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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 1963 10c

New fire truck

STANDING by the newly-arrived fire truck are Walter Waddell, secretary of the volunteer fire department, Mrs. Christine Johnson, chairman of the Sechelt village commission and Tom Parrish, fire chief.

—Photo by Denis Gray

Started in WW II . . .

History of Sechelt volunteer fire dept.

THIS volunteer organization for the protection of people and property against the hazard of fire really goes back to some left over hose and a hand cart used by the ARP during Word War II. In 1949 an effort was made to to provide more adequate equipment, not only for fire fighting, but for the training of volunteer personnel.

MacMillan - Bloedel Company donated a chassis, on which was built a water tank. The welding required was done in the Standard Motors by the men under the supervision of Reg Jackson. A second hand water tank fire truck was purchased from Haney in 1953. These were housed, one in a shack on Cowrie Street and one by courtesy of Mr. L. Hansen, in his firm's warehouse. The money required for the purchase, re-modelling, running expenses, were collected by the firemen in an annual door-to-door canvass fund.

The brigade was finally incorporated under the Societies Act November, 1956. This was done so that the area protected would not be restricted to the village of Sechelt which was incorporated the same year.

The fire protection area extends from the Girl Guide Camp at Wilson Creek thru Davis Bay, Selma Park, Sechelt village, the Indian village, Porpoise Bay and West Sechelt.

Now it is necessary for the door-to-door canvass to be only in the area outside the two villages and Selma Park Improvement District, as these organized areas make an annual grant to the fire brigade. The brigade has never made a charge for attending a fire, which is he usual method in other rural areas. In fact, in same places, rates are as high as $100 per half hour.

In 1956 arangements were made with the village for a 25 year lease at a nominal rental of $1.00 per year for land on which to build a fire hall, on Inlet Avenue facing Mermaid Street. Volunteer labor built the hall, which is

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Next publication . . .

THE NEXT edition of the Sechelt Peninsula Times will be published on Wednesday, January 8.

Accident victim out of wheelchair

WORD has been received that George Wedley who was involved in an accident in which Alex Hunchak was killed is now out of his wheelchair.

Mrs. Pat Wedley is improving also in spite of her extensive injuries. They are both greatly cheered by the many expressions of goodwill they have received from friends on the Peninsula.

Auxiliary buys . . .

Operating table for new hospital

A CHEQUE for the sum of $1785.68 was presented by Mrs. C. Connor, president of Sechelt hospital auxiliary to the Hospital society for the purchase of an operating table for the new hospital.

The 1964 slate of officers were elected and will be installed on January 10th. Elected were: president—Mrs. J. Redman; vice-president—Mrs. A. Moscrip; secretary—Mrs. A. Redman; treasurer—Mrs. G. Reeves; publicity officer—Mrs. B. Fearnley.

Mr. Cave of Vancouver showed samples of materials to the members to make selections for curtains and drapes for the hospital and nurse's residence. The ladies also agreed to make up these drapes.

Mrs. Connor thanked the executive, committees and members for their wonderful support during her term of office. She reported a busy and financially successful year. They raised money through two smorgasbords, candy sale at the P.T.A. variety night, operated two concessions at the May day festivities, sold baby clothes, apples and holly, raffled a donated tapestry. Also, the drama club contributed proceeds from their plays to the auxiliary.

This energetic organization also canvassed for dues for St. Mary's hospital society, collected coupons for coffee urns, started a memorial fund for the pediatric ward, and entered a second-prize winning float in the May day parade.

Mrs. Connor also reported she had attended a meeting of the Indian council of women and explained the object of their organization and invited the Indian women to join them.

This active group has a membership of 48, with 10 associate members.

Three present . . .

No quorum for Sechelt school board meeting

SECHELT school district board was unable to hold their regular meeting because of lack of a quorum. The three members present, chairman Reg. Spicer, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Jackson went into committee. They recommended maintenance man, Harry Chaster's report concerning an engineer's report on Elphinstone be carried out as soon as possible.

Since publicity will be passing into other hands before this referendum is put, Mrs. Jackson suggested the newly elected trustees should be included in any discussion of plans.

"My ideas may not fall into the plans of the next group," she said. On posters, "my plans are not in agreement with others," she said. Spicer arranged a meeting of the three trustees present and Celia Fisher and Peggy Volen.

SOCCER CLUB REQUEST

A request from Fred Jorgenson and Ted Farewell to use Sechelt activity room for extra training and coaching for the Legion sponsored soccer club was questioned. "Why aren't they using the Legion hall if they are sponsored by the Legion?" enquired a trustee. It was agreed to look into the matter further, and if satisfactory, recommend it.

R. Rathbone has been appointed to replace Mr. Benson on maintenance staff in the Pender area.

Secretary treasurer Mrs. A. Burns stated D and J sections of the budget are ready to work on. Date for budget meeting was set. Mrs. Ball suggested the new trustees be invited to sit in, but Spicer said: "We've never done it in the past." Mrs. Jackson agreed, saying: "The new ones can make alterations. We're just getting it going."

Air Service Co. opens new office

SECHELT Air Services Ltd. opened a new office in Sechelt, Fred Schroeder, owner and operator announced.

Schroeder, originally a faller, bought a small aircraft to get efficient transportation. He soon found the other boys needed a ride home too, so he quit logging and bought a second aircraft to fly loggers in and out of camps. Now he operates four air-sea planes.

Prison term for juvenile

A JUVENILE was committed to Brannen Lake industrial school for an indefinite period when found delinquent in the theft of an automobile. William Lucmanpira of West Sechelt was fined $50 and costs for driving without due care and attention.

Hubert Arnold Joe and Lloyd Jeffries both of Sechelt were fined $50 each and forfeited eight bottles of Martell brandy when found in possession of the liquor without having proper excise stamps.

Ribbon cut . . .

New Credit Union for Pender Harbour

MRS. M. WARNOCK, original charter member, cut the ribbon in the opening ceremonies of the new building of Pender Harbour credit union.

This credit union formed in 1947, with headquarters at Irvines Landing has showed steady growth. The financial statement of June 1947 for the first quarter shows three loans had been made totalling $325, and on these loans $10 had been repaid at that date leaving loans in force amounting to $315.

Share value for that first quarter totalled $522.35 with 23 members and two depositors, and a total on deposit of $13.49. Liabilities amounted to $542.84 and assets to $519.70 due to an operational loss of $23.14.

This first financial statement was signed by Fred M. Warnock and Edward G. Warnock, members of the supervisory committee. The original directors were Cedric Reid, W. Scoular, L. Hambly, J. H. Daly and Martin Warnock, all fishermen.

SHOWS GROWTH

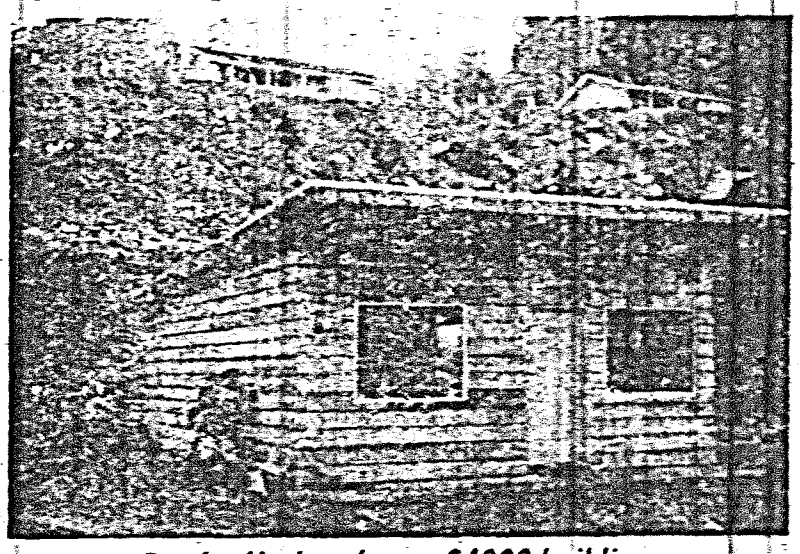
The financial statement for April 1955 when this credit union became a member of the Credit Union League, showed membership increased from the original 23 to 210. There were 89 loans out totalling $56,000, share value $53,000, and total assets $73,000. Loans made since inception to this date amounted to $119,000.

The growth of this credit union is manifest by a comparison of these financial statements with the latest one, November 1963. At this date there are 369 members, loans out just under $85,000, share value just under $77,000 and total assets $130,000, with the number of loans since inception 1,234.

After the opening of this building which cost approximately $4,000 to construct, coffee and donuts were served. James J. Hewitt, field representative for the B.C. Credit Union League was present and took pictures.

Credit Union Building

MRS. M. WARNOCK, charter member of the Credit Union of Pender Harbour seen above cutting ribbon to open the new building.



Pender Harbour's new $4000 building

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RCMP warn . . .

Carbon monoxide gas causes winter deaths

POLICE have issued a warning on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning following the death of a young couple in the province recently.

The gas, which is generated within the exhaust of a motor vehicle, claims most of its victims during the winter months when one is apt to sit with the motor running.

Drivers, therefore are urged to take the following precautions: have the exhaust system of your car checked and always keep one window in the car slightly open even on cold days;

—when stuck in snow or mud, or waiting in the car, never leave the engine running to keep warm unless fresh air is entering the car constantly;

—open garage doors before warming up engine, or better yet, drive the car outside first;

—if the car is stuck in a snowbank, shovel snow away from the exhaust pipe before starting the engine. A snow clogged exhaust will not only stall the engine, but worse, can force deadly fumes back into the car;

—close ventilators as a protection against other exhaust fumes of other cars when stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

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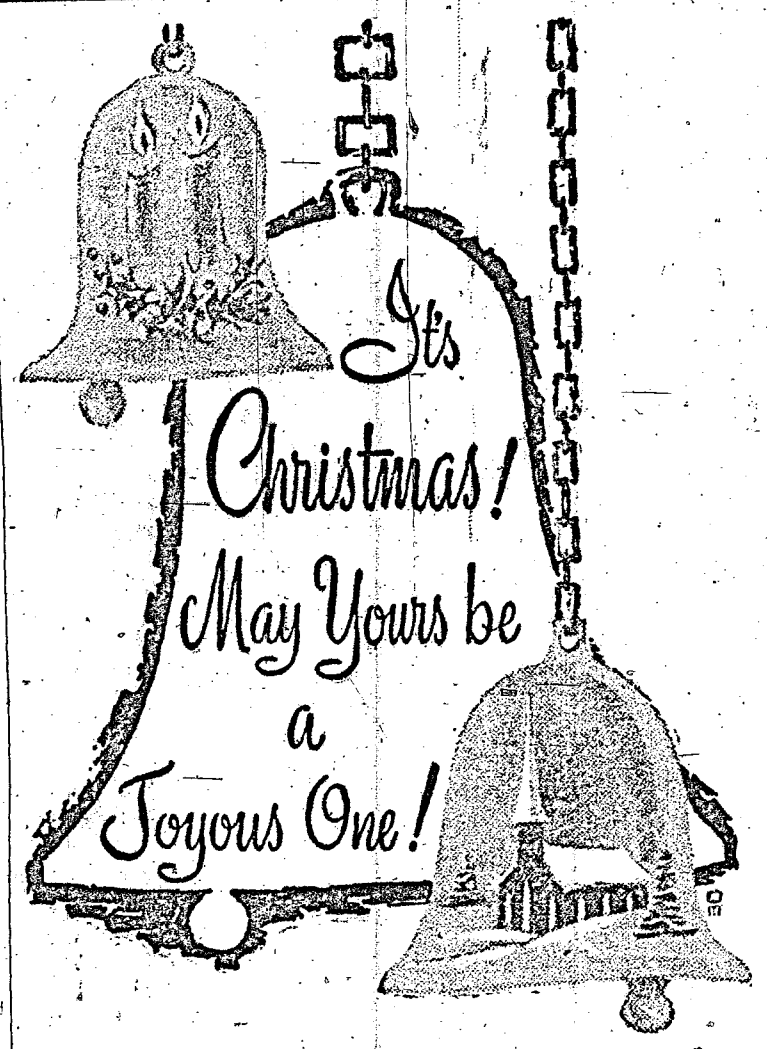

From the Clayton's and Staff
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Pender Harbour . . .

