary of the PTA and on the Recreation Commission.

When Alsgard went looking for a person capable of handling the editing, news gathering and the multitude of other responsibilities associated with starting a weekly newspaper where competition had already been established for many years, he looked no further than Mrs. Donley.

"Her inate sense of news and her complete honesty in both speech and reporting is something we always look for in an editor but don't always find," Mr. Alsgard has said of her.

In her introduction to the readers of the Times she has said: "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." We can only add that if all women in politics had the same drive to find the truth as Mrs. Donley then we all would live in a much more honest world.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid McDonell and son David wish to thank all their wonderful customers and friends on this occasion of their 8th Anniversary.

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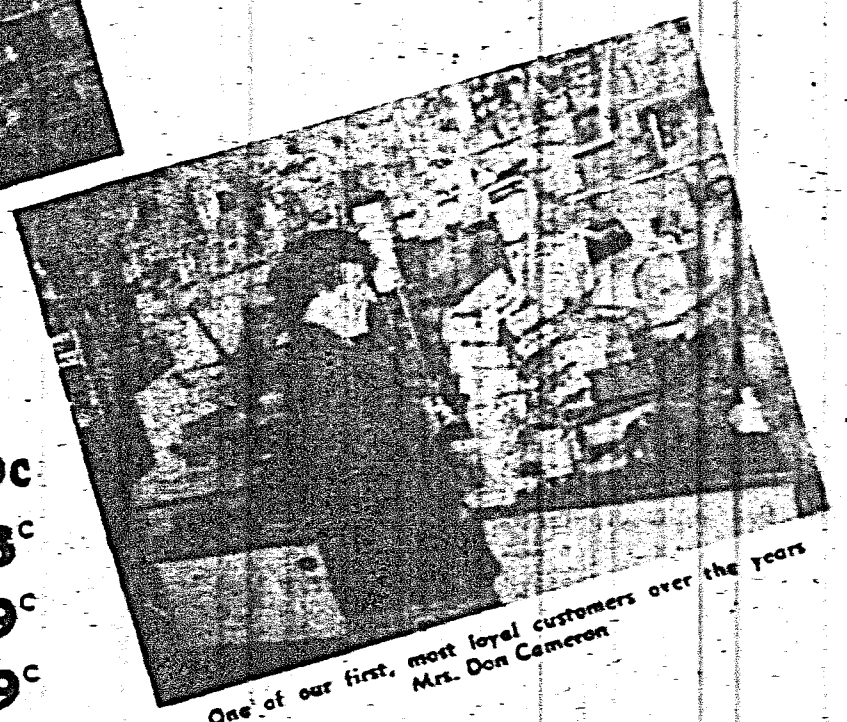

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Educators doubt Quisinaire method

By Mrs. Muriel Ball

AFTER arriving in Vancouver and making arrangements for a hotel room, I took the bus to the University, arriving at the Faculty Club shortly before 4 p.m., at which time the Annual Meeting of the B.C. Research Council was convened, January 8, 1964.

This group has an executive drawn from representatives of the University of B.C., Victoria University, the Faculty of Education, the Department of Education, the Vancouver School Board, the B.C. Teachers' Federation, the B.C. School Trustees Association and the B.C. Parent Teachers' Federation, and it is supported by many teachers associations, school Boards and others in B.C. Your local Teachers' Association as well as your School Board are supporting members.

Prior to the meeting, I had the opportunity of chatting & exchanging views with some of the representatives of organizations as well as with some supporting members. Several of those present have associations with this area, either through family ties or as summer residents. Those with Steeves of the B.C. School Trustees Association, Mrs. New, past Chairman of the Vancouver School Board, Dean Scarfe, Prof. Hartricke whom many of you will remember, addressed the graduating class at Elphinstone last Fall, Mr. Lucus, District Superintendent of North Vancouver and one of the Trustees from that area and a Mr. Brown, trustee from Hope.

The business portion of the meeting dealt with the employment of a part-time director for the Council and amendments to the constitution. Prof. N. Ellis was elected President for 1964.

The dinner was excellent, stimulating many discussions which were terminated in defereence to the guest speaker, Dr. Floyd Robinson of the Canadian Council for Research who spoke on his group's relationship to the B.C. Council for Research in Education. D. Robinson dealt with the concern in educational circles about the different educational standardization to facilitate the movement of pupils from one province to another. He cited as an example, the concern regarding the use of the Quisinaire Method of teaching mathematics now being used extensivly in the Prairie Provinces. Educators begin to doubt the values of this method in helping students to solve more involved problems in the higher grades.

Mr. Arthur Guttman, research representative from the B.C. School Trustees Association and retiring President, gave a brief report of the years' achievement. The Invitational Research Seminar on a Foreign Language (French), held on Oct. 23 in Vancouver, was such a success that with variations, similar seminars will be held in other parts of B.C.

Three reports and studies were completed and distributed during the year, these being, No. 4, Standards of Achievement in Local Examinations by Dr. Robin Smith, No. 5, Problems of the Beginning Teacher by Dr. C. E. Smith and No. 6, Criteria for the Selection of School Principals by Dr. Ellis. Three other reports are planned for the coming year.

Following dinner, these present were directed to the College of Education Building where the Public Session of the Annual meeting was held. Dr. Ellis warned us that 'though' it was hardly likely, it was just possible the auditorium might be filled'. The place was crowded to over flowing!

Dean Scarfe, who is a most entertaining, scintillating speaker, showed coloured slides of his tour with Dr. C. E. Smith of the U.B.C., and other Canadian educators, of educational centres in Moscow, Minsk and if I remember correctly, Lenningrad. He remarked particularly, on the formalized styling of the new buildings, the immaculate cleaniness of the schoolrooms, the friendliness of the people and the fact that the children seemed always to be in rigid rows, even when they were sleeping. The Dean and his confreres were amazed and delighted to visit a classroom where English was geing taught. No other language was spoken in that classroom at any time and the children, who appeared to be in their mid-teens, could converse in English "With an English accent" as well as could the visitors.

The accent seemed to be on teachers rather than on equipment and those rooms shown in the slides averaged about one teacher to from 12 to 15 students. Several times Dean Scarfe remarked that, "People matter, people are important in Russia."

Dean Smith filled in the gaps left in Dean Scarfe's address, which of course was geared to the slides. Although I could not hear Dr. Smith as well, he seemed to agree in essence with the observations of Dean Scarfe. The Public session of the Annual meeting concluded about 10 p.m.

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The Fact Is . . .

—By Ray Nestman

"LET there be truth".

Anything worth having is worth fighting for. But anything worth having, is worth having worthwhile. So if you use underhanded means to acquire this, then the object becomes contaminated, and STINKS.

It is most unfortunate that in the makeup of most people today the common lie is their most often used weapon and is always on the tip of their tongue. I realize this is a rather bold statement to be making, but it seems that this Peninsula has been most unfortunate in acquiring more than its share of unregenerate liars.

Why is it that anything of any influence that occurs here is dominated by the ever-so-common lie? Is this our only means of defence? Or is it that we are just too immature to stand up on our own two feet and state what we think, or what we stand for on the grounds of what we believe or what we think best, without being afraid of what the next door neighbor might think of us? No, we say the Peninsula is too small and there is no use in making enemies as we have to live here.

This is hogwash. As long as we continue thinking on these lines, the longer we are going to remain a small, insignificant hole in the wall. Doors are closed to anyone who is sincere in wanting to know about the progress of their community, or how the taxpayers' money is being spent.

Let's have a little more harmony and a little less conflict. After all, if everything is open and above board, we have no fear of conflict, as the truth will always win out.

FROM THE STATES

Was talking to a fellow from the States the other day, who, as he said, had the misfortune of travelling on this Peninsula. He arrived at a hotel and stood in the lobby for 15-20 minutes, trying to get a room. As he said, it was rather confusing to the proprietor as to whether or not he had rooms in the hotel.

With this matter finally attended to, he decided to try and get a meal. This he found next to impossible. So, unfortified, he set out to get a little liquid refreshment. He landed up in one of our licensed premises, and what with bottles flying, foul language and a general air of a pub in Germany full of all three American forces, he decided to get the heck out of there and off the Peninsula before he was either killed or starved to death.

And we say, "Come to the Sunshine Coast." What for?

Why has our local gendarme been limping around the past few weeks? Seems to me there must be a story there somewhere.

Incidentally, don't pay any attention to that little, black Mercedes Benz weaving down the street with a grinding of gears, varied manoeuvers and a general aid of 'Help me, I don't know what I'm doing', it's only our Joan feeling her way home, you know; like fender to fender. Oh, well, that's the way the Mercedes bends. There have been quite a few people suggesting she trade it in—on a broom.

THOT OF THE WEAK

What you don't know won't hurt you, and it amuses a lot of people.

SAFETY AWARD

Safety award, or past president's merit rating, was awarded to Jackson Bros. Logging Co. Ltd., at the recent loggers 'convention. This means our local company had the most favorable accident record with the Workmen's Compensation Board this past year.

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Guerantees to argue . . .

Davis promises fair treatment

JACK DAVIS, M.P., addressed a well attended meeting of the Sechelt Indian band on the reservation. In introducing Davis, Clarence Joe, senior band councillor and chairman of the meeting impressed upon his audience the importance of the fact that this was the first time in the history of the Indian people that a non-Indian, a white man, member of parliament had attended a meeting in their hall.

Davis told the Indians about the plans for the breakwater. He said the public works department had already gathered information concerning depth and rock formation for this L-shaped breakwater which would run from the point towards the wharf. He felt it would help the Indians to save their own boats as well as to foster the boat building trade for which the Indians had a natural aptitude.

He stressed the need for vocational training and told of plans to build a vocational school at Powell River within a few years, and maybe later on, one on the Peninsula.

INDIAN CLAIMS COMM.

Davis advised the Indian claims commission will be set up in the spring to look after the settlement of payments for lands and timber which rightfully belong to the Indians. He promised to try and see that the Indians were treated fairly and guaranteed to listen to anyone who had any positive ideas on how Indian conditions could be improved. "I will be glad to hear you and argue on your behalf," he promised.

Davis was curious to see the nomination procedure.

Joe then introduced Father Bernardo, as one of the order who had attended to their spiritual needs since 1857 when this community was formed. Bernardo endorsed Davis remarks concerning the need for a vocational school. He expressed special concern, not only for the education of the teen-age group, but also for the adult group who had left school early, gotten married and found out too late they needed more education and general information to combat their adverse conditions.

REGULATE HABITS

Since it was seldom that he had the ear of so large a group of parents, he urged them to encourage their children to stay in school and attend classes regularly. He advised them to regulate their daily life so children arrived at school rested, well fed and warmly clothed. He said he did not want to get involved in any argument on integration or on attendance at public versus private schools. "Use the facilities available to you now and there won't be much wrong with the end product," he admonished.

He stated standards had risen and all teachers were now qualified even though their wages were lower than elsewhere. Then he urged the Indians to take any political problems to Davis and ask any questions they had about the workings of government.

In summing up both Davis' and Father Bernardos speeches, Joe stressed the government looks across the ocean and tries to accommodate people in other lands while their own Indian population is loaded with problems about which they do nothing.

"This was a free country in the time of our forefathers," he said. "Today it is a closed shop. We can't even fish in the herring fishery. And what is the government doing about it? Nothing. That's why we have our hands out all the time. Were entitled to that."

Contract is signed

CONTRACT for project No. 2, South Pender Improvement district was signed by H. Berg, president of H. B. Construction Co., and consulting engineer Alan Ker before a meeting of all trustees held in the Pender Harbour Hotel. The tender provides for the laying of the main pipeline for the sum of $143,117, excluding the cost of materials.

Work is to commence this week. The contractor has expressed his willingness to use local labor and local equipment as far as practical.

No action has yet been taken on contracts 1 and 3 as prices tendered were considerably higher than the estimates.

PENDER HARBOUR NEWS
by Bunny Smith

Capt. and Mrs. R. Jermain have returned from Nanaimo where they visited with Capt. Jermains cousins, Dr. H. Jermain Creighton of St. Margarets Bay, Nova Scotia. Dr. Creighton, retired from the field of nuclear science, is on a world tour and was visiting his son, Dr. R. Creighton of Nanaimo, and has now left BC aboard the liner Arcadia en route to England.

At Sechelt . . .

Frank Newton leads bowlers with 804

Eve Moscrip

FRANK NEWTON of Parkers Hardware led the bowlers this week with 804 (329).

League Scores: Ladies: Dorothy Smyth 659 (255), Mabel McDermid 613, Harriet Duffy 616, Lil McCourt 644.

Pender: Isabel Gooldrup 603 (257), Sonny Scoular 651 (279), Laurence Granger 664 (341), Charlie Hauke 642.