Rev. W. S. Ackroyd's Christmas message

CHRISTMAS will soon be upon us again. To some, it will be just a holiday, to others a time for family reunion, but to many, a time to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Of this last group, will the remembrance of Christ be crowded out by Christmas celebrations to gain honor to ourselves, instead of giving honor to the one who is worthy of all praise?

Rev. W. S. Ackroyd

Christ taking upon himself the form of a helpless babe, is the greatest example of humility, and in so doing became a reproach unto men, that he might offer himself upon a tree as God's only gift that can redeem man.

The angels announced, "on earth peace and goodwill toward men." What a wonderful promise. Yet, before we criticize the unrest and violence in the world today, may we look into our own hearts and see if we do not rob ourselves and others of that peace by aligning ourselves in the mad Christmas rush, worrying, going into debt, losing hours of rest in an endless preparation to gain one happy day, in which some will be too tired to enjoy, and others disappointed in not receiving what was anticipated.

As to goodwill toward men, will we be guilty of respect of persons, as condemned in James Chp. 2, thus dishonoring the one whose birth we claim to celebrate, by simply exchanging gifts with friends, rather than giving to those in need. Jesus said "In as much as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Mathew 25:40.

SECHELT TAXI
JACK JONAS

E. Surtees heads Legion

ANNUAL meeting and election of officers of Royal Canadian Legion, Sechelt Branch No. 140, was held Friday. E. Surtees was elected president for the coming year, with first vice-president, S. F. Waters, second vice-president, R. F. Ormhard, secretary-treasurer, C. G. Lucken, and corresponding secretary, Miss G. Alegris.

Executive members are W. K. Sheridan, C. Brookman, C. E. King, R. M. Thompson, E. J. Caldwell, J. Heskin, W. J. Mayne, and Wm. Coffey.

F. G. Wall is welfare officer, responsible for advising veterans on pensions, financial problems, visiting the sick members at home or in hospital.

Sergeant-at-arms is V. Mitchell, and Mayne, Brookman, and Surtees were appointed to the Poppy Fund committee. Zone commander, Tish Schont of Powell River, installed the officers and the officers of the Ladies Auxiliary.

This Legion branch sponsors Boy Scouts Association, Junior Olympic Training Club, Sechelt Peninsula Athletic Club, and a junior soccer team. Every two weeks a teen age dance is held, and regular games are held for the bingo fans. The branch also has a licensed club room in Selma Park.

After installation of all officers, the Ladies Auxiliary served refreshments. During the week the home of Mrs. C. G. Lucken had been opened to 22 members of the auxiliary for the annual Christmas luncheon and exchange of gifts.

Game served . . .

Rod and Gun Club hold 10th banquet

SECHELT Peninsula Rod and Gun club held its tenth annual game banquet in the Roberts Creek hall with over 200 guests sitting down to a hot dinner of venison, elk and moose catered by Ole Elmholdt and assisted by Sechelt Kinettes.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ralton of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson of Powell River.

Chairman Harry Batchelor called upon Cpl. Nelson to give the toast to the Queen, and upon Frank Newton to say Grace. Following the banquet, Batchelor outlined the success of the junior program which saw 31 juniors successfully pass the department of recreation and conservation exam this year.

Ralton, editor and publisher of the Northwest Sportsman gave a short talk on the rights and privileges of sportsmen. Wilson, a conservation officer for the area thanked the law enforcement officers for their co-operation with his department. Nelson spoke of the activities of the Pemberton club and the value of fish and game clubs.

PRESENTS PRIZES

Chairman of the fishing committee, Don Caldwell presented a plywood boat to president H. Batchelor, winner of the summer fishing derby. Batchelor's salmon weighing 44½ pounds also entitled him to the club's Kingfish trophy, donated by Lou Fox. This trophy is awarded to the club member catching the largest salmon in local waters during the season.

Next project of the club will be a turkey [illegible] on the Wilson Creek grounds on Sunday, December [illegible] commencing at noon.

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PENDER HARBOUR NEWS

TWO WEDDINGS of interest to the Harbour this past week.

Carol Johnston and Dianne Dusenberry picked Friday the 13th for their wedding date.

Carol Johnston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Johnston was married to Mr. Alfred W. Hardy of North Vancouver. The ceremony took place at St. Andrews United Church with the reception being held at Jeffer's Floral Room, Lnsdale, North Vancouver. Mr. Lloyd Davis of Garden Bay proposed the toast to the Bride.

Dianne Dusenberry was married to M. Bernie Randall of Vancouver.

NIMRODS

The local nimrods have all returned from the distant hunting grounds, with stories of much game and wonderful experiences and freezers full of game meat to prove it.

Doug Feilding, Eric Antilla, Harold Klein, Bill Clayton made a safari to Burns Lake. They bagged 4 moose and 5 deer.

Len Larson and his pal Wally Schultz from Vancouver took off for the East Kootenay area and came home with 1 elk and 2 deer.

Henry Whittaker and John West of Egmont, trekked up to Wells Grey Park and brought home a dandy bull moose.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There was an executive meeting of the Pender Harbour Chamber of Commerce Dec. 16. This is the first meeting since the election of officers. Every one turn out. Meeting is to be held at the Pender Harbour Hotel Banquet Room. Dinner at 7, meeting at 8 p.m.

RESIGNATIONS

Elsie Friesen, practical nurse, resigned from the staff of St. Mary's hospital to take a position in Nanaimo.

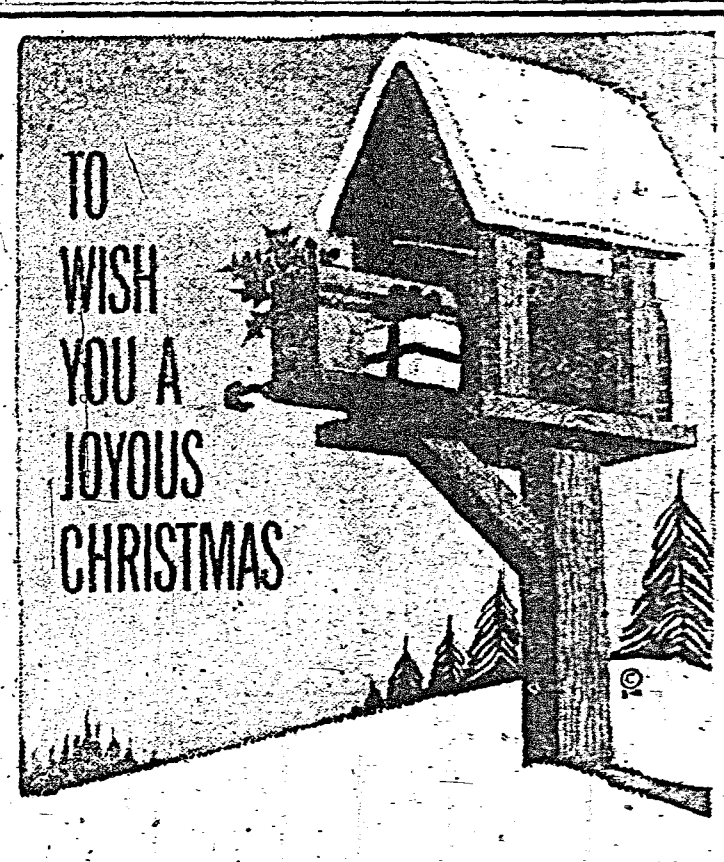
Lily Horn, nurse at St. Mary's hospital has resigned.

Duff Zral

RESIDENTS of Wilson Creek and adjacent areas will be shocked to learn of the sudden death of Duff Zral at Medicine Hat, Alberta. Mr. Zral passed away shortly after midnight, Wednesday, December 11, 1963. He is survived by his widow, Esther, and five children, Richard, Vincent, Glenda, Martie, and Anita.

After being on the Peninsula about seven and a half years, Mr. Zral moved to Medicine Hat, where he had relatives. Mrs. Zral and the four youngest children joined him in July at the end of the school year.

Richard stayed here to work.



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Egmont news

by Jean Jeffries

MR. and MRS. J. Dunlop entertained informally Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Broderson of Seattle, who were spending the American thanksgiving weekend with them. Among those present were Vi and Gene Berntzen, Jim and Jean Jeffries, Ruby Larson, John and Dorothy Bosch. The Brodersons are better known along the coast as the skipper and mate of the MV Pollywog II.

Leah Silvey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Silvey was baptized by Rev. J. Fergusson. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Silvey and Ruth Silvey were named as godparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Healey of Deep Bay, spent a few days visiting their many friends in Egmont. They were former owners of the Egmont Trading Store.

Egmont school is holding its Christmas tree and party on Friday afternoon, December 20th.

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Planned Home Delivery

BROTHERS and sisters of Anne Rosamund Simpkins admire her shortly after her birth at home. Mother, Mrs. Alec Simpkins says, "It was wonderful to have my husband's moral support and shared experience. Baby is getting used to our family germs and not bringing home any strange ones. We are grateful to Dr. Burtnick for the wonderful service he gave" —Photo Denis Gray

Students perform . . .

Tumbling display at PTA meeting

SECHELT P-TA treated a well attended meeting to a surprise tumbling display put on by the Sechelt elementary students under the direction of J. Ferrari. Students participating were Blair Holm, Raymond Everett, Kent Sheridan, Garry Lawson, Jimmy Gibson, Randy Deleenheer of Sechelt, and David Ennis, Tom Blain and Trevor Oram of Gibsons.

Instead of Christmas candy treat, the PTA will show Darby O'Gill on Friday.

Under sponsorship of the Credit Union, the school savings club showed a steady increase since it started in 1961 when 81 students participated and $759.03 was deposited. 1962 showed an increase with 146 children enrolled and $1135.99 deposited. For 1963 the enrollment is 173.

President Mrs. T. Lamb explained, she had read at the last meeting from a report of the meeting of electors, not from a letter from Gordon Johnson, district superintendent of schools, concerning a vocational school.

Principal George Cooper, reporting on a letter from the school board concerning bus schedules, advised board replied buses could not be readjusted to incorporate the PTA suggestion. However, Cooper urged the PTA to keep this problem before the board, especially in view of Gordon Johnson's statement that this is one of the richest districts, and Mrs. Ball's promise to look into the situation.

DONATIONS

Donations of one dollar each to the Margaret Delmage $2000 economic scholarship, Elsie Lorimer scholarship for voluntary training for leadership among members of the federation, and a bursary for students proceeding to a master's degree in social work were approved.

Malcolm Mactavish enquired what stand the PTA federation was taking on censorship of newsstand publications.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of a silver coffee spoon bearing the PTA crest was made by Mrs. Lamb to Mrs. H. Stockwell in consideration of the support she has given the PTA, both as president and as a member.

Games, carol singing, and a festive luncheon, under the supervision of the social conveners Mrs. McWhinnie and Mrs. Gooson completed the evening in the gayly decorated gym.

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Wilson Creek . . .

Miss H. E. Campbell gives Yule message

CHRISTMAS is a time of happiness, for it celebrates the giving of the greatest Gift the world has ever known, for "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

No wonder that the giving of that Gift was set in scenes of praise and joy, it could not be otherwise. So there is The Magnificat, the hymn of praise that Mary sang, "My soul doth magnify the Lord"; there is the angel with its "good tidings of great joy to all people"; there are the shepherds "praising and glorifying God for all things that they had seen and heard", after their visit to the manger; and there are the Wisemen, "rejoicing with exceeding great joy" when they saw the star shining over the place where the young child lay.

So at this season and in fact every season, we too rejoice for in the Gift of God's only begotten Son, we know God as He had never been known before; for Christ came down from Heaven to earth to reveal God to man, to express in His own life God's everlasting love for all mankind, and to win our hearts to God.

So to those who have experienced the meaning of the angel's song, "Unto you is born this day — a Saviour which is Christ the Lord," we cannot but be glad as we sing "Joy to the world the Lord has come," and in humble worship give thanks to God for His unspeakable Gift.

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Problems beset homemaker club

INDIAN homemakers club held recently tussled with some knotty problems. The Warriors, the junior Indian soccer team is having transportation difficulties. They need the support of the parents and other interested parties to aid in transportation. Members decided to have a bottle drive to raise funds to pay for gas for transportation.

Plans to increase membership were discussed. It was decided to ask Cpl. Nelson to speak at the January 13 meeting.

This organization, open to all Indian women over 16 years, selects a new chairman each meeting so every member learns how to handle a meeting. Their aims are to improve home efficiency and living conditions, discover, stimulate and train leadership and sponsor all worthwhile projects for the betterment of the community.

Club agreed to request the band council to put a bathroom onto the community hall so the hall can be used for bingo. Arrangements were made for a children's Xmas tree and a raffle giving a food hamper, an Indian basket and a surprise.

Mrs. Craigen reported Mrs. C. Connor, president of Sechelt hospital auxiliary had them. In turn the Indians had invited the Indians to join offered to help the auxiliary with raffles and to collect Nabob coupons for the coffee urn.

Clarence Joe reported he had been approached on the matter of purchasing X-ray equipment for the new hospital through the Indian health service.

Pentacostal Tabernacle . . .

A Christmas message from Pastor Anonby

"AND the word became flesh and developed among us . . . full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

This startling scripture shows to us perhaps more clearly than any other, the significance of the birth of Christ. We devote the Christmas season to remember especially Christ's birth because of what was accomplished by this unique Son of God. Hebrew 1:2 dramatically declares that God "hath spoken unto us by his Son."

Pastor J. Anonby

God sent the world a personal message of His own character and precepts in the Bethlehem babe, the invisible Immanuel "God with us". Christ's supreme task then was to portray through his life and death, God's person and teachings of grace and truth.

What is grace? What is truth? Grace encompasses all the goodness of God, given to those who do not merit His favor. Truth involves agreement, a knowledge of the great work he accomplished. We often admire the grace and beautiful words of Christ.

Yet Christ said also, "Ye must be born again" — be spiritually transformed — in order to enjoy fully the angelic promise of "peace and goodwill to men". Has this experience been yours? Full truth brings grace, peace and good will within and without, but there can be no real grace without truth. Grace and truth are inseparable; they are both essential.

Christ's birth, life and death produce an eternal example for "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth". Christ was God's personal messenger to us. May we, this Christmas, heed His gracious truth.

News from Port Mellon

ON DECEMBER 6th the Port Mellon Brownies held their enrollment ceremony in the church basement at 7 p.m. Tweenies, Lona Wilkie and Laurie Serafin were promoted to Brownies. Brown Owl, Mrs. D. Dunham presented them with their pins, also Angela Willis was presented with her proficiency badge. Brown Owl, Mrs. D. Dunham and Tawny Owl, Mrs. J. Willis made the evening enjoyable with songs and semaphore demonstration. Refreshments were served by the Brownies.

On the 21st of December the Staff of the Canadian Forest Products pulp mill at annual Christmas Staff Party Port Mellon are holding their at Danny's Diner.

On New Year's Eve you can dance to the music of Joe p.m. at the Port Mellon Community Hall. After the dance Perry and his orchestra at 11 breakfast will be served at Seaside from 3 a.m. on.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Calder and daughter Liz are going to Calgary to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Calder's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Woods will spend Christmas with their son Lindsay in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bentham are spending the holidays at Vancouver with their son-in-law, daughter, and granddaughter Lesley.

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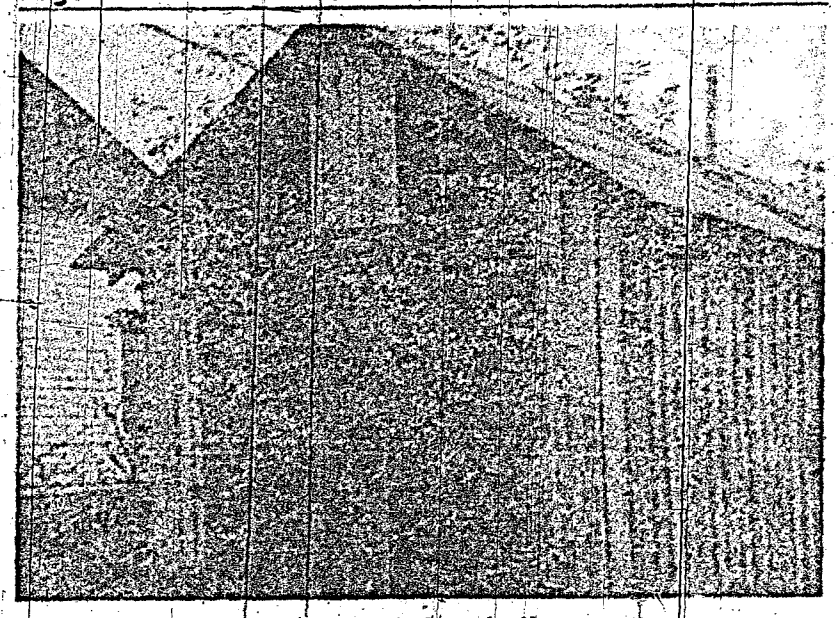
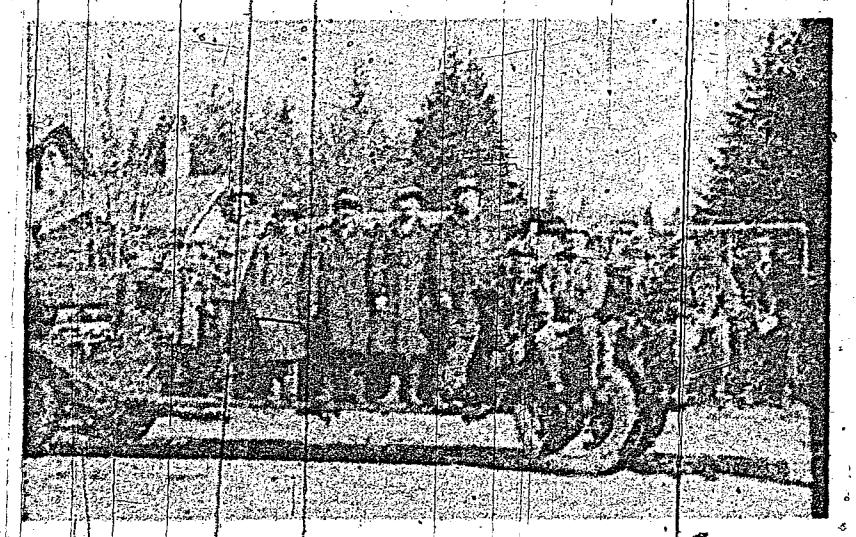


Original fire hall

THE original fire hall of the Sechelt volunteer fire department sat in the middle of a road allowance beside Lloyd Turner's house.



First tank truck

DONATED by Reg Jackson the four cylinder Leland was the first fire truck to serve the Sechelt area. Aboard are Tom Robilliard, Ellis Prendergast, Wally Malakof, Fred Mills (chief), Harry Billingsley (assistant chief), Maurice Hemstreet, Tom Parrish, Tom Gory, Henry Doucett and Fred Holland.

Finished Hall

PICTURE above was taken on completion of the fire hall showing the original truck, still in use.

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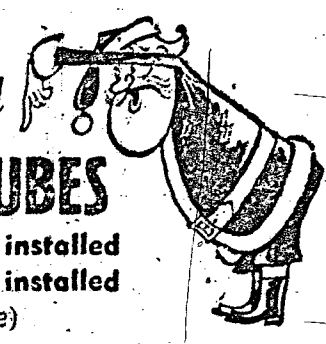

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Fire Department

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large enough to house two fire engines, an ambulance, furnace room, hose dryer tower, and a room for business meetings.

ALARM SYSTEM

When an alarm is telephoned in, the call goes into six telephones, three of which are in firemen's homes, one in fire hall, one in RCMP office, and one in Standard Motors.

The siren atop the hose tower is then sounded, and is turned off at the fire hall on arival of firemen. The same telephone number can call the services of the ambulance, or inhalator.

AMBULANCE

In 1959 the Sechelt Kinsmen Club presented the brigade with a fully equipped ambulance. Up to that time the area had no adequate vehicle for transporting the sick, or injured. This is called out by the doctors, or RCMP.

INHALATOR

This is a portable machine, which can be taken to a patient in a car, or used in the ambulance. It has been called for many times in case of near drowning, heart attacks, or breathing difficultties.