Peninsula Commercial: Audrey Benner 692 (262), Frank Newton 804 (329), Mabel McDermid 261, Sam MacKenzie 703 (314), Gloria Barker 259, Pelle Poulsen 695 (286), Norma Branca 630 (348), Gordon Freeman 760, Dorothy Smith 722 (300), Lawrence Crucil 713 (277). Team high — Village Bakery No. 1 3442 (1185).

Sports Club: Dick Gray 726 (288), Bev. Nelson 646, Pete Jorgensen 278, Eleanor Carter 252, Lil Butler 259.

Bali Chain: Beulah Lawson 663 (251), Red Robinson 754 (283), Al Lynn 725 (293), Ron Whyte 281, Matt Jaeger 299.

Ladies Matinee: Bronnie Wilson 619 (256), Millie Forbes 261, Jean Eldred 256.

High School: Jack Gogson 388 (210), Dianne Goeson 326 (204).

Pee Wees: Penny Caldwell 302 (180), Alan Hemstreet 301 (179).

TEN PINS

Chuck Rodway 565 (235), Herby White 200, Lawrence Crucil 224, Ray Benoit 223.

Port Mellon enters team

PORT MELLON, a member of the Western Canada Council, has entered two teams in the annual bowling tournament which is open to members and wives of the Pulp and Sulphite Union. They played five games and there is no handicap. Scores are phoned to the central office in Vancouver. The men's team composed of Rod Godfrey, Alec Robertson, Chris Johnson, Bill Morrison and John Wilson bowled a total of 5204 pins, which is an average of 208 pins per game. Alec Robertson totalled 1205 pins for high man.

The ladies' team consisted of Doreen Crosby, Arlene Godfrey, Gwen Edmunds, Gloria Hostland, Daisy Bailey. High bowler for the ladies was Doreen Crosby, who mucked up 1193 pins with a high game of 314.

The results of the winning teams will not be known until next week. Last year's winner was from Port Alberni.

Executive in action

LEFT to right: Fred Corley, Bill Laing, Lorne Smith, Mel Carey, Garry Murdoch, Bill Gibb, Larry Lebonte and Ken Crosby who took the picture.

In Your Garden

by The Old Rake

ALL ROCK gardens or rockeries, no matter how well they have been managed and looked after, during the Summer, or how long established, need to be overhauled once a year. This is probably as good a time as any to do this job as there is more time on our hands, though of course we will have to work as the weather permits.

All dead stems and other litter should be removed and particularly should any leaves be picked up and not left to provide a place for pests to winter in. Some of the occupants of the rock garden will have grown too large and will need cutting back.

Any of the pieces that are removed and have roots can be used to fill in any empty spaces, or traded for something you haven't got. Many subjects send out suckers and runners. These are an easy way to increase your stock. It is well to remember at this time that if any replacements are bought from a greenhouse it is especially necessary to see that they are hardened off before putting them in the rockery. During the overhaul it is well to pay attention to any subjects that did not do as well as they should.

Perhaps a change of position will be the answer, often a plant does well when facing a certain way, such as one might do better if taken from a northerly position and put facing South. Again a move from a lighter to a heavier soil or from a sandy pocket to a gravelly one, depending on the likes of the plant. Heaths and Heathers often get a set-back when set too close to limestone or lime rock, being acid lovers they should have a pocket made up specially to their liking.

Encrusted Saxifrages are only happy in one position for two or three years, after that they should be lifted and replanted, the little rosettes being planted two inches apart and deep enough so that the bottom leaves just rest on the ground. When considering filling in the empty places, the small bulbs should not be forgotten. To get color in January. Winter Aconites do the job, followed by Snow Drops, Crocuses and the early Irises.

The Species Tulips and Daffodils are a decided asset in the rockery. When planting bulbs the best results are obtained when block planting is resorted to, that is, a dozen or more of one kind planted together.

New officers for Loc. 297

STAN Green, international representative, officiated at the installation of officers of Port Mellon Local 297, at the general monthly meeting.

New president for 1964, Bill Laing, was promised full support by his executive, which held their first meeting in their new quarters—the old telephone building.

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Candidates for Chief

GILBERT JOE, Alfred August and Reg Paul have accepted nomination for Chief of the Sechelt Indian tribe, to fill out the term of office of the late Charlie Craigen, who died last year. Voting by secret ballot will be held on a date set by the Department of Indian Affairs.

Vote by ballot . . .

Indians nominate three candidates

THREE candidates for chief to fill out the term of Charlie Craigen who died early last year were nominated at a well attended meeting held in the community hall. Clarence Joe, senior band councillor and chairman of the meeting pointed out the position of chief is a responsible one. As chief of an outstanding tribe he would have to deal with Indians, non-Indians and government.

Reg Paul was nominated by Mike Paul; Alfred August was nominated by Richard Johnson and Gilbert Joe was nominated by Clarence Joe, Jr. Date for election by ballot will be set for a Saturday when everyone is available, and will be approved by the Indian department. Notices will be posted on the reserve, and smoke signals will be sent up for anyone absent from the village, Joe promised.

Joe warned the three nominees of the conditions of section 74 of the Indian act. "Be careful with drinking, or any corrupt practices," he warned. "Don't try to swing votes with booze or you'll automatically be disqualified. This is the law, the same law that Jack Davis here has to go by."

Reg Paul enquired if the federal regulations were different than theirs. "If they can serve drinks at meetings for federal elections, why can't we?" he enquired. Joe ruled him out of order.

Mary Ellen Paul made an impassioned plea to "keep this hate out of everything. This hate is wrecking us all—nothing but drinking and gossip from house to house. What good can it do?" she implored. "We should learn to love one another. The young people should learn to follow the old people. I love everybody. Everybody in this hall is my grandchild or grandniece or nephew," she declared.

Taxpayers' money . . .

Will spend $100,000 a month Milligan says

"WITHIN a short time $100,000 a month of taxpayers' money will be spent on the new hospital."

This is the statement made by W. Milligan, hospital administrator and secretary of St. Mary's hospital society when accepting a cheque for $464.57 on behalf of the board from the Sechelt Kinsmen. The cheque presented by president Ralph Stephanson is for the furnishing of one up-patient lounge.

Deputy governor Bob Knapton of Vancouver attended the presentation held in the Village Coffee Shop Totem room.

Milligan thanked the Kinsmen for their generosity, both past and present. He estimated over $8,000 has been given to the society by different organizations on the Peninsula.

He gave a detailed report on construction progress and stated Nelson Ford, contractor, estimates the building will be closed in by Feb. if all goes well.

Upon completion, the hospital will have cost 1 million dollars. The floor area is five times that of the present hospital with an increase in bed capacity from 14 to 35.

Egmont news

by Jean Jeffries

Mr. George Stainton, one of our senior citizens, is in Vancouver visiting his son and also his doctor. George is a familiar figure walking along Maple Road to and from the store with his pack on his back.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson, nee Joyce Griffith of Vancouver will be pleased to hear that young Tanya now has a baby brother, Andrew Robert born January 23.

F. French

FRANCIS (Frank) French passed away January 21, 1964 in Shaughnessy Hospital, after a long illness due to war service in World War I. Mr. French was 72 years, and one of the old-time residents of the area, having come to Sechelt when his father pre-empted property at Porpoise Bay before 1914.

Born in Orillia, Ontario, his people were residents of New Westminster as early as 1875. He joined up with the 102nd battalion (Vancouver Island Timber Wolves) early in 1915, and was later transferred to the 102nd battalion (Warden's Warriors). He returned after the war with his bride, and was a provincial policeman for some time, later going into the contracting business. He built St. Hilda's Church and the George Wood house on Cowrie Street. He was one of the oldest members of the Sechelt Legion branch No. 140. In later years he had a taxi business until he had to retire on account of ill health.

Mr. French is survived by his wife, Alice Amelia.

Funeral service was in St. Hilda's Church, Saturday afternoon, January 25, with Rev. J. Fergusson officiating. Interment in Field of Honor, Seaview Cemetery, with E. Surtees, president Branch No. 140 conducting the Legion service at the graveside.

Pall bearers were: Jack Jonas, George Nelson, Alan D. Wood, W. Coffey, S. F. Waters, Capt. S. Dawe.

Honorary pall bearers were: Wm. Youngston, Edric Clayton, W. Waddell, M. C. J. Mayne, G. Kynoch and F. Walker.

Guard of Honor: C. G. Lucken, W. K. Berry, F. Walker, M. Heinstreet, C. E. King, H. A. Hill, T. Findlay, H. Kydd, J. S. Browning, M.C., Ted Walker, Mrs. Gordon Walker and W. K. Sheridan.

Attending his funeral from out-of-town were his cousin, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, secretary to the British consulate in Seattle and her two daughters, another cousin Hilton Tait of Richmond, Mrs. A. Maitland-Twigg of West Vancouver and Mrs. Claude Caron of Ladner formerly Quebec.

Also Mrs. French's cousin, chief petty officer (retired) Jack Spelman of Victoria.

Geo. E. Ruston

GEORGE E. Ruston died in St. Mary's Hospital, January 25, 1964 at the age of 76, after a brief illness. Mr. Ruston is survived by his loving wife, Zillah, two nephews in England, a niece and her family in Vancouver. Mr. Ruston was a native of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, emigrated to Canada in 1910. He was on the prairies for a short time, but decided the weather was not fit for man, so came to the west coast. He was married in Vancouver, went to Victoria for five years, then returned to the mainland to live. Mr. and Mrs. Ruston had holidayed in the Sechelt area on and off for years, so decided to live in Selma Park in 1956, when they retired.

Mr. Ruston was interested in all the affairs of the peninsula, and one of the last things he did, before being taken ill, was to complete his voluntary task of auditing the books for the Selma Park Improvement District.

Mr. Ruston served with the RCE and CAMC during World War I. Funeral services Wednesday, January 29, 1964, at one o'clock from Hamilton Mortuary, 5390 Fraser Street, Vancouver.

Nonchalance is the ability to look like an owl when you've acted like a jackass.

Crossword

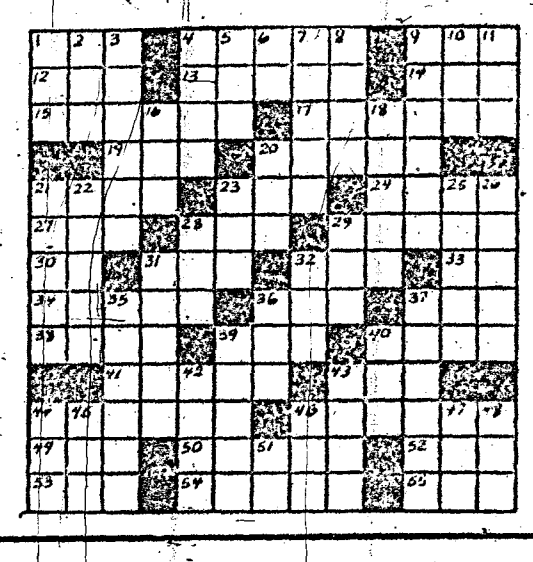
See solution on page 2 for today's Crossword

ACROSS

1. Head covering
4. Purple fruit
9. For what reason
12. Ventilate
13. Raises
14. Narrow inlet
15. Said
17. High regard
19. Cut grass
20. Prophets
21. Sleeveless wrap
23. Biscuit
24. Volcano
27. Belonging to him
28. Electrified particle
29. Surround
30. Plural ending
31. Greek letter
32. Kind of lettuce
33. Depart
34. Narrow openings
36. Part of week
37. Sea eagle
38. Bristle
39. Goal
40. African plant
41. Quickly
43. African antelope
44. Yield
46. More angry
49. High priest
50. Entire
52. Period of time
53. Pouch
54. Goddess of peace
55. Arid