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

In May 1961, the Sechelt village commissioners invited the firemen and wives to dinner in Sechelt Inn. The commissioners presented the brigade with Sechelt's Good Citizen Award. This was in the form of a framed scroll, presented by the chairman, Mrs. Johnston, with the thanks of all citizens for the fine contribution the firemen were making to the whole area. The scroll had been fashioned by Carol Moorehouse, a talented secondary student.

PERSONNEL

Fire Chief T. H. Parish, Assistant Chief T. G. Robilliard, T. V. Gory and M. Hemstreet, captains of the fire trucks, and executive members, W. L. Billingsley and Harold Nelson, have been on the strength of the brigade since inception in 1949. Walter Waddell has been secretary-treasurer since 1952. T. Ono, B. Ono, F. V. MacKenzie, Ray Burton, Kennedy Paul, Howard Carter, Gordon Hall, Melvin Jeffries, Wm. Rankin, P. S. Jackson have been members for various lengths of time. The newest and youngest member is Bruce Redman.

All the men have first aid certificates, Class "B" driver's licenses, and are trained in fire fighting. Once a month a business meeting is held, the other Wednesdays in the month are devoted to training, upkeep of equipment, cleaning and servicing the three machines. This is over and above the time spent at fires, the drying of hose and checking the equipment after use at a fire.

COMPLAINT DEPT. . . .

A woman with a baby got into a bus. Along came the conductor to collect her fare. He looked at the baby and said, "My goodness, what an ugly baby! I don't think I have ever seen an uglier child." The mother was very upset and told the conductor she would report him to the inspector.

After some time the inspector came along. "I wish to report that conductor," said the woman. "He was extremely rude to me." "Very well, Madam. Write down his number and the complaint you wish to make." "I haven't any paper or a pencil," she replied. "Here you are," said the inspector, handing her a notebook and a pencil. "You write it down while I hold the monkey."

Winter fashions at Port Mellon

By TEDDE BENSON

WITH WINTER nicely splattered all over the ground, your correspondent thought it suitable to report on things to wear at Port Mellon this season.

Digester cook's and screen tender's shall retain their informal attire of work trousers and open-necked shirts in the ever popular colors of wood pulp and black liquor.

Bleach personnel will be in style wearing clothing which is predominately chlorine colored. The latest in masks completes the ensemble.

Carpenters will be seen in bleached khaki, morning coats with decollete vest to match, cutaway collars and friction tape suspenders.

Electricians of distinction will appear at cocktail gatherings in popular denim dinner jackets of Howe Sound blue, with copper buttons and open stitching with insulated wire trim. Rubber plated fedoras complete the attire.

Staff workers will adorn the offices and mill stores wearing the color of the year — dredge-sludge-brindle.

Department heads and superintendents will lead the parade in casual wear of Harris tweed suits, ties in dry-hot green, and garters in the latest conveyor belt pattern.

A merry Christmas to all of you.

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Keep The Home Fires Burning says Simpkins

A very, merry, to all the gang in our Friday night Stag Club.
Bobo

Bless em all, Bless em all, the staff at the Hospital. Home for Christmas. Thanks.

A big hearty thanks to all the kind merchants and store folk that made this Christmas shopping so enjoyable.
Satisfied, Gibsons.

Toin't the night before Christmas a'n we ain't got a House. But to you Merry Christmas from Betsy and Spouse.

Greetings to all the friendly people I've met through Avon. Many thanks for your patronage. A very Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year
Mrs. W. Kirkland

The READER'S RIGHT

The News 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.

Home freezer news

Editor, The Times:

SIR: After making many payments on one of these *Home Freezer Plan* contracts I find that I owe almost as much as I did when I started. The finance company have refused to agree to a reasonable settlement and have seized the freezer. They ask a further $800 for a freezer that can be bought anywhere for less than $350.

If there are others on the Peninsula who are in the *same position as myself* I would like to get in touch with them so we may take our case to court. They can contact me through your paper.

Disillusioned.
Fred Jorgenson.

School duties

EDITOR, Times:-

SIR: I have an inquisitive mind and I have become very interested in education in the past couple of years, (adult education — being informed). I would like to know what are the duties of a school representative in relation to a school trustee.

Do they attend work shops, classes or seminars to be aware of education needs and improvements; what are their responsibilities in regards to the development of our young people; of our school finance — or do they just keep a watch on finances; are they provided with travelling expenses and funds to further their education pertaining to their duties; and finally do these representatives belong to other vhunteer organizations? *Thank you.*

Flo Jeffries, Sechelt.

Editor's note: Ask the chairman of your local school board.

Reader thanks all

Editor, The Times:

SIR—It is in my heart, at this time, to say "Thank you", to all the lovely people with whom I have worked in the last sixteen years, as association member, guider and commissioner.

Such loyalty and co-operation as I have experienced is of the essence of love; and, although the personnel have changed, the true spirit of guiding has remained thruout.

The first Sechelt Guide company was at the Indian residential school and was already in being when, just about sixteen years ago, Norma Melvin and Elsie Turner (both school teachers) started the wheels turning for the formation of a Second Sechelt Guide co. and for a Brownie pack.

Going back to those days, with pen in hand, what memories are being evoked. About that time Bill Morrison started the Cub pack and there was a Lone Scout, John Clayton, who helped him. But enough of this digression — back to Guiding.

A group of mothers met and agreed to form an association. Norma Melvin undertook to start a Guide Company and Elsie Turner—the Brownie Pack.

The first members of the association were: Ethel Pearson, Phyllis Parker, Dorothy Morrison, Grace Cook, Irma Laycock, Dorothy Larson, Lilian Powell, Mrs. Derby, and myself. Some of these have moved away, my good friend, Ethel, has died, and the rest are more or less inactive.

But, to fill the gaps at times and to swell the membership at other times, and always to make their own valuable contribution, have been — Margaret Newcomen, Pearl Osborne, Hilda Scott, Holly McColl, Hazel Gorden, Charlotte Jackson, Betty Lonneberg, Bea Swanson, Elsie Johnson, Betty Billingsley, Catherine (Mrs. Jack) Nelson, Pearl Tyson, Vel Walker, Ethel Walker, Alice Billingsley, Mildred Chambers, Polly Chambelrin, Esther Zral, Gretha Taylor, Emily Stroshine, M. McKee, H. Fahrni, L. Holden, J. McKissock, L. Nygren, K. Nelson, Mrs. Ritchie, J. Thorold, Laura Potts, Harriet Newton, Margaret Lamb, Bessie Aldred — and many others.

Some of these ladies have also been guiders, or have given valuable assistance to guiders. And other guiders have been Louise Lang, Joan Korgen, Julie Ladd, Mollie Moorhouse, Betty Allen, M. Preudergast, Rose Morrison, Phyllis Hicks, Norma Gaines, Kay Dombroski, Gladys Ritchie, Peggy Le Warne, Florence De Angelis, Ruby Breese, Rae Fitzgerald, Mary Redman, Dorothy Stockwell, Lois Caldwell, Retta Ritter, Rachel Dixon, Sue Woods and others.

Then too, there have been so many other good friends of Guiding, who have always been ready to help, to teach, or to test, provide transportation and so on.

And last, but by no means least, have been, — our husbands, without whose interest and loving understanding we could not continue.

These people have enriched my life more than they can ever know and certainly more than I can ever express. And so, to all, past and present, thankyou.

Betty Williams

NATIVITY PAGEANT

A nativity pageant with Bible readings and singing of carols will be presented by the girls' auxiliary to St. Hilda's Anglican church at the annual church school Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Few contestants in Legion races

THE 2nd Annual Sechelt Royal Canadian Legion branch No. 140 road races run at Hackett Park Saturday, Dec. 14 were in a sense disappointing due to the lack of contestants.

However those who took part in the races are to be congratulated as the winners all turned in remarkably good times.

In the 3 mile open race for men and boys 16 years and over Fred Blakeman, 17 of Roberts Creek running for the Sunshine Coast Athletic Club covered the distance in 16.05.2 to win the event. This is 14.7, 10 seconds faster than the bronze standard set up by the Vancouver Olympic Club.

Mike Foley, 15 of Halfmoon Bay is credited with winning the 1¼ mile run for boys 15 and under in 10:05. Considering this is young Foleys' first competitive race at this longer distance observers feel his efforts were extremely good.

As no contestants for the women 1¼ mile run showed up, little Glenys Macleod of Sunshine Coast Athletic club ran an exhibition half mile. Her time was 3.25. As Glenys is only 10 years old, she has never run over 100 yards in competition and she finished the run in remarkably fresh condition her time was considered more than exceptional.

The number of entries for the 3 races was very disappointing, but meet officials agreed that the performances of the 3 winners were extremely good and the 3 youngsters are to be congratulated on their personal courage and competitive spirit.

Holiday Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Barclay, Selma Park, leave before Christmas for Calgary to visit their two daughters. They intend to stay on into January.

Mrs. E. Nestman told us her daughter, Cecile will not be home for the holiday, as she will be on duty in Burnaby General Hospital. Cecile passed with marks of 88 percent, top of her practical nursing in the Vancouver Vocational School.

Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Sheridan will be entertaining his parents, the Wm. Sheridans of Cloverdale, and his brother, John and family from Vancouver.

Boxing Day, Marie Naylor, Newton, is arriving to visit Linda Sheridan. They and some of the other young people, who have been away from the Peninsula, intend to spend a few days at the ski camp on Mt. Elphinstone.

Bernice Liste will not be able to come home from Vancouver, so her mother, Mrs. Hazel Liste, and her sister, Pauline, are going down for the holidays.