DOWN

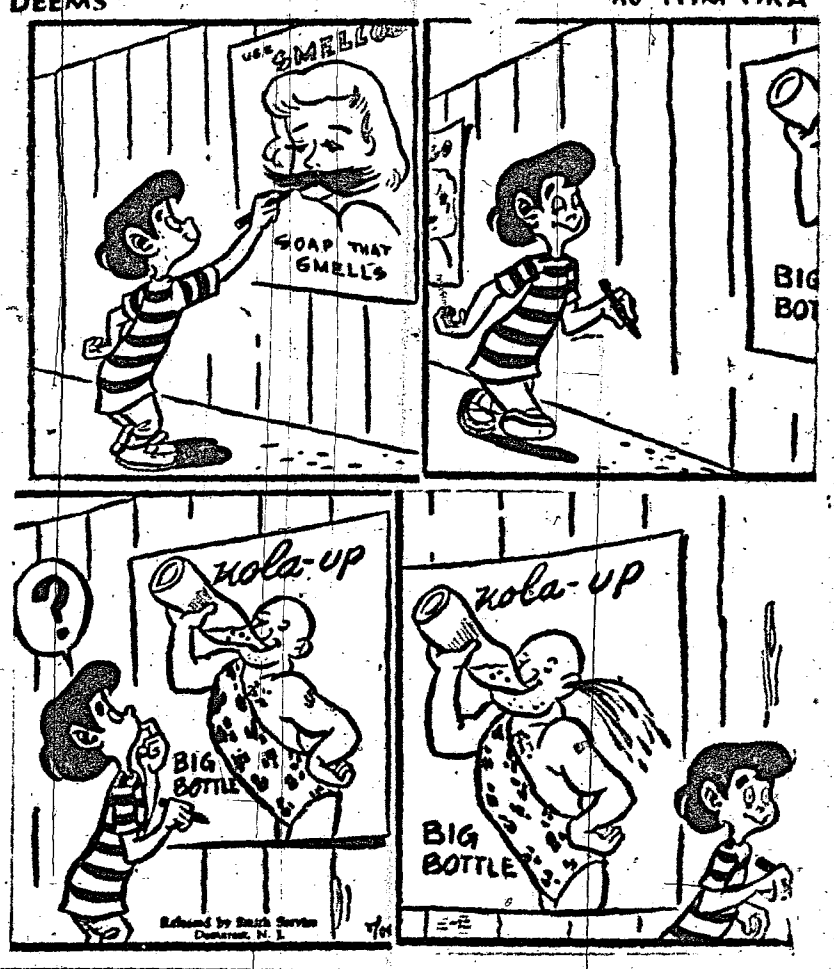
1. Possesses
2. River island
3. Bums
4. Enlarged
5. A color
6. Rough lava
7. Dress the feather
8. Abstract being
9. Distorts
10. Hurry
11. Sweet potatoe
16. Pedal digit
18. Weekly planets
20. Source of light
22. Passageway
23. Feathered scarf
25. African
26. Make amends
28. Possessive pronoun
29. Young male
31. Public warehouse
32. Wheel part
35. Slanted type
36. Expire
37. Evaded
39. Movie star
40. Conjunction
42. Against
45. Storm
44. Legal things
45. Highest note
46. Adult male
47. Make a mistake
48. Shaft of light
51. Musical note



Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

"I'm glad you asked about salary. Next question, please. . ."

DEEMS by TOM OKA



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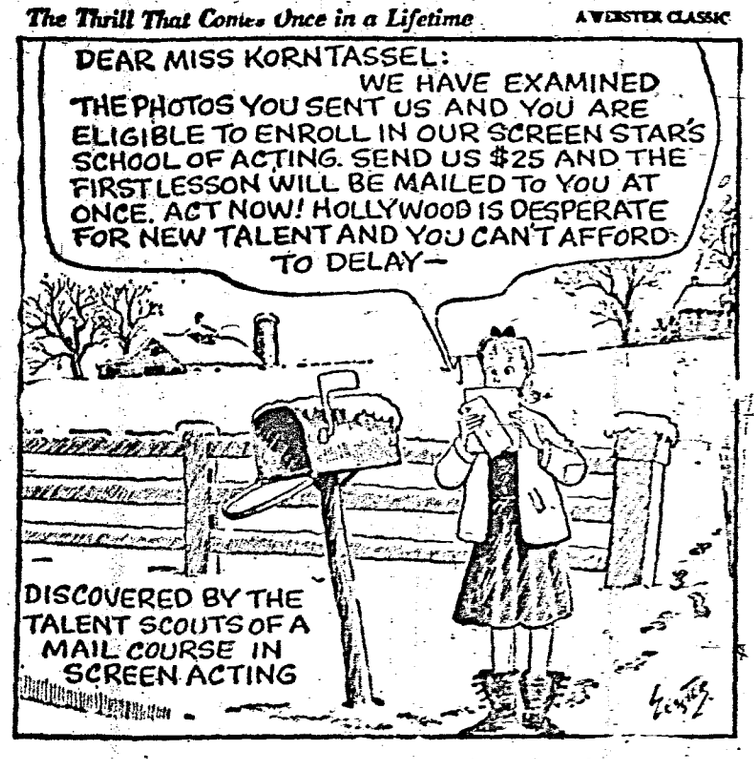


NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

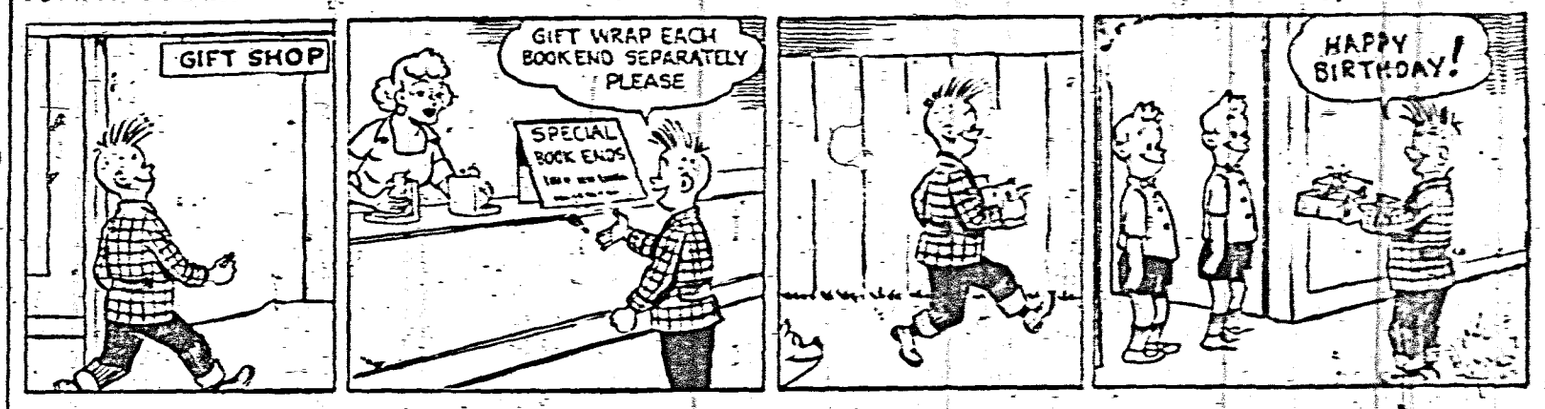
by Russ Arnold

THELMA

"But Gutherie, Your Living Next Door Makes Me Feel Like You're Practically Thrown At Me!"

SONNY SOUTH

by AL SONDERS



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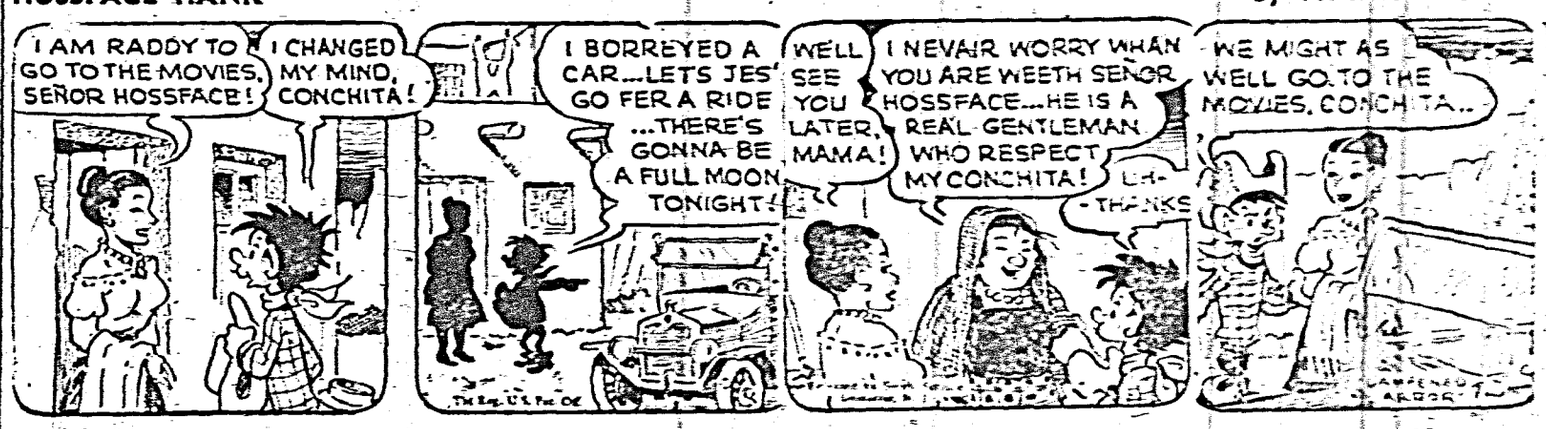

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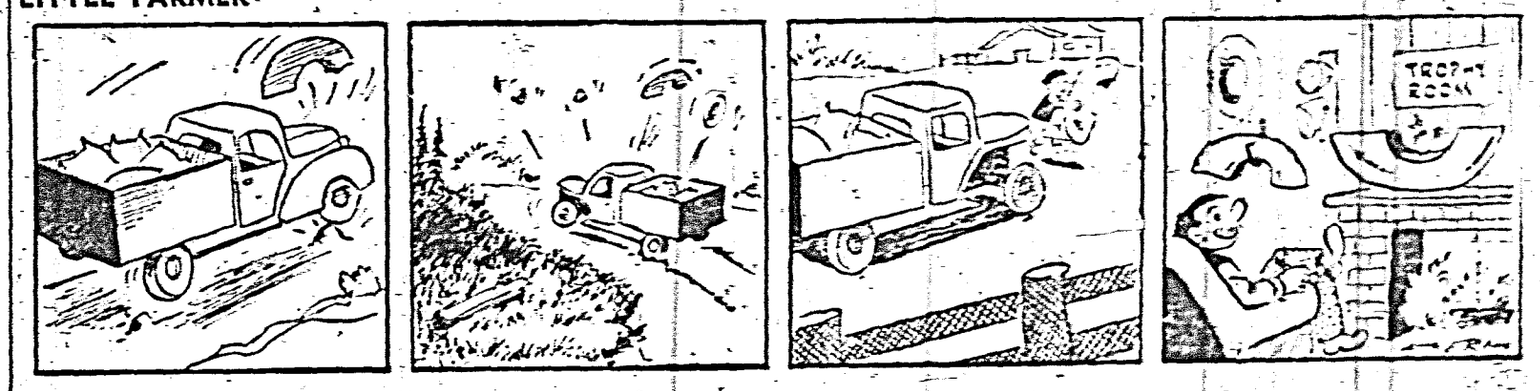
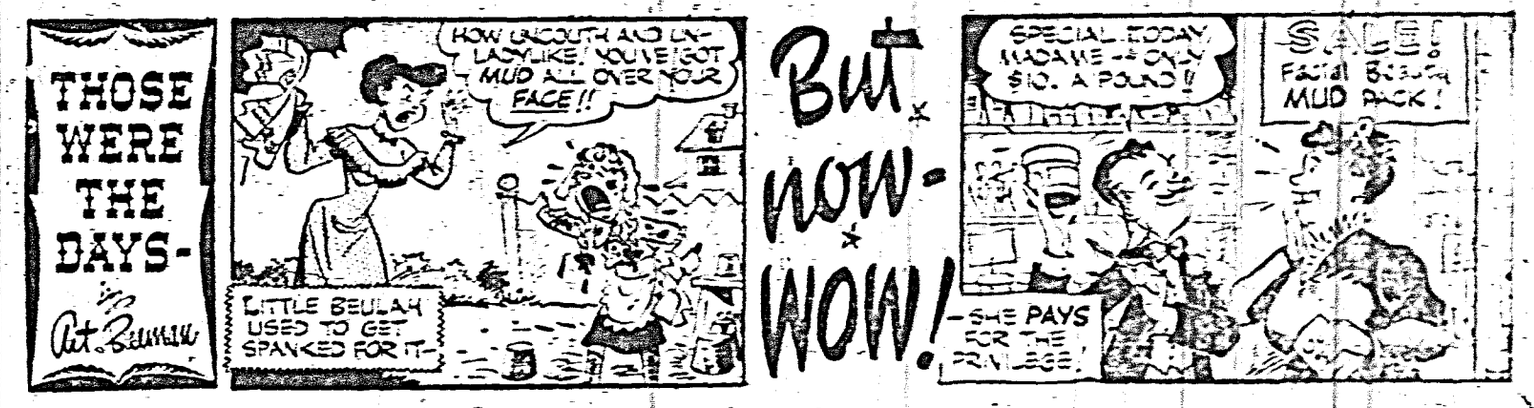
LITTLE FARMER