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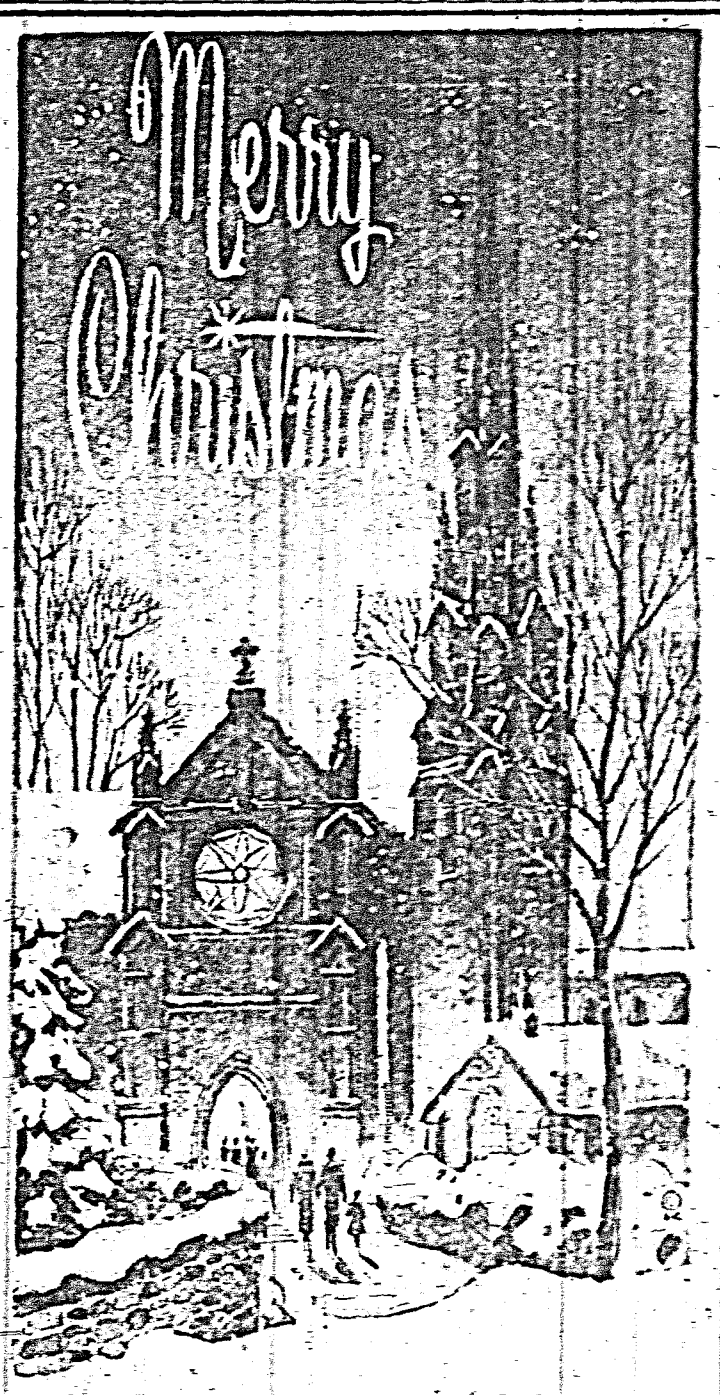

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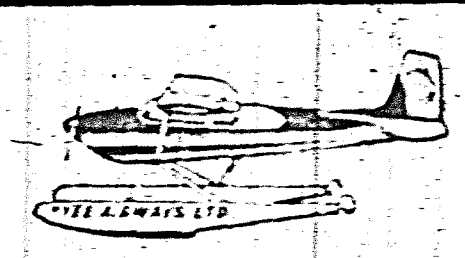

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Foreign Views

—By Ray Grigg

A NOTE TO READERS: In this edition and in following editions of The Sechelt Peninsula Times there will appear articles written by a young man who spent nearly a year travelling through Central America, Panama, Colombia and the Caribbean Sea and Islands.

The articles will take the form of personal observations and feelings regarding economic, political, geographic, cultural, and social conditions in these forementioned areas.

Ray Grigg has been a resident of Gibsons since his parents established a business there three years ago. Since that time he has graduated from the University of British Columbia, worked in various positions throughout the Province and returned from his venture in the lower latitudes.

In the near future he expects to travel to England and continental Europe for an indefinite period of time. From this location, the series of articles entitled, Views Foreign, will continue.

By Ray Grigg

THERE are many ways of travelling and each possesses its own particular merits. One can travel the "guided tour" way with the organization and scheduling that simulates an evening before the television set. For the financing, there is luxury and elaborate appointments aboard trains, boats and planes. Hotels, motels, trailers and ships are capable of providing all the conveniences and comforts that are required to make travel a pleasure.

But I do not think of travel as a pleasure. I believe it is a task whose objective is not relaxation but realization. Neither should it always be enjoyable nor stimulating but offer the alternatives of inconvenience, discomfort and dismay. It should foster many reactions but always be motivated by the addiction to the quest for experience. In addition to the quest for experience. In addition, the sensation of movement, disrespect for convention, the love of impetuosity and the intrigue of other places: these things activate me to travel.

I have sampled the "tourist" method and have found it boring, expensive and unenlightening. It composes an individual who is generally awkward because he is out of national context. If he does not adjust he may assume a flamboyance that makes him the subject of ridicule. In poor countries there is nothing more conspicuous than the ostentatious tourist striding confidently and offensively through the modesty of poverty. I dislike being either a "tourist" or conspicuous for both disturbs the authentic atmosphere that is so essential in understanding and "feeling" any country or place. If one is to acquire the most intimate and accurate acquaintance with a people, it is best to become as deeply submerged in their environment as possible with a minimum of disruption to it. So, I adjusted, discovering that I did not prefer travelling a short distance at a great expense but rather going a longer way with less expenditure while at the same time more closely reaching the heart and pulse of the lives and environment of the people. The premise is quite elementary: to understand a Roman one must be a Roman.

SET SOUTHWARD

With no bookings, plans, commitments, objectives, time limits or foresight I set southward. The only concreteness about the venture was my English companion, Mike, a ride from Vancouver to Mexico City and our equipment that was the barest of essentials. We each carried a rucksack stuffed with sleeping bags, a tent that we hoped would be both water and insect proof, rain gear, a tiny kerosene cooking stove complete with a pot, water cantens accompanied by chlorine tablets for water purification, a machete, our passports and official papers, some writing material, a substantial pair of boots, an extra sweater and, of course, a change of clothing.

I try, now that we have returned safely, to conceive of what we actually looked like while decked in clothes that could not always be kept clean and lugging a massive volume of primitive accessories on our backs. Possibly we appeared as vagrants in this country and the United States. Possibly not. But I do know that we stimulated a good deal of curiosity and activated a romantic urge in many who saw and met us. I do know that in Latin America we fostered an understanding between our countries as we made innumerable friends and met innumerable people. I do know that we brought Canada, a country in many places not even heard of, much closer to many illiterates. We inspired in them our friendship, understanding and respect while they reciprocated with theirs. We thught them that we are unique as a nation. "Usted Americanos?" they would ask. "No Canadienses!" we always answered. And nearly always they returned a smile that signified less suspicion and heralded the beginning of an understanding that will long exist. I know that there will be many of these humble folks who will always remember the two "Canadienses" who trudged through their lives. I know also that these two "Canadienses" will never forget these people and their countries.

WHAT'S TO FOLLOW

The intention of this first instalment is to give the reader an indication of what is to follow in future articles and to act as a reminder that the acquisition of information solely for it's own purpose is useless. The value of knowledge rests in it's ability to be seen in perspective and utilized. What, therefore, you discover about the various conditions in Latin America and elsewhere should be equated to this country and to this district or it has substantially lost it's value.

People are inclined to believe that the United States and Canada are in possession of a standard of living that is commendably high. Such may be true in most respects but not all. There are conditions inducted by the mere process of becoming "civilized" that are contrary to the concept of "civilization." To me the State of California is an excellent example of this ironical twist in human evolution.

California is a beautiful state of great variety. A substantial portion of it consists of enchanting country in all degrees and varieties of cultivation. Within the state there are wonderous stretches of wilderness. However, this place of admirable country and climate is plagued by people.

Just recently California became the most populated state in the Union. Substantial evidence reflects this boast. Cities have stretched their boundaries, merging with their neighbors to form a settlement so vast as to be termed a "megatropolis." Fantastic superhighways must accommodate the copious number of cars of the immense populations. To provide the proper movement of this population elaborate of concrete strips hve been built, slicing through the once natural hills and valleys and reducing this potentially attractive place to a wasteland of cement arteries and speeding projectiles.

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles strikes me as being prticularly guilty of the injustice inflicted upon "civilization" by "civilization." It seems a city that has become uninhabitable. It's pulse feels more like the mad racing of machines than the gentle and delicate motion of human beings. Even the activity of pedestrians in the downtown streets suggest the presence of the same mania that is present on the highways. People, robbed of humanliness, throb neurotically everywhere in a manner that makes one doubt that they are still representatives of that proud creature.

The smog is a curse that infiltrates everywhere and threatens the life of everything. It is the sewage of millions of racing engines, of the excretion of chimneys, cigars and cigarettes, of all the manifestations of the existence of a super-civilized people. Their filth clogs the air thickly as an autumn fog. But there is no freshness. It smarts the eyes and irritates the throat. In the heat of day the air is sometimes so depleted of oxygen that one finds oneself panting. The lung cancer rate has increased 85 per cent during the past 10 years. This is one of the many predicaments of a country that boasts the highest standard of living in the world.

Bear this city in mind when you read about peasants living frugally on a barren and arid hill, living with only the barest of material necessities. Think of their stick and thatched huts of only one room. They sleep on dirt floors and cook over open fires. But the air is clean and nature pure. An infinity of stars entertains each night. They awake to the freshness of morning and slowly pursue the day's labours. Their minds are uncluttered with commercial and political propaganda. Consider and remember all this before you judge or envy or sympathize.

Halfmoon Bay

By Thelma McLean

JESS MEIKLE DIES

Mrs. Jess Miekle of Welcome Beach, long time resident and active community worker died in St. Paul's hospital. She held executive positions in many worthy organizations. V.O.N., Redwell Community association, Halfmoon Bay Improvement association. She was also a member of the aircraft observer corps during World War II. She is predeceased by her husband.

TRAVEL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. James Schutz and family of Squamish were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Foley on the weekend.

The Ted Surtees spent the weeknd in Vancouver, guests of son John. Mrs. J. H. McLean has entered Burnaby General Hospital for surgery. Mrs. Pat Murphy has returned from her visit to Edmonton. Mrs. Reissie Pifko is visiting in Vancouver for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hanson of Middle Point have returned from a two month trip to Sweden by jet airliner. This was Pete's first return trip in 50 years and they visited his brothers and relatives.

Bob Cunningham returned from an unsuccessful hunting trip to Wells Grey Park. They were forced to return because of snow was falling at the rate of four inches an hour.

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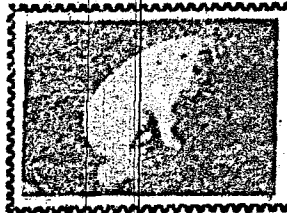

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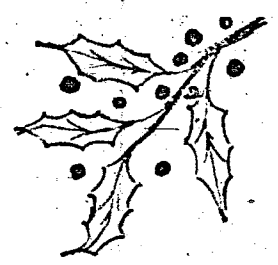

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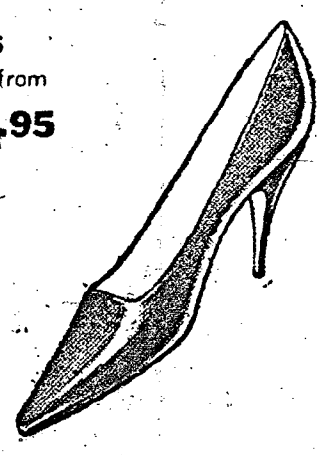

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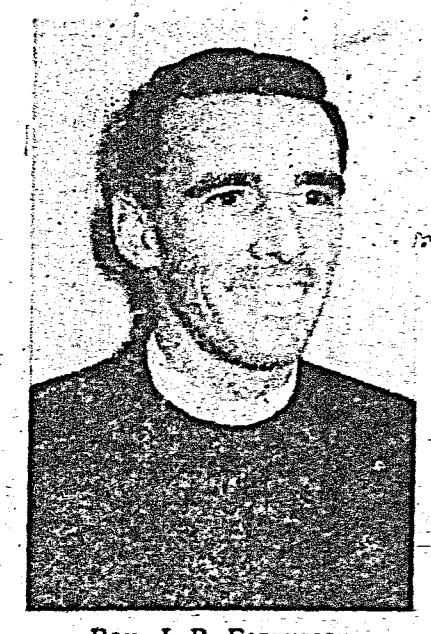
Star of Bethelehem . . .