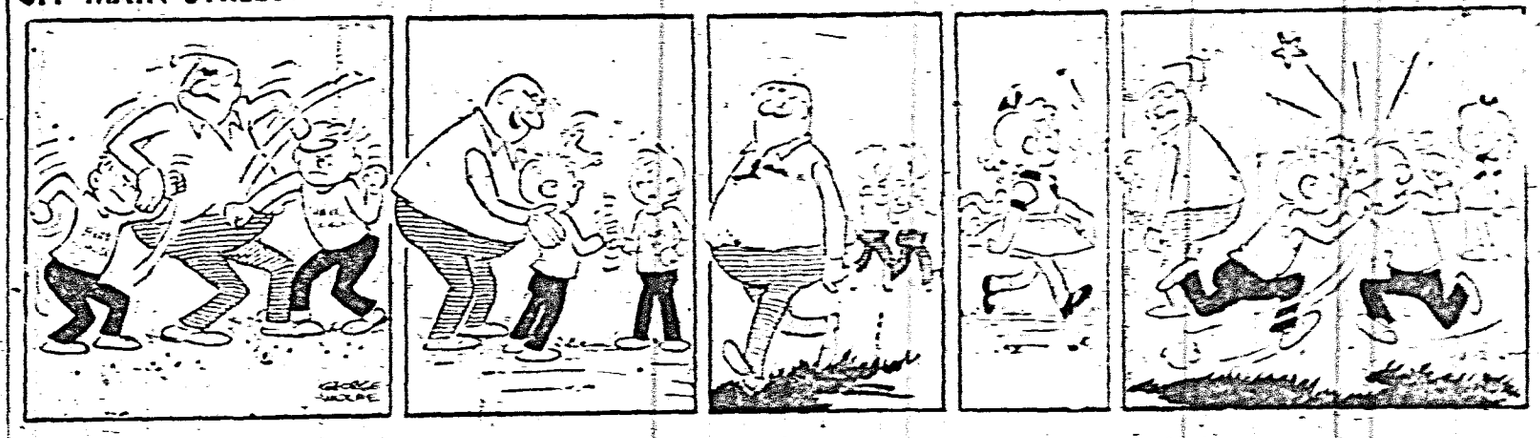
by KERN PEDERSON





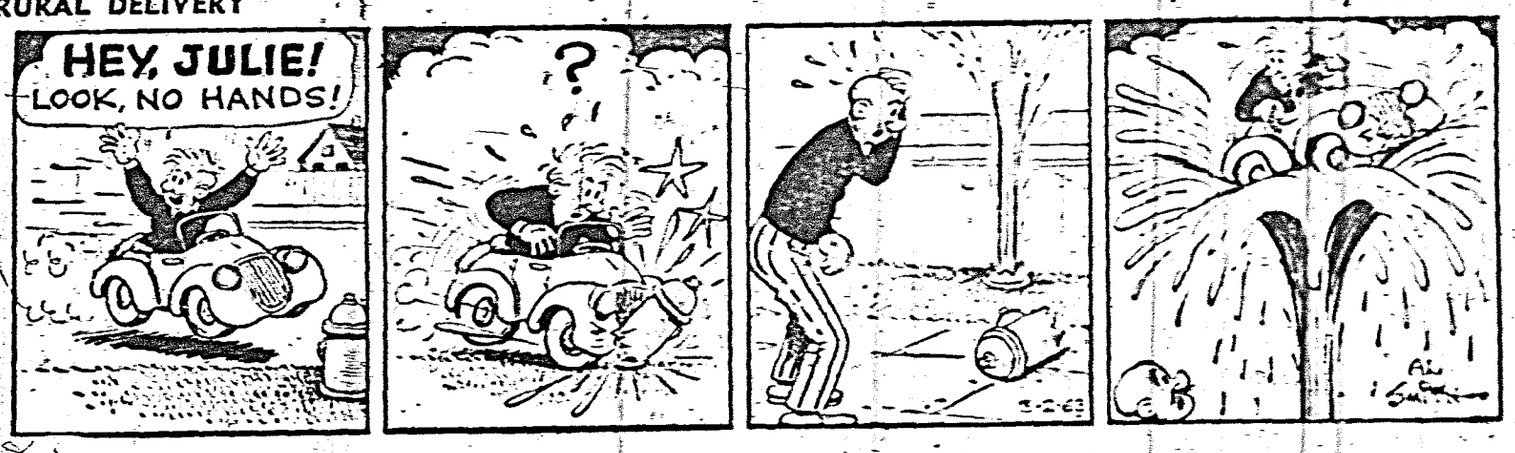
OFF MAIN STREET

by JOE DENNETT



RURAL DELIVERY

by AL SMITH



The READER'S RIGHT

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

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

Liquor store

Editor, The Times

Sir—Have been reading the case for a government liquor store at Sechelt and feel compelled to point out how much stronger would be the case for a liquor store at Pender Harbour.

The people of this area are presumably just as thirsty as those of any other. To obtain a bottle they now have to make a round trip of 100 miles, taking about three hours. A store at Sechelt would save them about 40 minutes on the round trip—still leaving better than two hours travelling.

This of course has meaning only for the people of the Harbour, and issues of this type should have meaning for the whole area concerned. If a liquor store is established at Sechelt, it is fairly certain the Gibsons' store will be closed, as liquor stores are run to make money and not to provide a service. The argument will be a 20 minute run is not too far from Gibsons, the Sechelt store is closer to the northern end, and in any event, the area will only support one liquor store—so we'll be stuck for the foreseeable future with one outlet only.

However, Gibsons does much more than supply Gibsons. Being close to the wharf it supplies seagoing traffic as well as the fast-growing area between Gibsons and Port Mellon. A store at Pender would serve the whole northern area, including the islands and Jervis Inlet, and the very large number of pleasure craft that come into the Harbour each year. And it is reasonable to assume that it would make money.

This would give a liquor outlet at each end of the area and no one would have to drive more than 30 minutes to get a bottle, so everyone would benefit. Surely a much more reasonable answer than the present trend to artificial "centralization".

A. A. LLOYD

Nurses home

Editor, The Times

Sir—When tenders were called for the construction of a new hospital here the lowest tender was considered too high for the sum allotted and after considerable discussion with the tendering contractors it was lowered to conform. It was then announced that owing to increase costs etc. it would not be possible to build a nurses home, landscape and blacktop the grounds or anything else for some time. On this understanding the project was approved and work commenced. Now, to the surprise of all, announcements are made in the public press calling for tenders for the construction of a nurses home.

In view of the former situation how is this possible? If a nurses home was not possible then how is it possible now? There is no question about the necessity of a nurses home; it is an essential to a hospital here as an operating room and nobody in their right mind would oppose it. It is not opposed now; only the methods used to obtain it. A few thousands of dollars extra at the outset would have been neither here nor there and the vote would have passed notwithstanding by those who are expected to pay for it on their taxes. Is this the opening wedge whereby those in power will be able to do as they please without advising or even asking those who must pay? Is this why an accredited representative of the public press was barred from attending a committee meeting. It would seem so. It isn't good enough. An explanation is in order.

ED GREEN

Sewage disposal

Editor, The Times

Sir—You will recall that you recently requested some further information regarding disposal of hospital wastes.

The consulting mechanical engineers advise that all laboratory wastes will discharge to a rock pit on the property along with roof drainage and other run-off water. Acids will be passed through a neutralizer.

Dressings and similar items will be incinertaed and will not be discharged to a sewer. Grease traps will be placed in sewers from kitchen, laundry, etc.

Normal wastes from toilets, washbasins, baths and showers will pass directly to the sewer.

We also understand that you have been comparing the advertisements under the "Pollution Control Act" for our proposal and for an installation at Squamish proposed by Mr. P. G. W. Walker, P.Eng. It is extremely difficult to make such comparisons because of the many variables involved, but I might point out that the Squamish system will discharge into an inlet opening off the Squamish River (an important salmon spawning stream) and that the conditions of dilution, wave action, currents, etc. will be entirely different.

J. V. BOYS,
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The Bath

By Robert F. Donley

CECIL THROCKMORTON FOX was an Englishman, a cultured country squire type who liked his privacy. Not only liked it, but demanded it to the extent that he was prepared to go to the limits of his purse to ensure it. His home was his castle.

The natives around the Bay were not unduly impressed when Cecil first arrived. They were used to strange characters. The Bay in fact was like a back eddy in the sea of life where colorful bits of flotsam and jetsam from the far corners of the earth drifted and added some cosmopolitan overtones and contrast to the native background.

Cecil picked the site for his home with an Englishman's total disregard for human frailties. He built on top of the granite escarpment facing the entrance to the Bay and at a height of about 1500 feet, commanding a magnificent view. Access to the eyrie was gained only through a series of winding precipitous trails and the last lap by ladders. The transporting of the building materials and furnishings up the sheer hillside had been an herculean but profitable task for the few local builders who had constructed the unique dwelling.

Cecil, once enthroned in his lofty castle, became a recluse and from that time forth seldom, if ever, had intercourse with the native population. His only contact with the outside world came once a month in the form of a long official looking letter from No. 10 Downing Street, bearing the impressive family crest imprinted in sealing wax.

To do his chores and run his errands, Cecil employed one of the local lads, but he made one stipulation—there was to be a definite time of arrival and a definite time of departure. This lad, with packboard, freighted the necessities of life and also the supplies for Cecil's well stocked beverage cabinet, up the mountainside.

At his back door where the grade was less severe, but where the mountain sloped into nowhere but God's country, Cecil had a high board fence constructed. With the fence at the back and the precipitous drop in front, Cecil was alone and loved it. He was King of the Castle.

Cecil had one unknown ritual. On the sultry summer days when the peasants below sweltered in the heat or soaked in the Bay, he would drag out relic of his families' mediaeval past—a huge bathtub. This tub he would place in the shade of a pine tree and fill to a given mark and a given temperature. Cecil would recline in the tub, smoking his Herbert Tarryton cigarettes, sipping his Scotch and soda, and reading or just meditating. This was the life. And this is where we leave him in his solidude.

Claude Smith was a Scotsman newly arrived in Canada, but one would never have guessed it, that is, one raised among Scottish fisher folk. He had neither accent nor brogue. His physical appearance and characteristics belied any affiliation with the people of Bobbie Burns. He was in his early thirties when he first put in an appearance in the Bay. Appearance it may well be called, for he just seemed to appear from nowhere and was immediately accepted.

He arrived from Vancouver in an open boat, a small sturdy clinker built boat of about twenty feet in length propelled by a rugged little polished marine motor. The boat had only standing room for one. It was loaded with traps, hunting equipment, tents, sacks of beans and dogs. Dogs were everywhere, chained to the gunwhales. Spotted white and liver color, they were expensive looking cougar hounds, excited and baying. It was later learned that man and dogs lived on beans and beans alone—breakfast, dinner and supper.

He disappeared in the direction of head of the Bay and squatted on the foreshore property of one of the easy going local stump ranchers. He built a small shack of split cedar shakes, the entrance accessible only on hands and knees. Man and dogs took up residence within. The more inquisitive natives who had dared the hounds to peek inside, told a tale of disarray and beans. There were innumerable pots and pans containing beans in varying degree of fullness and decomposition, scattered all over the floor. It was even suggested by some uncharitable people that his daily ablutions were executed in part by a hound licking the beans from his face.

Claude took to the bush like a duck to water. He would shoulder several pounds of baked beans and take off with his dogs, for days at a time. What he did on these long hikes, no one knew. It was rumoured that he was the discoverer of the local copper mine. He was entirely at home in the woods, sleeping under a log or stump. He was never lost because he had no particular destination and he always knew generally where he was within a mile or two.

He had been out for several days training his dogs, when they got scent of some wild animal. The dogs took to the hills in hot pursuit with Claude on their tails. They climbed steadily the better part of the forenoon and as the sun rose, the dogs panted with the heat, but they kept their noses to the trail, their excitement increasing. At the crest of the hill, their quarry broke from cover, crossed a stretch of open hillside and scrambled up and over a high board fence.

To the phlegmatic Claude, the fence did not register, and hence did not suggest 'no trespass'. It was simply another obstacle. The excited hounds were boosted over one at a time, followed by their owner scrambling after them.

Once over, Claude stopped to survey the intriguing spectacle. One minute, he saw a red faced, gray haired, naked man standing in a copper tub, wildly waving his arms and cursing in a chipped Oxford accent; the next minute there was a flurry of arms and the grey haired man was flat on his back on the ground, legs waving in the air. Bounding down the steep cliff could be seen a grey ring tailed shape, several baying hounds and a large copper tub bouncing from ledge to ledge.

Agnes Reynolds

AGNES Reynolds, age 64, widow of George Reynolds passed away in St. Mary's Hospital, after a long illness. Survived by a son, Tommy and grandchildren. Mrs. Reynolds was a native of Scotland, and she and her husband came to the Egmont area in 1931, when Tommy was an infant. Later they moved to Halfmoon Bay, and latterly lived at Wilson Creek.

Mrs. Reynolds always took a keen interest in local affairs, and until she was taken ill was a regular bowler with the Sports Club.

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By Ed Green . . .

Salal Is Where You Find It . . .

JACK SCOTT, noted columnist of the Vancouver Sun has travelled far, seen much and is forever making startling discoveries. At one time, before, he devoted several days to the study of ants and rocked the scientific world by the profound observation that ants, instead of being the intelligent tireless workers we assume them to be are nothing but stupid bums too lazy to creep around an obstacle so they climb over it.

It was also a little earlier than this that he discovered that using any crude tools, like an axe, or pick and shovel, or even a wheelbarrow tickled his hands so much that he became helpless with laughter. Of course this had nothing to do with the fact that fresh earth had to be dug and wheeled to the garden and there was some driftwood for the fireplace that should be split and wheeled from the beach. His understanding wife, rather than see him die laughing, performed these trivial tasks and thus permitted him full time for scientific study.

Now he has made another world shaking discovery. Anything else to date pales into insignificance. Space travel, moon shots are all kid stuff compared to it. He has discovered that a single dollar earned by his, or any other wife, has at least ten times the value of anything ever earned by him or any other husband and it happened this way.

Jack, who lives in sylvan splendor on an emerald green island in the Gulf of Georgia must have solitude in which to compose his widely read column. He therefore shuts himself away in what he calls his workshop and takes a nap. He is therefore in no position to study what is going on outside his production center. How can he know what his good wife is doing?

Mrs. Scott has been doing plenty. With another housewife she has been picking salal; a long-lasting shrub, of which more later, that grows only along the Pacific coast. Eager buyers have assured her, and others that picking salal is a quick and easy way to make money. There are a few things they forgot to mention but most folks see only the rewards; not the obstacles. In any case salal was everywhere so what could be simpler than pick a few pounds in your spare time and earn a lot of extra dollars?

One day Mr. Scott was going through his mail and came across a cheque for reprint rights to one of his columns. Jack, who gets many of these, scratched his signature on it and handed it to his wife, a routine procedure. She glanced at it then tossed it on the table with no comment and went on opening her own mail. Then it happened!

For one silent moment, Mrs. Scott stared at the slip of paper in her hand. It couldn't be, she told herself. But it was. She was holding a cheque made out to her for the enormous sum of four dollars. The accompanying note informed her that it was full payment for the salad she had picked. A moment later she was on the telephone to her friend, thrilled, excited and altogether delighted. Mr. Scott's cheque lay un-noticed and Mr. Scott was understandably puzzled—and still is.

He needn't be. Any housewife who can flee the coop and pick up a dollar by her own efforts gets a fiercer blast out of it than if her husband gave her a thousand dollars for pin money. If she has to sweat doing it the whole thing will be that much nicer. And if you pick salal you'll sweat; you'll stumble and fumble in heavy undergrowth and be well scratched by salmonberry bush, devils club and wild blackberries.

According to Mr. Scott's scientific calculations perhaps slightly biased, his wife had spent no more than sixty hours, give or take a day or two and time out for tea. This worked out to 6.06 cents per hour, somewhat less than union rates. But she had ignored his handsome cheque and gone into ecstasies over her own.

I know just how she feels. I can feel with her. There were times when I too used to get fat cheques from publishers but they were mere scrapes of paper compared to the small sums earned by my wife for herculean endeavors. She was overjoyed but it left me cold until I realized that she felt this was her own; she had created it herself with no help from anybody. The independence she surrendered in marriage had been returned so the amount didn't really matter.

A lot of young and middle aged married women work around our way; not genteel work like clerking or stenography of even housework, hard, muscle-aching labor like spitting cedar shakes, commercial fishing and one lady just quit logging because it was her sixtieth birthday. There are some too who even pick salal and ferns and make a fair wage.

If you are wondering what salal is and what it is used for you have probably seen lots of it. It is perhaps a member of the fern family as it grows profusely in damp places. It has a rich dark green leaf, somewhat thick & it will keep its color and strength a long time before withering. For this reason it is much in demand by florists for use as background to wreaths, sprays and bouquets. It is also used extensively for Christmas decorations. It will still be of good color long after everything else has died. It is shipped all over the United States and Canada.

Salal berries are blue and make good jam, I hear. I once had a Haida Indian working for me and ate plenty of them. One day he saw a salal bush growing out of a rotted log. He dug out the roots and produced some small bulbous growths which he scrapped clean and popped into his mouth with great relish. He told me they were Indian candy and little Indians loved them. I nibbled one of the tangy things but decided to stick to divinity fudge.

Since there is always a demand for salal there is also a market and like all other markets prices fluctuate but they average out at about 23 cents a pound. At first glance this is unlimited riches and it should be easy to make 20 or 30 dollars a day because salal is fairly heavy and plentiful. There are big patches of it along the coast roads and far back in the mountains. All you need is a sharp knife to cut the tough stems, a suitable device to bundle it and pack it out and—anyway you have to find it first.

You have to find it for the simple reason that all worthwhile patches are under lease by salal dealers. These are generally easily accessible & you can get permits to pick there but you must sell to the lessee. Of course there are other patches back up and beyond the logging roads on Crown land. In addition to these are small patches sprinkled around here and there so your first impulse is to jump and start hacking and wondering why anybody is crazy enough to pay you such good money for this stuff.

When you have a good load bundled you stagger over rocks, windfalls rotting tree trunks and—salal. You have to force your way through it in some places. When you arrive at the collecting station your troubles begin.

"Ninety per cent. and sometimes more, of the stuff these people bring in," a women salal buyer told me," is useless. "It simply can't be used."

This women, a rugged individual, is a veteran at the game. She has operated salal stations all over the coast regions and knows every inch of the country.

"Every leaf must be perfect," she said. "Every branch has to be well shaped and every leaf perfect. If one leaf has a touch of yellow along its edge the whole branch is no good. Sometimes a whole leaf will be yellow, or faded but most of these people won't listen. They think I won't notice it but I can't afford to pay freight on what I know will be rejected."

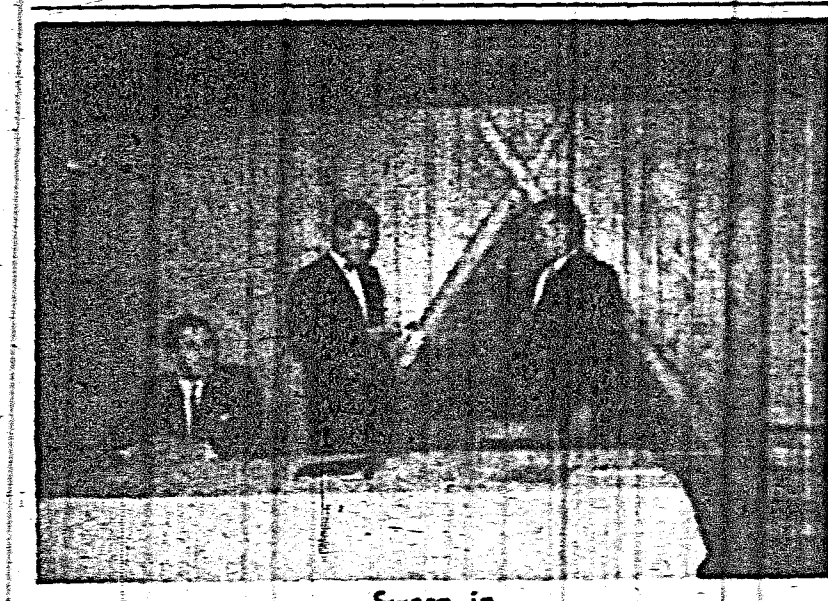
"Does anyone make any money at it?" I asked.

"Mrs——, one of your neighbors did all right one summer. She had her two daughters with her and they made as much as twenty five dollars in a day, but they had found a good patch. Those are few and far between these days."

I knew the women and her 2 teen age daughters. I used to see her on the road with a pickup truck. She also used to hunt for cascara bark that sold for a good price to drug manufacturers but government restrictions prohibit this trade now.

While the chances of individuals picking up big money are slim there are many young housewives with time on their hands who earn a few extra dollars for themselves picking salal. One man, a sawmill employee, used to take his wife and children out during slack periods or weekends. They located several patches and earned good wages. Several housewives whose husbands are away all week at logging camps spend their time picking salal and earn a few extra dollars. They don't expect to make more than "pin money", a term used in ancient days when milady was given a special allowance for the purchase of pins.

Like other gifts of Nature, salal is where you find it; so is gold, oil, ginseng root and even good building gravel. None of it is easy to get to the market. There simply isn't an easy way to honest riches.



Sworn in

K. F. McHEFFEY is sworn in as President of the Gibsons and District Chamber of Commerce by Dick Kennett.

President K. F. McHeffey . . .

Gibsons chamber installs officers

GIBSONS and District Chamber of Commerce installed their 1964 slate of officers before 22 members and guests at a smorgasbord dinner held in Danny's dining room.

President K. F. McHeffey was sworn into office by Dick Kenneth. Other officers were vice-president — Fred Feeney; secretary, Ron Whiting; treasurer, E. N. Hennniker; directors, Walt Nygren, A. E. Ritchey, Bill Price, Bill Wright, Digby Porter, and Danny Wheeler.

Out-of-town guest was Ed Boyce of North Vancouver, director of BC Chamber of Commerce and Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Other guests were Gordon Johnson, district superintendent of schools and Mrs. Peggy Volen, Gibsons municipal school board member.

ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Following a pleasant dinner, Mrs. Volen answered questions on the forthcoming referendum. She said all properties adjacent to the Gibsons Elementary school will be considered for the six rooms and gym to be added, which will accommodate school needs in that attendance area for the next three years only.

In answer to the question, why expand at Sechelt when there has been only one new house there in three years, Gordon Johnson replied this referendum is merely a first step and entirely for elementary development; just a matter of keeping up.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Johnson explained the necessity for vocational schools since all students do not go on to university and there are not jobs for everyone. This is causing a change in secondary schools throughout the province.

He maintained we are one of the highest school districts in BC according to pupil assessment.

Minutes of the last executive meeting revealed pictures of the coast had been placed on the ferries, and $200 had been allocated for the construction of a launching ramp at the foot of Prowse Road.

LETTERS

Letters will be written to Tony Gargrave, MLA, regarding the Granthams bridge and to George Lindsay, superintendent of motor vehicles, requesting location of a licence bureau in Gibsons.

Nominations were called for to select the citizen of the year.

ENTERTAIN BOYS

DEMPSEY Wagner, scoutmaster, Vicki Lee Franski of Wilson Creek entertained the boys at the customary, semi-annual stag party attended by David Leslie, his officers and members. An enjoyable evening was spent listening to records, singing and eating, the latter being the main activity.

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TEEN TOPICS

Busy week . . .

Pender Harbour High School activities

THE FALL of snow at Pender Harbour was the big news story of the week. Snowballing was permitted in restricted areas, and no one had to participate who did not venture into the firing zone. The Haidas and the Nootkas challenged each other to a snow fight, but Mr. Tjorhom, who had agreed to referee, found it difficult to choose a winner. The only casualty was a grade 8 boy who bellyflopped into a large cold puddle and spent the afternoon in the nurses room ironing his clothes dry. Who says we don't have Home Ec at Pender?

At the Friday assemblies the Film Club are showing a series of films loaned by the Shell Oil, part of a guidance set which were previously shown on television. These are very much appreciated.

Pender did their share to make the referendum a success, by submitting about 20 posters for the School Board contest. Seven were chosen to send for judging. Howie White, Raimo Savolainen, and Rae Edwardson were heartily congratulated by their friends. The prizes were generous and very much appreciated.

Nora Warnock and June Cameron went off to UBC to the 1964 FTC conference. Their reports will highlight the next assembly. The School Board donated $10 towards the expenses of official delegates of this nature, which makes it less of a financial burden than it might be.

Mr. Peterson is going to bring his Elphinstone badminton players to Pender on February 22 for a relaxed and enjoyable play day with Pender. There will be a return match at Elphinstone in the future.

Mr. Minnis of Texada has asked our physical education teacher, Mr. Tjorhom, to arrange a play day there. Pender students will be billetted at Vananda; then Vananda will come to Pender on a similar jaunt.