Rev. J. B. Fergusson's 1963 Christmas message

HOW FAR is a million million million million miles? They say the Star of Bethlehem which guided the Wise Men was millions of miles up in the sky.

That isn't the important fact about the Star, however. What is important is that the star heralded the tiny Baby—Jesus Christ, who was and is the Saviour of the world. When Jesus came to earth so that we could know what God is like, the revelation began in the humble surroundings of a stable. If we are looking for a Saviour at Christmas we will find Him in the love and wonder of the Nativity. This is what Christmas is all about! The tinsel, the lavish food, the costly presents aren't the core of Christmas. The core of Christmas is Christ.



Rev. J. B. Fergusson

Lowell Atkinson recalls a story that once upon a time preparations were being made for a giant feast. A great throng would be at this festive occasion. When the preparations were completed, everyone joined for the feast. Suddenly someone said—"But where is the guest of honour?" In the bustle of all the expensive preparations, everybody had forgotten to invite the guest of honour. The people and the banquet were there, but the guest of honour hadn't even been considered.

In our crowded Christmas schedule, with ample preparations, with gift buying and festivities, let us remember what Christmas is all about—let us remember THE Guest of Honour. Let us place the emphasis of our Christmas on the Babe of Bethlehem. May the love of God through Jesus Christ flood our festivities, our homes and our hearts this Christmas.

Couple celebrate Golden anniversary

MR. AND Mrs. S. Dawe will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 29.

Mrs. Dawe was the first white child to come to Sechelt, arriving in April 1894 at five months of age. She left Sechelt to get married. "We couldn't get married in Sechelt in those days," she says. They were married at All Saints in Vancouver.

They will hold an at home between the hours of 2:30 and 5 in the afternoon, and 7:30 in the evening.

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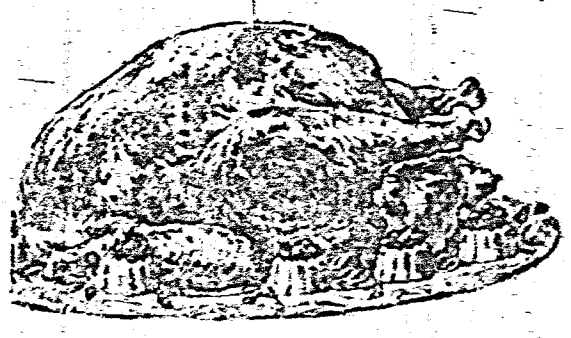

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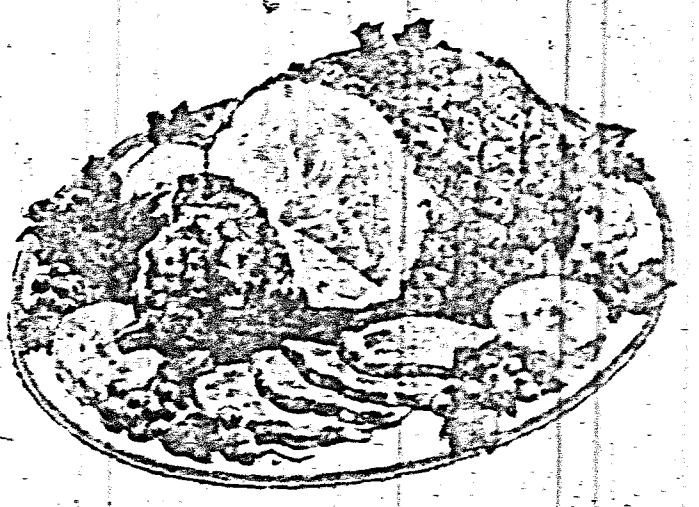

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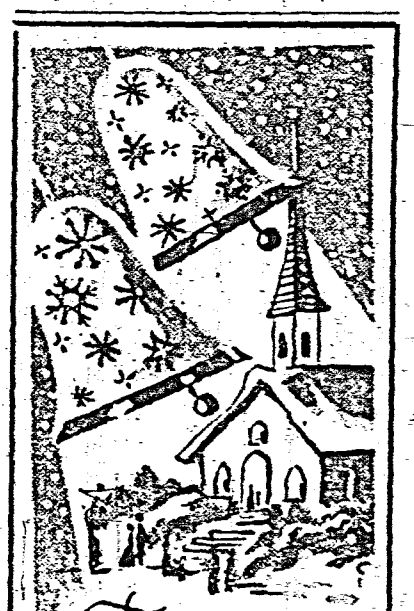

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Wednesday, December 18, 1963

Home Best Starting Place

DECEMBER 10 was the fifteenth celebration of the declaration of human rights upon which the charter of the United Nations is based. It pledges to maintain peace and security; to develop friendly relations among nations; to achieve international cooperation in economic, social, cultural, and humanitarian problems, and to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and to be a center for harmonizing the actions of the nations in the attainment of these common ends.

— And the best place to start is at home.

Congratulations PTA

INSTEAD of the usual Christmas candy treat, both Sechelt and Gibsons PTA's are showing good sense by treating the school children to a Walt Disney film.

Each year the school board spends a substantial sum of money on a dental program to repair cavities in the teeth of elementary school children while in the past school-sponsored organizations gave each child a bag of candies at Christmas.

This not only encourages a direct attack on the enamel of the teeth, it also predisposes to tooth decay by upsetting the calcium balance. Sound teeth are maintained by good calcium deposits derived from the food we eat. Concentrated carbohydrates, candies in this case, trigger the secretion of strongly alkaline inverting enzymes to break them down so they can be assimilated by the body. These enzymes also form a chemical combination with the calcium and render it insoluble so it cannot be used, and it is eliminated, upsetting the body's calcium balance.

Congratulations to the PTA's for their common sense approach to Christmas.

Lethal Plastic

OUR sympathies go out to the young mother whose seven week old infant died due to suffocation. This should alert all mothers to the danger of using plastic materials around babies and small children.

In this case, a plastic pillow slip was used as a crib mattress cover — a perfectly logical solution to keep a crib mattress dry and sanitary. It would appear to be a much more efficient covering than one that slips out of place. The sheet covering the plastic slipped aside as the babe turned his head back and forth, and his face was in direct contact with the plastic. Each breath he tried to take sucked the plastic cover up into his nostrils and throat. It was only a matter of seconds.

Let this be a warning. Remove all plastic materials from the reach of children, young and old. Even the plastic covers on garments hanging in clothes cupboards present a hazard. Suppose a child playing hide-and-seek became entangled in one of these non-porous garment bags? It takes only a few seconds to snuff out a life this way.

Let's not repeat this tragedy.

Goodwill To Men

TODAY'S technological advances coupled with nature's abundance have produced a saturation whereby our tables at Christmas will be graced with plenty. But surfeit does not make for happiness; on the contrary the happiest people are those who have learned to give and to share.

Giving and sharing are not necessarily limited to material things. Life itself is comprised of two prime impulses—the search for beauty and the escape of loneliness. Look about you before you sit down to your Yuletide feast. Is there a lone or lonesome individual whose day you could brighten by an invitation to share your table and your friendship?

Long-Shot Gambling

HAVE you heard the true story the B.C. Automobile Association tells about the motorist who bet $150,000 to try to win 4 cents? The odds: 3,750,000 to 1!

This man was a friendly fellow who had a nice wife and three fine children. He liked an occasional round of golf with a small bet on the side. He never lost more than $1 . . . certainly didn't act the part of a person who would risk $150,000 for 4 cents. But he did.

It happened while he was driving to work one day. He was late and hurrying. The traffic light was amber . . . he raced it, and lost . . . to a truck.

That's where the long odds came in. He earned $2.50 an hour — $5,000 a year. That minute he gambled at the amber light was worth 4 cents of his pay. But at age 35, he could reasonably expect to work another 30 years before retiring at 65. The amount he would earn would total $150,000.

Motorists like this man, we'll just call him Joe, risk a lifetime every day in order to gain a few seconds. No one sits down at a card game and battles these terrific odds, but many thousands do it every day when they sit down behind the wheel of their automobile.

It is really worth it? $150,000 or more for 4 cents . . . 3,750,000-to-1 odds?

The Cumberland Christmas Tree

By Jake Bell

'Twas just at twilight I arrived there,
At the new Christmas tree in our village square.
On this symbol of love and beauty so rare,
As I stood and watched in the cool evening air,
Soft twirling snowflakes fell like a prayer.

Transforming beauty into splendor and grace,
With lights shining through silver films of lace.
I thought at the moment of a child's gentle face,
How their eyes with delight set emotion apace
In the worst of our kind—full of guilt and disgrace.

Thankful was I that my life was quite clean.
More fortunate than those where conditions are mean.
I could not help feeling (as transfixed in a daze)
The misery surrounding this old mining place,
And how human beings, when they are free,
Will exude just such beauty as this Christmas tree.

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

Automation Makes Jobs

(Chelsea Record)

AUTOMATION, that spector of unemployment, is not always all it is accused of being. Members of the House Appropriations committee received a first-hand lesson in automation's advantages when they heard representatives of the Internal Revenue Service justify a request for an additional 2,999 employees on the ground that automated record handling made them necessary.

It appeared, after somewhat bewildered questioning by the lawmakers, that automated record centers were proving so efficient they were bringing to light a greatly expanded number of income tax returns with questionable entries. An augmented force of agents was required to check out these additional returns.

Proponents of automation have been saying that any process or technique which accomplishes an end faster or cheaper than its predecessor, is bound to create jobs by opening up new markets. To be sure, in order for the initial advantage to be gained, there must be a lowering of cost, and expensive labor is a prime target for any cost reduction program.

Automation has been made the goat by many who would hide the real causes of unemployment. What part has inflation and the 40-cent dollar, for example, contributed to the inability of many consumers to afford commodities they might otherwise have purchased? And nearly everyone seems to be in general agreement that high taxation is drugging the economy and holding up the level of unemployment.

Regrettable though it was to see the colorful blacksmith replaced by modern machine shops and assembly lines, who can deny that more jobs and greater consumer satisfaction were the results? Automation is not the culprit in economic troubles, but it is a defenceless scapegoat for those who prefer not to place the blame where it belongs.

Trust everybody— but cut the cards.

Minute Messages

—Sent by Miss H. E. Campbell

YEARS ago the Prophet Isaiah looked forward to the coming of One who would bring light to "the people that walked in darkness." This light did come in the birth of Jesus. When Jesus was born, people were still stumbling in darkness of uncertainty about God and the despair of their own sins. Into this darkness Jesus came, as "The Light of the world", revealing by His words and deeds what God was like. "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." God had come to earth in a form that they could understand. Jesus is the Light which gives men life, just as the sun gives life to vegetation, so our lives are irradiated with the Light of the Presence of Jesus Christ.