There was a Students' Council announcement that a "Quit Smoking" club was being formed wherein some boys were challenging each other to kick the habit. Since smoking is forbidden on school property and serious penalties may be dealt to smokers in schools, teachers are in no position to help these youngsters even if we knew how. Smoking does not improve anyone's health, but worry is even more damaging. All the talk about cancer and heart disease as possible outcomes of cigarette smoking adds fear and frustration to the young person's burden, which is great enough financially as it is. Parents should help them to quit. No honor student at our school is known to smoke, and the three dropouts are all heavy smokers. Is there any connection? Science says, "Yes!"

Howard White will represent Pender Harbour at the Education for Democracy tour of the legislature this year. Bill Edgett and Janice Northrup will go to the UBC students' conference. We will try to have brief accounts of these various trips printed in this space. In every instance the Board will subsidize these students, their gesture being most appreciated.

The Students' Council are commencing to compile a Pender Harbour Cook Book that will feature all the tasty, mouthwatering, and nutritious sea recipes that their mothers will divulge. This will be illustrated by the artists and will sell for about one dollar. The proceeds will go toward graduation expenses.

Under Twenty MAILBAG

by Bessie Little

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

DEAR Bessie: William and I have gone steady for two years and now we are engaged. I'm 17 and he's 19. My parents don't approve but his do. He works hard, saves every cent he earns so that when we do get married we will have enough to buy things for a home. The other day I told my mother I'd run away and get married if she and dad didn't permit me to marry. She says I don't know what love is. I'd tried to talk to my parents, but they say they don't ever want to hear me bring the subject up again. We both know the problems you run into in a marriage. What can I do?—Stuck.

Dear Stuck: You don't say why your parents object, but I imagine they feel that you are too young for marriage. This doesn't mean that you are too young to know what love is—this feeling really has little relation to age. There are 3 things you should have before you marry. First, you must have maturity to know that you are marrying the kind of man with whom you want to spend the rest of your life. You could very well feel that way today, but in a few years with more maturity, you may feel you have made a mistake. Second, both of you must be able to take on the responsibilities of a marriage and all it implies. This takes understanding, common sense and a willingness to be tied down. Third, unless you are really economically set for marriage you could be heading for trouble. Money matters cause more divorces than any other single factor — expecially among young people. With a little patience on your part and a little understanding on the part of your parents you can probally solve your problem. The odds are really against a happy marriage by a too-young couple. Why not wait a while longer in deference to your parents with the understanding that you want to marry this boy. If you set a date for the future they may be more inclined to go along. But, Stuck, don't run away—you will want to remember a happy wedding with your parents by your side.

Dear Bessie: I like a boy who is nothing but a playboy. So many girls like him that I don't think I have a chance. I've tried to get interested in other boys but I can't stop thinkng about him. Any suggestions? —The Thinker.

Dear Thinker: Yes, Thinker, Do some more thinking. Is it possible that your interest in this lady-killer is because he is so popular with the rest of the gals? From the way you talk about him he doesn't seem to be a prizewinner. I'm sure there are scores of other boys around who would enjoy your company. If, however, you're really stuck on him, I can just tell you to get in there and fight, and take your chances with the rest of his admirers.

An exclusive suburb is a place where a man owes more on his house than he does on his car.

Enjoy film

ABOUT 125 grade six and seven pupils from the Sechelt Elementary and Roberts Creek schools enjoyed the show, 300 Spartans on Friday afternoon.

This educational film about the Persian wars came at a time when the students were studying this subject in class and were quite familiar with the heroes.

George Cooper, principal of Sechelt Elementary school wishes to thank J. M. R. Hayes who ran the film at a minimum cost to the school children.

Teen-of-the-week

Don McLeod

DONALD McLEOD, of the Pender Harbour Secondary graduating class is President of the Future Teachers' Club. He is a soft spoken young man who never seems to be in a hurry; yet he rules the FTC with an iron hand and seems to have time for study, creative English, painting, drama, stamp collecting and model-making. He has taken part in dancing revues, plays, and pantomines, in which he always does a commendable job in entertaining. Recently he has tried his hand quite successfully at short story writing.

Don is in no hurry to go to UBC and commit himself to five year's study, although that is what he will ultimately do. He wants to work for a year in a bank, just to see what large amounts of currency looks like so that he can set his goals high in the professional world. Seriously he is a first class honour student in mathematics 91, who will be able to balance his books to an ink blot.

Don also dreams of travelling in Europe to visit all the great cultural centres, a dream that is being realized by many young people these days as world travel becomes almost a "must" to an educated person.

Time is Don's enemy. He detests being rushed. "What use is life, if full of care. We have no time to stand and stare?" Spring on the Sunshine Coast will find him staring and fairly soaking up impressions. The world needs the Don McLeod's as badly as it needs the scientists and engineers.

Return matches soon . . .

Battle Powell River Elphinstone loses

By Dean Robilliard

THREE basketball teams left Elphinstone last Saturday to play Max Cameron and Brooks of Powell River. There were a few unpleasant stops on the trip but the most unpleasant for the senior teams was Max. The senior girls were beaten by the gals of Max 28-6 and the Cougars were crushed by a powerful Max squad 96-28.

The one bright spot on the trip was the intermediate boys' triumph over Brooks. The team played well in their first game, with Bob Baptiste and Barry Quarry being the top point getters.

The boys from Brooks had good ball control but the aggressive play of the black and gold gained the 35-29 victory.

Both Brooks and Max were excellent hosts, serving pop and doughnuts to the teams. The cheerleaders put on a fine display for the fans.

A return match will be played at Elphi in the near future and the Cougars will try their best to counteract the powerful attack of the Tartans.

Intermediate Boys

Elphinstone (35) Quarry 12, Baptiste 11, Harris 5, Franke 3, Smith, Emerson 2.

Brooks (29) Christiansen, Levangie 8, Quinn 7, Tweedle 3, Christianson 2, Nassichuk 1.

Globetrotters

Mr. Yablonski and his wife took a busload of students to UBC's Memorial gym to see the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters. It was an enjoyable trip, but the majority of the students saw only half of the game. The scores of these games were:

Game No. 1—San Francisco Golden Gates, 106; Vancouver Harlem Nocturns 52.

Game No. 2—Harlem Globetrotters 104; UBC Braves 22.

A basketball tuorney is now in prospect involving Max Cameron, Squamish, Pemberton and Elphinstone.

HOUSE GAMES

The Elphinstone house games are generally well played. The boys and girls each share a week in the gym with this system continuing throughout the year. Sports played are soccer, volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, track and field and football. At present basketball is in full swing.

Huse Standings

Sabres 95, Mustangs 82, Bombers 76, Spitfires 65.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

The latest fad is yo-yos. There is talk of having a yo-yo contest and this should prove interesting.

The year book club has been busy taking snapshts of the daily activities of students.

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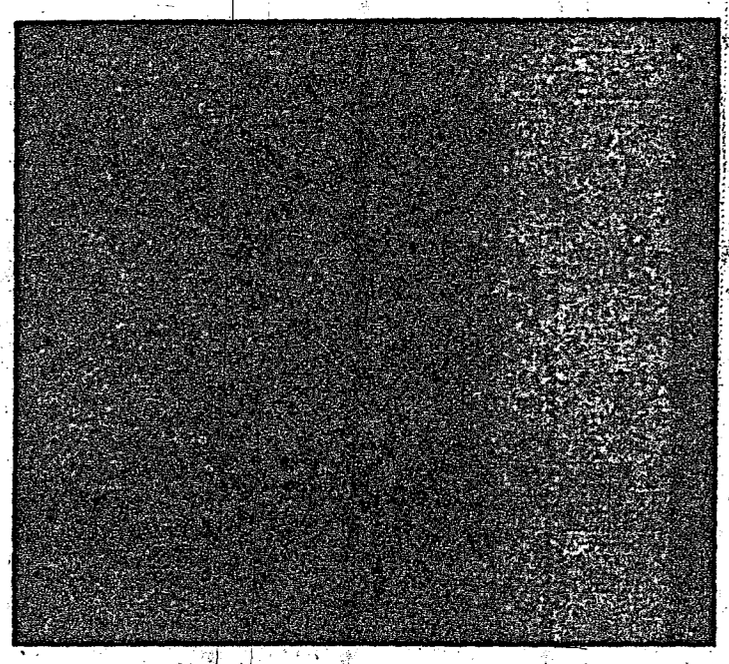

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Cost board $22,000 . . .

Madeira Park grounds under discussion

IMPROVEMENTS to the Madeira Park Elementary School grounds have cost Sechelt School District $22,000 to date and they are still a mess, according to board chairman, Mrs. Muriel Ball. The sum includes $5000 spent for rock work in the initial stages but does not include labor and use of equipment donated by the community club.

In discussing the board's next move concerning these grounds, Mrs. Ball pointed out there is nothing in the Act which prevents the board from leasing land, but all board members felt apprehensive about accepting a lease on the terms proposed by E. B. Clarke. They felt eventually they would have to buy back the improvements they would now make.

The Board decided the next move was up to the community club whose annual meeting will be January 28th.

REPORTS ON PROPERTY

Mrs. Celia Fisher, building and grounds committee for Gibsons area reported on the three potential sites for Gibsons Landing Elementary School expansion.

(1) English site—a letter was read from Chas. English stating he had changed his original plans over a year ago to comply with school board plans, but was now proceeding with his subdivision plans.

He stated his prices as those quoted previously, although Mrs. Fisher had asked for specific prices.

The Board still awaits the sanitation and drainage report of sanitary inspector, Barry MacDonald, also an estimate on the cost of ditching and draining.

(2) Another offer from Crosby, Smith and Garriott quoting a price on six acres as $9,000 as opposed to their original offer of 3.6 acres for $6,000. Two contractors, Jim Chaster and C. Sicotte had been asked to submit estimates for clearing and rough grading. Chaster's estimate was $850 - $900 an acre. Sicotte had not yet submitted his estimate.

(3) Propp's property is offered for $7500 cash or payable over five years at 4 percent interest. The size is 1.58 not 1.25 as previously quoted.

HONORARIUM

An honorarium of $40 a month plus taxi fare will be paid to Mrs. Vernon for her work with the Glee Club.

Mrs. Fisher was elected temporary chairman of the Sechelt transportation with the authority to call on the Sechelt representatives for assistance. The board found themselves in an awkward position regarding their plan to overhaul transportation in time for the calling of contracts in May due to the anticipated three-month absence of Mrs. Leslie Jackson, chairman of transportation for the Sechelt area.

Reg Spicer refused to take on the increased area. "Halfmoon Bay to Pender Harbour is what was handed me and I'll stick with that. It's unfortunate that we elect a member who is unable to attend to her job," he said.

J. Horvath enquired about any trustee who failed to attend a board meeting for three months. Secretary-treasurer A. Burns advised the board may ask for her resignation.

SALARY REPORT

Horvath submitted a report from BCSTA on the 1964 preliminary survey, teacher salary negotiations. They feel the present method is costly and unsatisfactory and urged each board to submit its views on the determination of practical salary objective for 1964, review of methods of determining salaries, salary policy and boards' education policy and role of staff and consultants in bargaining, conciliation and arbitration.

This the Board felt, the larger the group, the more involved contracts become, isolated districts prefer to negotiate by themselves because of differentials, and the South Coast branch composed of five or six boards sets policy on teachers' salaries and the other boards try to abide by it.

FINANCES

Safety factors costing $1400 are to be installed on the furnace at Elphinstone. This amount, plus $200 consulting engineer's fees, will be placed in the 1964 budget.

Mrs. Peggy Volen, finance chairman, requested permission to borrow $44,000 on the revolving credit plan to tide the board over until mid-February. Board has $28,000 on hand and requires $72,000. Mrs. Burns reported January checks received amounted to only $27,000 instead of the usual $60,000.

Gibsons school hall will be retained for community use, rather than be used as a paint shop. "The community considered the school, so now the board should consider the community," maintained Peggy Volen.

Where will land be purchased in Sechelt, was a question raised by trustees. Mrs. Ball explained this was a safety measure. Mrs. Burns advised the board had approached the Indian band regarding property at Porpoise Bay but the chief had died and the matter had proceeded no further.

Permission was granted Mrs. Burns to attend the secretary-treasurer's conference at Kelowna, May 4, 5, and 6.

Next board meeting will be January 27 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

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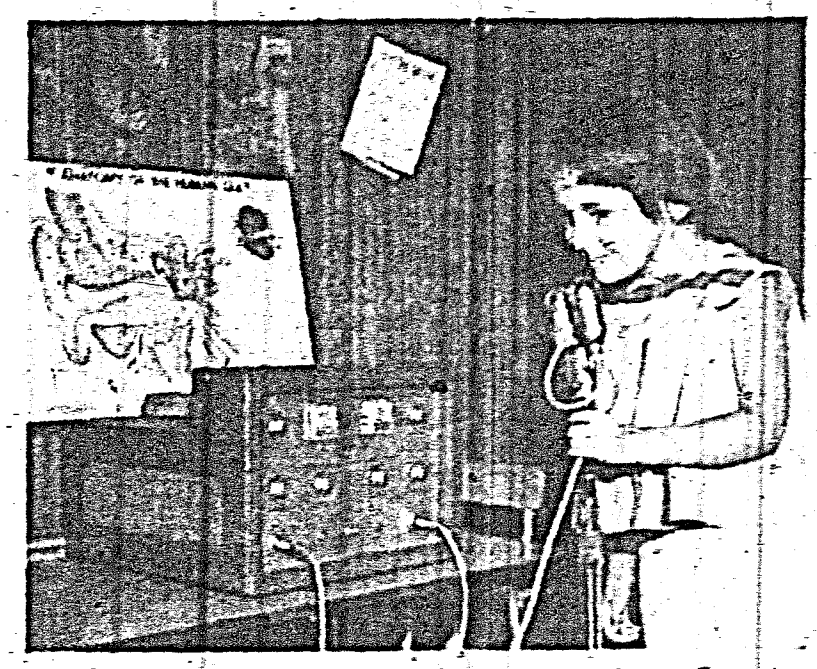

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Mothers March February 1st

Explains referendum . . .

Board chairman addresses meeting

MRS. N. BALL, chairman of the board of trustees School District No. 46 addressed the residents in Selma Park Community Centre last Tuesday evening. The subject for discussion was School Referendum No. 4. Most of the audience had with them the brochure which they had received via mail, so Mrs. Ball explained the items as listed. She pointed out the Gibsons elementary school was built in 1911, another small school, had been moved on to the ground from Nelson Island, and a new annex had been built on the same school grounds. If all these units were combined in a 13-room school on the required area of land, then the board would be able to build an activity room and other facilities, which would be on a shareable basis. The board was not allowed such facilities on a shareable baisis for small schools. A large school also ensures one class to a room instead of mixed classes to a room as is usual in small schools.

WHAT LAND?

A questin was asked as to what piece of land would be bought for $20,000. Mrs. Ball explained it would be used for any of three parcels of land offered, as outlined in the sketch in the brochure. Since that had been printed, prices and the cost of clearing, etc. had been established on three pieces of land.

Another question was why $10,000 for land in Sechelt, why so much secrecy as to exact location, and what type of school was proposed?

The trustee said there was no secrecy. The board just did not know where land was available, as the idea was to build a secondary school anywhere from Davis Bay to West Sechelt.

New courses are being started in September, and the foundations of the Elphinstone secondary school are such that no further additions can be made there, so with the expected influx of population due to the hospital being opened in Sechelt, it was felt that a junior secondary school would be needed in the Sechelt attendance area.

Another question was re the property already owned by school district in West Sechelt. It was explained a primary school would be built there when needed, but until the present rooms in Sechelt were filled, and the number of children were in the area, such school building would not be sanctioned by the department.

OCCUPATIONAL CLASS

Mrs. Ball explained the Occupational Class, which is a three year program designed to keep children in school until they are sixteen. These children are not qualified to handle a general or university course, so are given a practical training to fit them to earn a living. The apparent high cost for the Pender Harbour area was explained by the fact, it is a whole new building and equipment for industrial education and home economics. A fishing course was started this year in that school to prepare pupils for commercial fishing, and the course did not require special equipment or room. Qualified men are teaching net making, navigation, and boat building.

Someone in the audience remarked that with all this expansion additional staff would be required, and would that present a difficulty?

Mrs. Ball said it was not a problem, as this area was a preferred district among teachers, due to the attractions of a favorable climate, and the opportunity for the recreations of bathing, boating, fishing, and skiing. The district is the seventh richest in the province on the basis of number of pupils to total assessment. New teachers are on probation for one or two years before being taken on permanent staff.

Presents cheque

RALPH STEPHANSON, president of Sechelt Kinsmen presents a cheque for $464.57 to W. Milligan, hospital administrator and secretary of St. Mary's hospital society. Deputy governor, Bob Knapton of Vancouver looks on.

Eight places of worship . . .

St. Hilda's A.C. annual meeting

By Betty Williams

A YEAR of quiet achievement was reported at the annual meeting of St. Hilda's Anglican Church.

Since Rev. J. B. Fergusson was appointed assistant to the rector, Rev. D. F. Harris, additional points have been opened up for worship, making eight in all.

These are Community Church at Port Mellon; St. Batholomew's, Gibsons; St. Aidan's, Roberts Creek; St. Hilda's, Sechelt; The Church of His Presence, Redroofs; Legion Hall, Madeira Park; St. Mary's Garden Bay and the Community Hall at Egmont—a wide territory for two men to cover.

The new slate of officers for the coming year was elected by acclamation. They are: Vicar's warden, Syd Redman; People's warden, Ivan Smith; secretary, Mrs. B. Rankin; treasurer, J. Dunn; maintenance officer, J. Northcote; delegate to the Synod, S. Dawe; alternate delegate, F. Stone; WA representative, Mrs. S. Dawe; senior sidesman, A. W. Williams; council members, Mrs. C. A. Jackson and Fred Taylor.

An ovation was accorded to J. Northcote for all his work in the past year, a considerable amount of landscaping has been done and the flower beds were a riot of color from early spring to late fall, and were a joy to resident and visitor alike.

Mr. Harris announced the Right Reverend Godfrey Gower, Bishop of New Westminster, will be on the Peninsula in June, when there will be two services of confirmation, one of which will be at St. Hilda's.

Confirmation classes will be starting very shortly. Anyone interested should contact Rev. D. F. Harris of Gibsons or Rev. J. B. Fergusson at Sechelt.

One difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Parliament meets.

S.D. 46 26th richest

THE following letter was received from the Deputy Minister of Education recently in answer to where School District 46 stood in relation to other Districts in terms of volume of assessment.

"In reply to your letter of November 23rd, 1963, we would advise that the Department has checked and there are 25 other School Districts in the province where the volume of assessment as given to us exceed that of School District No. 46 (Sechelt). The assessment of your district is approximately $32,000,000. As the assessment and the tax levy for school purposes is determined by Municipalities or Provincial Assessment Branch rather than the Department of Education, we are not aware of the reported deficit rural education fund or the diversion of fund as was reported.

"The grants to School Districts to fluctuate annually due to the volume of assessment in the School District for that year. This did produce the reserve in grants for the School District, the amounts of the district's share and the government grant for school cost would be verified at the Board Office.

"Land which is not longer required for school purposes may be sold by the Board after its receives the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. When such lands are sold the funds are paid by the purchaser directly to the Board and such funds are used by the School Board for shareable capital expenditures such as sites, buildings, equipment, etc. as approved by the Minister. No funds are diverted to the Department. See Section 169 (3) (4) 191.

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Mrs. W. Anderson . . .

Oldtimer returns to Porpoise Bay

By Betty Williams

VISITING Mrs. Porte and Mrs. Johnsen at Porpoise Bay is Mrs. W. Anderson, no stranger in our midst. Mrs. Anderson, with her husband and two daughters, came from Scotland 38 years ago, direct to Sechelt Inlet were Mr. Anderson was a commercial fisherman.

Two more daughters were born here and when they grew up a terrible tragedy occurred. While still living at Doriston, three of the girls were lost in the treacherous waters of the Skookum Chuck while they were rowing across to the store at Egmont.

By some strange plan, Doris had not accompanied her sisters and she grew up to lovely womanhood, married and had a daughter of her own—Donna—who is her grandmother's pride and joy. Doris and her husband Charles Stubbs, and Donna, moved to Campbell River several years ago, and being widowed, Mrs. Anderson joined them last year. She finds Sechelt and its associations exert a strong claim on her affections.

Friends and acquaintances will be interested to know that Donna was married last November to Donald Hunter, formerly of Calgary, but for some time a ward of Canon Proctor of Campbell River. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the young couple are settled in Campbell River.

Mrs. Anderson visited her brother Charles Melrose at Christina Lake in the West Kootenays for Christmas, and she is now calling on as many of her old friends in this vicinity as time allows. Further plans are for a leisurely trip to the United Kingdom for the whole summer, leaving in early May.

CORRECTION

The machine clearing the right-of-way is a privately owned machine belonging to Later's of Canada, not to the department of public works as stated.

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Ray Grigg aboard the "Atlanta"

Views Foreign

—By Ray Grigg

Mexico IV

THE Pan American Highway gradually shrinks in width and quality as it counts off the latitudes south of Mexico City. From the 7,000 foot elevation of this interior plateau it takes a south-easterly course, gradually descending to the semi-tropical atmosphere that befits a latitude of 15 degrees north.

The area surrounding Oaxaca, the major regional city that lies about three hundred miles from the nation's capital, is in contrast, a district rolling with flat hills. The boredom of the plateau's tabletop and semi- aridity has been replaced by an area displaying more of nature's activity. Rivers are more common and the land is righter with grain, truck crops and sugar cane.

With the prosperity for flora, so is there a greater prosperity for the people. They still possess the characteristics of peasantry but the more prolific growth provides them with a greater abundance and variety of food. Citrus fruits, mangos, bananas, mellons and other edibles are more commonly grown. Water for drinking and irrigating is more accessible. Many of the hardships that are so prevalent in the northern dryness have been extensively relieved.

TEHUANTEPEC

At sea level, the Isthmus of Tehuantepec hosts all the characteristics of a sub-tropical climate. Wild grasses reach as high as six feet from the organic soil. Banana plants and coconut palms grow profusely in the roadside fields. Acres of sugar cane attest to some of the wealth derived from the correct combination of the elements of sky and earth. Clusters of bamboo accompany the presence of water. Here, the sun burns hotly, unmoderated by the cooling of altitude. The humidity has increased appreciably and the heat has become more penetrating.

The town of Tehuantepec snuggles beside a river of the same name and is only several miles from the warm Pacific. It has a character that is quite different from the other places of Mexico. In addition to the nearly tropical environment, it possesses an intriguing combination of age and compactness. Of relatively small area, Tehuantepec's gathering of heavily constructed brick and adobe buildings portrays a permanence and a security that is lacking in many Mexican towns of a comparble size.

Perhaps the impression is created by the coziness of its tan buildings nestled within the towering palms; the dark green of breeze-rustled fronds waving above the orange tiled roofs. Only the cathedral spires and the clock of the town hall reach higher than the palms toward the cloud-splashed sky.

This southern portion of Mexico is much more culturally pure. It has been less influenced by the detrimental presence of tourists. The shoeshine boys are nearly extinct as are all those others who are sustained by the visiting foreigner. There does not exist the atmosphere of distrust that is not so much evidenced as felt. The rhythm of simple life is undisturbed by the pressure of guided tours, souvenir salesman and the merlad of other false professions that spoil authenticity. Everyone lives by the pulse of crops and the pace of nature. The area is agrarian, unhurried and uncomplicated by the compulsive speed of industrialization.

GENEROSITY AND CO-OPERATION

The generosity and co-operation of the Mexicans is revealed in many places at many times. Although it exists with politeness in police and customs officers, it seems to me most unselfishly donated from the lower classes. On many occasions we had people go to elaborate inconvenience to direct us or instruct us to a particular place. But it always came with a simplicity and a sincerity that made us even more grateful of the favour because it issued from the desire to be helpful and not from the obligation to be useful. Not always were the directions and advice in agreement with those of others but they were sincere even in their error.

FIRST INSTANCE

Two instances strike me as occasions in which I felt the closest communion with Mexican peasantry. The first occurred when Mike and I were trudging along the road from Tehuantepec to Yuchitan. With the weight of our packs and the heat of the sun we were making slow progress. Gradually, a tiny caravan overtook us. A farmer was leading a loaded burro while his wife followed with a baby in her arms. As the man approached, we greeted each other and were soon engrossed in conversation. The limitations of my Spanish and his information restricted the scope of our discussion but, by the time the little troop passed us by, we had evolved a friendship. He looked back and waved several times before disappearing around the corner of the palm-bordered roadway.

We ware passing a hut that rested in a patch of dust surrounded by a stick fence. At the corner of the building three naked children stood watching us. A pig was sleeping in the dirt in the shade of the wall. Suddenly, we heard a shout!

"Amigos! Refrescos?"

It took several seconds for the message to register and for us to detect its source. Beside the stick wall stood our newly-made friend. A large grin lit his face as he extended his invitation for refreshments.