Reflection

I believe in Santa Claus

By Marilyn Boser

BY whatever name he is called throughout the world—Santa Claus, Kriss Kringle, or Saint Nicholas—this short, fat, red bundle of jollity has given joy to thousands of children at Christmastime. According to tradition, every Christmas Eve Santa Claus travels across the sky in a sleigh pulled by eight flying reindeer, and leaves a gift for every child in the land. To my way of thinking, this is a fine belief to foster in a young child's mind. Christmas, as well as being a spiritual holiday, is also a gay, happy celebration and Santa Claus is the heart and soul of this gaiety. Thus, a young child who does not live an adult way of life is entitled to enjoy fantasy and Santa Claus in his early youth.

Most of us wouldn't deny that there is a real spirit to Christmas, both religious and gay, and for the youngsters who don't grasp the spiritual side yet, Santa Claus exemplifies Christmas. He affords them excitement, colour, and a dash of unreality. He broadens their imaginations and heightens their appreciation of this holiday. To those who might argue that fantasy is harmful and may prevent a child from distinguishing reality from fancy, I say that as he grows older, his common sense will change his avid belief in Santa Claus to an appreciation for this fat, jolly soul who provides so much pleasure for the younger generation.

However, there is an ever-increasing drawback to the Christmas season that changes its real value. This celebration is a joyful one, honouring and celebrating the birth of Christ, our Saviour. Thus, it is fundamentally religious. But today, Christmas seems more material than spiritual, and many gifts (from Santa Claus) seem the order of the day. I believe that if Santa moderates gift-giving and emphasizes the spiritual side of Christmas, we will have achieved the true spirit of this festive season.

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For holiday and Christmas Cheer,
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And gladsome hours without alloy,
And happy gatherings of families true
With many friends—both old and new.

To these we'd also have you add,
The many things which make you glad,
There's Freedom of Worship, and bells that ring,
The 'taken-for-granted', and the beautiful thing.

Then may you pause, and think awhile,
Of all the blessings without guile
With which your year has been much blessed,
Like Trust, Faith, Love and Happiness.

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THE SECHELT PENINSULA TIMES

Joan Donley, Editor

Shower held for bride-elect

A MISCELLANEOUS shower held in honor of Helen Hanna, whose marriage to Garry Butler will take place December 21st, was given by Mrs. Robert Alsager. The hostess presented the bride-elect with a beautiful carnation corsage. The gift-filled basket and bride-elect's chair were decorated in white and pink pom poms. A heart-shaped cake was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Fred Feeney.

There were 15 close friends present, including the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. W. T. Hanna, her aunt, Edna West and her sister Mrs. A. Klein, Mrs. E. L. Butler and the latter's daughter Sharon McKay.

Terry Hanna assisted her sister opening the many useful gifts. Refreshments were served by Mrs. R. Alsager and Mrs. J. Skellet, ably assisted by Karen and Ginny Alsager.

The beatnik is rapidly going the way of the buffalo, to which he bears a strong resemblance.

And a world of joy to you and yours.

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Sechelt, B.C., about 1900

By Phyllis M. Hodgson . . .

"Autumn Leaves" ideal present for Christmas

THIS is one of a collection of articles from Phyllis M. Hodgson's recently-published booklet, Autumn Leaves. Written in retirement, this booklet contains a variety of articles, many of the B.C. coast, and makes a delightful Christmas present. The following is an excerpt:

FIVE CHIEFS WITH VISION

Following the blacktop for twenty miles from the Ferry terminus at Langdale, B.C., and you arrive at the progressive little village of Sechelt on the Sechelt Peninsula, just forty miles from Vancouver.

Once, a sleepy little tourist attraction, Sechelt recently gained the status of a village — a fast growing prosperous village — with men of vision at the helm.

Large modern stores and offices have replaced the small wooden buildings. Gracious homes stand amid landscaped gardens, and the once narrow trails with the ox-drawn carts have given way to wide roads and long automobiles.

The years have brought many changes, but the beautiful Catholic church — Our Lady of the Lourdes — still stands a stately landmark on Sechelt's waterfront, overlooking the Strait of Georgia.

Our Lady of the Lourdes is a large and beautiful church with a unique history. Before the turn of the century, the Indian population along this rugged coastline of British Columbia, was vastly scattered, covering the territory from the far end of Jervis Inlet — some forty-five miles from Sechelt — clear down to Porpoise Bay. This scattered area combined with the terrain of the country made it a difficult task to bring the gospel to the Indians.

In a small armada of boats, the priests would attempt to cover the entire area, but this was a long and tedious job. The only solution to their problem was to build a church at a central location. It is here where five Indian Chiefs played an important role in church history.

Braves from Jervis Inlet, Deserted Bay, Bucaneer Bay, Pender Harbour and Porpoise Bay, together with their respective chiefs: Chief Johnny, Chief Julius, Chief Alexis, Chief Captain Charley and Chief Tom journeyed to New Westminster. There they discussed with the priests and the Catholic Mission the possibility of building a church.

Sechelt was elected the spot and in 1890 the church was built on the Indian Reserve there. A big white four towered building, dominating the landscape for miles, with the tribes travelling great distances by canoe to worship at their new church.

In 1906, the whole community was saddened when fire destroyed the church, but with faith and courage and strong hearts, the Indians lost no time in building another.

They donated the lumber used in re-building, they also donated a generous portion of their earnings from the fishing and logging industry. The Indian women worked with the same enthusiasm as the women of today. They cut lumber. They fished and they dug for clams with tiny two speared forks. These delicacies, along with more substantial fare, they fed to the hungry workers.

The Church today, stands an impressive landmark: tall and white, glistening in the sun — only the architecture differing a little from the original.

All who visit Our Lady of the Lourdes, leave with a profound feeling of reverence and perhaps a thankful heart to those five chiefs of long ago.

Kinettes entertain

Sechelt Kinettes entertained six guests at their Christmas dinner meeting last week. They were most appreciative of Edie Laidlaw's fine dinner, beautiful table decorations and cheerful atmosphere. After dinner games were played, songs sung and gift exchanged.

Money earned by the Kinettes for catering at the Rod and Gun Club banquet went toward the Kinette hospital fund.

Mrs. Binns speaks to Gibsons PTA

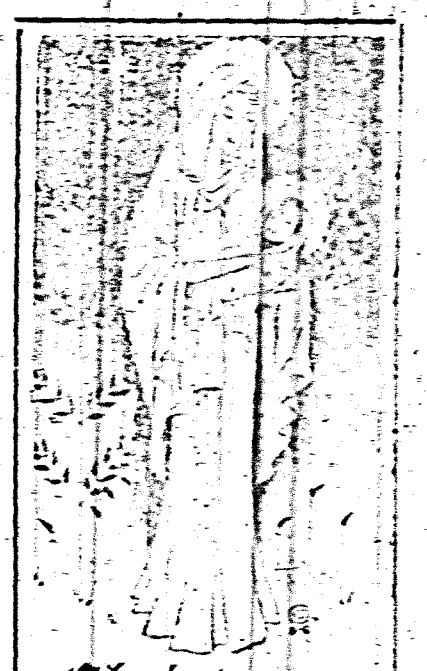
"WE are living in an explosion of knowledge," said Mrs. G. Binns, president of the B.C. Federation when speaking at the Gibsons elementary PTA. She briefly outlined how, from small beginnings during World War I, PTA's have grown to over 40,000 members working as aids to schools.

Mrs. Binns touched briefly at U.B.C. the schools of home education fostered by PTA—on some of the progress in economics and music, degrees in library and a college of education. They are now working on a faculty of dentistry.

On the elementary scene they have worked to have grade seven held at the elementary level and to have kindergartens established as part of the school system. They have also pushed for safety programs and remedial classes. Federally they are working to have the family allowance extended to 18 years if the child remains in school.

PTA supports the high school conference at UBC and have established scholarships in home economics, child welfare and for the native Indian. They are also interested in more and better school libraries.

Mrs. Binns felt PTA is an excellent place to keep informed of the changes in education and why these changes are necessary.



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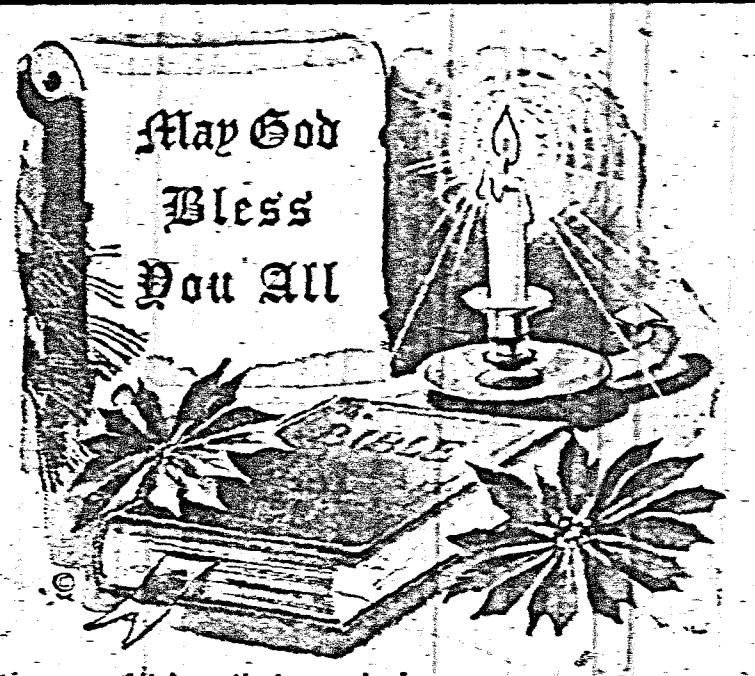

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Games interesting . . .

Around Pender Harbour high

IN SPORTS, the inter-high games are proving worthwhile and interesting. Gibsons hosted Pender and proceeded to beat the Senior boys 43-27. (Gibsons had the advantage of better condition. Pender led at half time, but wilted in the last moments. Elphinstone broke Pender's carefully plotted zone defense with some superb long shots that had the stands in a constant uproar. Gary Helmer and Sandy Hately were high scorers for Pender. A return match was played December 4 at Pender.

There are enough juniors now to form the nucleus of a team. They, too, were defeated by Elphinstone, but not without a good contest. There were some great individual efforts which, unfortunately, do not help the team too much. These youngsters can bear watching.

Friendly rivalry between Pender and Elphinstone creates good spirit at both schools. The bus trips are bedlams of noise and various activities. Adults may well wonder how youngsters can work all day in school, drive forty miles, play a heated game, and return to dance at Madeira Hall to the tune of Evan Kemp. The spirit of the pioneers is not dead.