We accepted hesitantly and then marched into the little yard. The children sceptically gathered together near a well surrounded by adobe bricks and roofed with palm fronds. The pig scurried to more distant shade. The man and his wife humbily presented themselves and introduced their children. Then they brought forth two bottles of soda pop and gave them to us. The drink was warm but tasty and refreshing.

Their material well-being was such as to make us feel guilty drinking such a luxury as soda pop. The family's house was circular, about 20 feet in diameter. The walls were constructed of sticks placed vertically side by side and secured together and to the meager frame by dried vines and reeds. The roof was a thick covering of palm fronds layed upsidedown and again fastened with vines. There was an opening for the door but no windows. The dirt floor was padded hard by bare feet and swept clean until it resembled smooth concrete. Several chickens strutted through the hut. From our outside position, I could detect no trace of furniture. A small pocket of stones indicated the cooking facilities.

The woman said little and the children nothing but the farmer chatted confidently, frequently smiling proudly at his guests. I do not believe we ever said anything noteworthy but the mere success of communicating was sufficient reward.

We were both honoured by the existence of our mutual friendship. Despite the polarity of our individual histories: cultural, social, economic, religious, linguistic, we had come together. We had both taken measures toward a compromise of differences, the result being a fortress built upon good-will and reinforced by trust, humility, acceptance. It was this unexpressed understanding that provoked the broad smile on the sun-burnt face of this sensation that warmed the Mexican farmer and the same hearts of we two "Canadienses". It was a force of common bondage of pierage that fasnned the often intraversable chasm of human differences: the recognition and utilization of the elemental similarity in the species "homo sapien".

SECOND INSTANCE

The road from Yuchitan to Tapachula is not as traversable as the optimism of Mexican road maps indicate. This authorative information coupled with out curiosity of the nation's railways prompted us to try the train.

In the late afternoon we arrived at the station, a conventionally rural depot with a generous supply of clay frontage. After paying our fares (20 pesos or approximately $1.60) we located ourselves as comfortably as possible in the adjoining waiting shed. Most of the primitive benches were occupied by sprawled-out sleepers and a substantial portion of the concrete floor taken by reclining workers and their families. Before nightfall we were all driven outside by a man with a hose who authoratively began to wash out the premises. He was probably unsuccessful in his attempt to induce some vestige of sanitation but, managed easily to make the place uninhabitable until next day. This is a typical example of the minor oversights for which the Mexicans are particularly prone.

After settling in a concavity in the clay, I found myself in conversation with a cheerful peasant. His attire was similar to that of his companeros: a straw sombrero, a loose smock, a pair of sloppy trousers tied at the waist with a cord. His feet were bare. Our initial interchange of words assumed the usual ritualistic sequence.

"Buenos noches!" (Good

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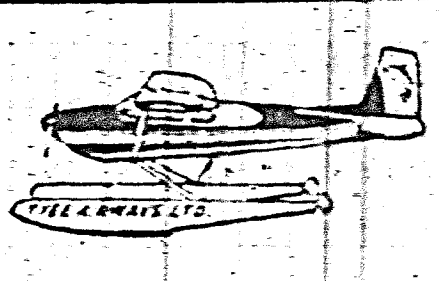

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President Installed

E. OSBORNE, president-elect of Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce is welcomed to office by Chris Johnston, chairman of the Sechelt Village Commission.

Jack Davis speaks . . .

Sechelt chamber installs officers

E. OSBORNE, 1964 president and E. W. Booth, vice-president of the Sechelt and district chamber of commerce were installed at the Chamber's annual smorgasbord and dance held in the legion hall. Chris Johnston, chairman of the Sechelt village commission, performed the installation ceremony in the presence of many members and guests.

Out-of-town guests included Jack Davis, MP for Coast Capilano; Mrs. Vincent, secretary of the Powell River Chamber of Commerce; Royal Murdoch of Pender Harbour, president of District 1, lower mainland Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Murdoch; K. F. McHeffey, president of Gibsons and district chamber of commerce, and Mrs. McHeffey; J. Dunlop of Egmont, president of Pender Harbour and district chamber of commerce and Mrs. Dunlop.

Immediate past president, Cliff Connor reported a favorable year. "The membership is beginning to realize this is not a club for front street merchants but a place for every citizen to voice his or her opinions," he said. President elect, E. Osborne presented him with a gavel made by Ted Cooke.

DAVIS SPEAKS

Osborne said he realized the responsibilities of his position and went on to extoll the natural potential of this area. He mentioned sport and commercial fishing, timber, minerals, farm land and tourist potential. He felt the chamber of commerce was the sounding board for the area. He then introduced Jack Davis who gave a report from parliament hill.

Davis said the Canadian economy was picking up and the export picture was good. An economic council is being set up to establish trends and a new department of industry organized to look after areas depressed as a result of lowered tariff barriers.

He explained the new mulilateral approach (buy or sell to anyone) as opposed to the outdated bilateral approach of only two countries trading. Under the new arrangement ground rules provide any trading arrangements made between two countries will apply to all countries in the free world. This will not affect Canada too much yet since we export raw materials and most of the negotiating is being done on manufactured items.

Davis said the federal government is trying to promote understanding between employer and employee. They hope to raise the minimum wage to $1.25 an hour all across Canada.

REDRAW ELECTORAL MAP

The government plans to redraw the electoral map of Canada on the basis of representation by population. At present one Quebec riding has a member for 5,000 electors while one in Ontario has one member for 250,000 voters. The new plan would give BC 25-26 federal ridings.

The age limit for voting will be reduced to 18, adding another ¾ million voters.

In the field of public welfare Davis reports the government hopes to add a pay-as-you-go levy of 1 percent of income on both employers and employees. A self-employed person would pay 2 percent of income. This plan would add $75 a month at the age of 70 to the $75 a month already paid under the old age pension plan.

Budget deficit is being reduced and the economy is growing rapidly, according to Davis. The unemployment insurance fund will balance itself when less than 4 percent of the labor force is unemployed. BC projects, which mean new jobs are the Columbia River development and the new bank.

COLUMBIA RIVER

He spoke in favor of the Columbia River development saying it was not a sellout but would add $275 million to the BC economy. We are damming back our flood waters during the freshet season to release them gradually throughout the year. He admitted we were surrendering some of our sovereignity in a limited way for a period of 50 years. After that, theoretically the treaty may be scrapped on 10 years' notice. Also, we have retained the right to divert the upper waters of the Columbia for any purpose except primarily power. The building of three huge dams will employ thousands of people.

The government plans to renegotiate the fishing limits off both coasts. They are trying to establish the prniciple of boundaries from headland to headland. This would place Hecate Strait in Canadian territorial waters. The government also proposes to work for a 15-mile limit outside the straight line.

Tourism should improve the Canadian-US balance of payments.

Right now we buy one-billion dollars worth more each year than we sell, and as a result have had to sell out ownership and control of our natural resources.

BREAKWATER

Finally, getting to the local scene, Davis urged the chamber of commerce to mobilize all available information in a well documented and objective brief for him to present to Ottawa to substantiate his claim for a breakwater at Sechelt. A breakwater at Sechelt, Davis felt, would encourage small boat tourists to stay in BC waters longer since a shelter here would permit them to travel to northern waters. This would mean more tourist dollars.

Also, with Coal Harbour being filled in, it is logical to assume some of the boats presently berthed there could berth at a breakwater at Sechelt.

Magistrate A. Johnston thanked Davis, also the retiring president, C. Connor and M. C. Charlie Gregory.

Adresses Chamber of Commerce

JACK DAVIS, MP for Coast Capilano addresses members and guests of Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce at the annual smorgasbord and installation of officers Saturday.

Bridge is big hazard

OVER a period of three years the Grantham's bridge has been the scene of accidents amounting to $7204 in property damage, involving 29 vehicles in 15 separate accidents. All this has occurred at one point of the road, and most of these accidents have occurred when the road and the bridge was wet and slippery.

As the daily traffic has increased so have the accidents. In 1961 there were three accidents and the average daily count of vehicles between Port Mellon and Gibsons totalled 530. There is no recorded count on vehicles between Langdale and Gibsons. In 1962 the average daily number of vehicles increased to 800 while the accident count rose to 12.

Gibsons F.D. hold banquet

GIBSONS and area volunteer fire department members and their wives were guests of the village of Gibsons at a smorgasbord supper and dance held at Danny's dining room.

Mrs. Corlett, retiring representative on the village commission was presented with a bouquet of flowers, a gift and a colored picture of the firemen by fire chief Bill Scott, who also spoke highly of the service she had rendered the fire department while she was on the commission.

Fred Feeney, the new fire commissioner, was introduced, although he is a member of the department.

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Views Foreign

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evening) he asked and I returned the salutation. Then, of course, we asked of each other's health and both replied, "Muy bien, gracias." (Very well, thank you.) ??

"De donde viene?" (From where have you come?) he asked.

"De Canada."

"Canada?" was his reply. The expression reflected obvious perplexity.

Recognizing that he did not know where Canada was located but knew of its existence, I explained, "Canada es norte the los Estados Unidos." (Canada is north of the United (States.)

His eyes lit with insight and he spoke with an enthusiasm that seemed childish. "Ah, Es muy lejos. Es muy frio, tambien." (It's far away. It's very cold, too.)

Then we both laughed.

I agreed that Canada was far away but attempted to correct his impression of the climate. Granted, it would be chilly waltzing bare-footed on winter streets but there were, I explained, times when it was as warm as here in Yuchitan.

I suppose it was their inquisitiveness and the long wait until 2:30 a.m. that stimulated a most engrossing discussion. I soon felt like a lecturer surrounded by attentive pupils. Nearly a dozen men were sitting in a semi-circle about me, all were as interested as any teacher's concept of the ideal student. They asked questions and I in my limited Spanish, answered as best I could. When vocabulary failed, gestures assisted as we dealt with subjects ranging from national brotherhood in the "Americas" to the structure of the solar system. For the former topic, they felt strongly and warmly but for the latter, they knew nothing. The lesson ended when I became hoarse.

When I awoke about 1:30 a.m. from the semi-comfort of the ground and limited mosquitos, about 200 people were amassed in front of the station. Most of the children were sleeping on the clay or wrapped in sarapes. Men and women were arranged in various sized groups, standing, squatting and curled asleep with their belongings. Baskets of fruits, vegetables, chickens, piglets and clothing spotted the ground.

The lone light in the front of the station cast an eerie and dramatic variety of shadows. The shadows were people dressed in dirty cottons and wrapped in shawls and blankets as they waited. Some moved. Men walked to a nearby tree to excrete while children did not take the bother to move away an effective distance. Even in the cool night air the smell was present. Tomorrow, under the hot sun, it would be much worse. Women with their black coarse hair hanging in a lone braid to the middle of their backs walked to the train tracks to squat. In a manner nearly lady-like, with their long skirts bellowing about their feet, they paused only momentarily.

The occasional goat wandered through the throng eating orange peelings and other discarded edibles. 2:30 a.m. arrived and the train still had not come. A pig who had ventured to the wrong side of the tracks was sent squealing away by dogs in pursuit. The shuffle of restless bodies and the occasional cry of a child were the only other sounds.

At dawn everyone crowded into three coaches and the 250 miles of jolting and swaying began. There were insufficient seats so the aisles were half full of standing passengers. Baggage was piled in corners and then sat upon. Chickens that were tied to the legs of seats made messes that ran into the aisles. Paper and discarded remains of fruit were cast indiscretely onto the floor. Air conditioning was unheard of and the windows would not open wide enough to cool or ventilate the coaches. Fortunately, at every stop of the train, vendors thronged to the windows selling fruits, pastries, fish and bread. Such could be considered brief restoration periods for the passengers, both Mexican and Canadian, until they reached Tapachula near the Guatamalan border.

LCB MISSES

Jack Mayne reports a representative from the Liquor Control Board in Victoria came last week to purchase his property on Cowrie Street, but he had already sold it to V. Richter. Mayne wrote to the LCB about three months ago offering this property for sale.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of WILSON CREEK COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

ASSETS	
Cash Dec. 31, 1962	$ 262.00
Rentals, etc. 1963	331.00
	$ 593.00
Expenses,	
Janitor	$ 188.00
Light	32.00
Heating	84.00
Taxes	80.00
Water	54.00
Misc.	14.00
Cash Dec. 31, 1963	$ 141.00
Furniture, etc.	1,000.00
Land	1,600.00
Hall & Scout Hall	9,500.00
Total Assets	$12,241.00
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	
Accounts Payable (Paid in Jaunary)	$ 61.00
Net Worth, Dec. 31, 1963	12,180.00
	$12,241.00

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