Many students at Pender become discouraged with the school name, Sakinaw, which means salmon. In an attempt to change to a more aggressive name, the council introduced the idea of an elephant emblem, with Pender Pachyderms on the crests. The motto was to be "Stomp 'em".

After much spirited debate from both sides, a vote was taken among the students. SAKINAW won hands down. Now some deep plots are being laid as to how to make the king of fish appear more aggressive to compete with COUGARS.

The Fun carnival sponsored by the Students' Council was held at the Community Hall at Madeira Park on Nov. 29. Students who made an outstanding contribution to the success of this evening were:

Gary Helmer, Janice Northrup, Llona Duncan, Shirley Gooldrup, Glenna Duncan, Keith Griffith, Frank Anderson, Sandy Hately, Joe Hately, Linda Hately, Shirley Haddock, Carolyn Gough, Dale Cameron, June Cameron, Sue Donnely, Gloria Duncam, Dietta Beale, Raimo Savolainen, Steve Dediluke, Cindy White, Bill Edgett, Carol Fenn, Marilyn Gardiner, Dorothy Gough, Georgina Ibey, Art Joss, Norma Joss, Bonnie Lee, Brenda Lee, Syd Lee, Vicky Lee, Don McLeod, Bev Ness, Ralph Phillips, Mary Reid, Pat Sladey, Linda Wranock, Janet Webb, Roddy Webb, Howie White, and Neil Whittaker.

All the staff were there, the busjest of whom was Mrs. Fleming, busy making change and gathering money. Thanks to the immense generosity of the community, a sum in the neighborhood of three hundred dollars was collected for student activities.

The School Christmas dance was held on Friday, Dec. 13 It was chaperoned by Mrs. Whittaker, Mr. Cross, and Mrs. Fleming. Several parents dropped in. The fishing class had produced a thirty foot tree, that lighted the beautiful gymnasium with a fairyland glow. It was a most successful evening, a final climax of fun as the school goes into the Christmas examination period.

Mailbag

Dear Bessie: My girl friend and I go to different schools. When we attend outside of school activities we are always together. We go with other girls but we just seem to drift away from them. When we go to dances or parties, we just can't mingle. Either the girls can't really dance or they dance in a different way. Even in our schools we don't have other special friends. We both are sociable, but we can't seem to make the first move to get to know other girls better. The kids are beginning to think we are anti-social. What can we do?—Friendless Kids.

Dear Friendless Ones: Don't be anti-social! The rest of the girls are right in thinking of you as anti-social or conceited. If these girls can't dance, why not help by teaching them? If they dance differently from you, why not learn their way and teach them yours? This approach applies to the rest of your activities as well. The only way to increase your circle of friends is by giving something of yourself. If the two of you go running off to chat alone in a corner you'll soon fnd that the grls won't think of you as anti-social or conceited—they just won't think of you at all.

Reader's Right

Letters to the Editor

Lots of spirit

Editor, The Times

Sir—In your latest edition of the "Sechelt Peninsula Times," there was an article on the teen page about the "lack of school spirit in Elphinstone school."

Recently, I attended a basketball game and along with many others, came home with no voice. You couldn't hear yourself think for the cheering. Hats off to the cheerleaders who led the rest of the students. Don't you think Elphie has regained school spirit, again?

R.R.1 Gibsons

House standings change around

SPORTS afternoon on December 9 changed house standings around. Now House two (Tomahawks) is first with 135 points, house four (Warriors) is second with 129 points, house one (Thunderbirds) is third with 105 points, and house three (Cougars) is fourth with 96 points.

There will be no Xmas concert this year, instead, at assembly on December 19 each class will put on a play or song.

School dismisses on December 20 and comes back on January 6.

Teen-of-the-week

ONE of the most surprised boys on the Peninsula was Bill Edgett when he was elected President of the Pender Harbour Students' Council this September.

"Why," reminisces Bill, "I didn't know twenty students by name." Bill came to Pender with a fine sports record from Vancouver. The climax of his life to date was the day he played in a bantam league exhibition game at a Lions' intermission — that is, before this student council election.

Bills feels that a students' council has a definite purpose to supply the school with some coming event. Around this coming event the council should introduce new ideas and try to promote original thinking from the student body. The council should try to improve the school's appearance, and to buy equipment over and above the Board allotment. He points out that records show that the Pender Harbour Council have spent over $1,000 a year on uniforms, awards, educational trips, donations to scholarship funds, and other worthwhile activities. Above the money aspect, Bill thinks the Council has to provide the backbone for school affairs and to assist in regulating them.

Asked how the students at Pender stack up against others he has known, Bill stated that the school has really got behind this year's council. This support will make a successful council. The weekly assemblies criticize and guide the council leaving the Council the task of providing for the needs and wants of the students. Thus the old cry of lack of communication has not been heard for long time at Pender High.

Bill is on university program and plans to enter education. He tutors some private students in French now, and aids his parents in their oyster business. He played soccer in season, is on the basketball team, and takes an active part in all school affairs. We will all be seeing and hearing more of this young Pender Harbourite.

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It is estimated that approximately 2 billion dollars are lost each year in Canada and the United States because of plant diseases.

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In lieu of sending Christmas cards, the following members are making a donation to St. Hilda's Memorial Fund.

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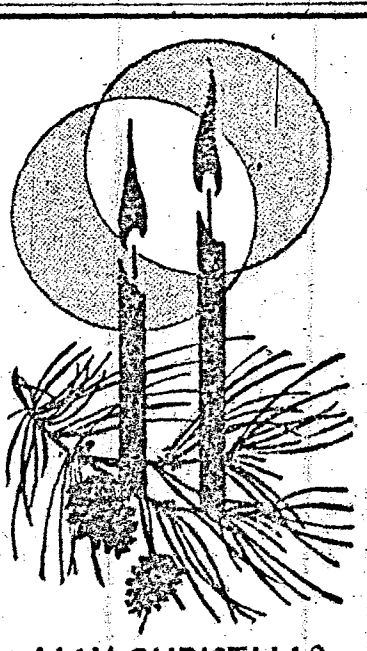

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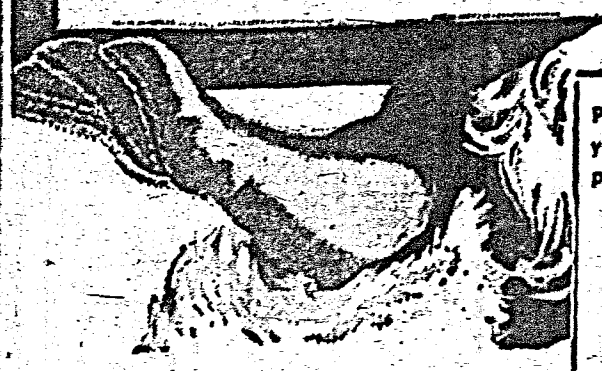

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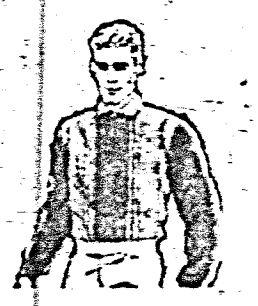

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SATURDAY afternoon at 2:15 Bill Rankin, one of the Sechelt Volunteer Fire Brigade, noticed smoke from a house, corner of Browning Road and Highway No. 101. On investigating, he found the interior a mass of flames, with no hope of saving the building.

He telephoned the RCMP from Wilson Creek, they in turn notified the fire Brigade.

Fire Chief Parish and Capt T. V. Gory went out, but found the house completely demolished. The place had been unoccupied for some time.

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ROBERTS CREEK NEWS

THE regular monthly meeting of the Roberts Creek Community Association was held on Wednesday evening, December 11th at the Community Hall.

The secretary reported that cards of thanks had been received from three persons to whom get well cards had been sent. A letter from the local MLA regarding roads generally was read and the secretary reported that the petition, being circulated by the association asking for blacktopping or hardtopping several pieces of road in the district was progressng very favorably. On motion duly seconded she was instructed to send these to Tony Gargrave the MLA for Mackenzie riding. The secretary also reported that dues were coming in nicely and that five new members had joined.

The improvement on the Community Hall, new lights on the stage and a floodlight also some roof repairs were left in the hands of Ernie Fossett and Albert Danroth.

Eric Prittie, Chairman of the Fire Brigade committee said that while two meetings of the committee had been held there was not enough information to make final decision. He also reported on the emergency lighting system for the hall and arrangements are being made to obtain the necessary equipment. The lease with the Elphinstone Recreation Commission for the operating of the games etc. will be renewed for another year and the emergency lighting equipment will be provided to that committee for use if necessary.

Some of the oldtimers are anxious to know why the name of Beach Avenue has been changed to White Road. The secretary is writing the necessary letters to the proper source to ascertain why this change was made. The Community association is the organization that looks after all matters of interest to citizens in the Roberts Creek district and it is hoped that residents will do their part by becoming members and also attending meetings to help formulate policies.

Rod and Gun names officers

SECHELT Peninsula Rod and Guns Club elected their 1964 slate of officers.

President is Harry Batchelor, vice - president, Mike Moorhouse, secretary, Ron Nelson, treasurer, Dan Currie, directors are Odd Elmholdt, gun committee, Don Caldwell, fishing committee and Bill Rankin, entertainment committee.

Permission was obtained from the airport committee to post the airport with no shooting signs to protect game birds.

PROTEST EFFLUENCE INTO TRAIL BAY

One of the biggest conservation problems in B.C. is pollution, so the membership agreed to send letters of protest to the Pollution Control Board and the Dominion Fisheries regarding effluence into Trail Bay.

Indian youths put on curfew

ON THE instigation of Magistrate A. Johnson the youth guidance committee has reorganized to keep Indian children under 15 off the streets in the evening. This committee was organized three years ago by the band council upon the suggestion of the magistrate's court. It was the first of its kind in Canada.

Acting chairman Clarence Joe explained the curfew bell rang at 7 p.m. in winter. Curfew varies according to the time of year, ringing around 10 p.m. DST in summer.

The committee consisting of Johnny Joe, Mrs. Elizabeth John, Mrs. Carrie Joe, Mrs. Ethel Julian, Mrs. Amelia Craigen, also secretary, and newly appointed Mrs. Violet Jackson patrol the streets every night to see that the children are responding to the curfew.

It was reported the attorney general will meet this guidance committee in the near future.

A motion was made to arrange a meeting with Magistrate Johnson before Christmas so he could speak to the committee, the council and the parents.

Community center holds Yule party

SATURDAY evening, Dec. 14, the annual Christmas dinner party was held for the members of Selma Park Community Center. About 30 members were there to enjoy the dinner and social evening of music and games. The ladies decorate the hall and cater the dinner.

Ron Orchard who acted as MC. also was a mystifying magician. Wm. Coffey was winner of the picture puzzle contest. Mrs. Frieda Clark the egg and spoon race, and the ladies of the Center won the balloon race.

The next time the members will be together again will be the regular meeting on the third Tuesday in January.

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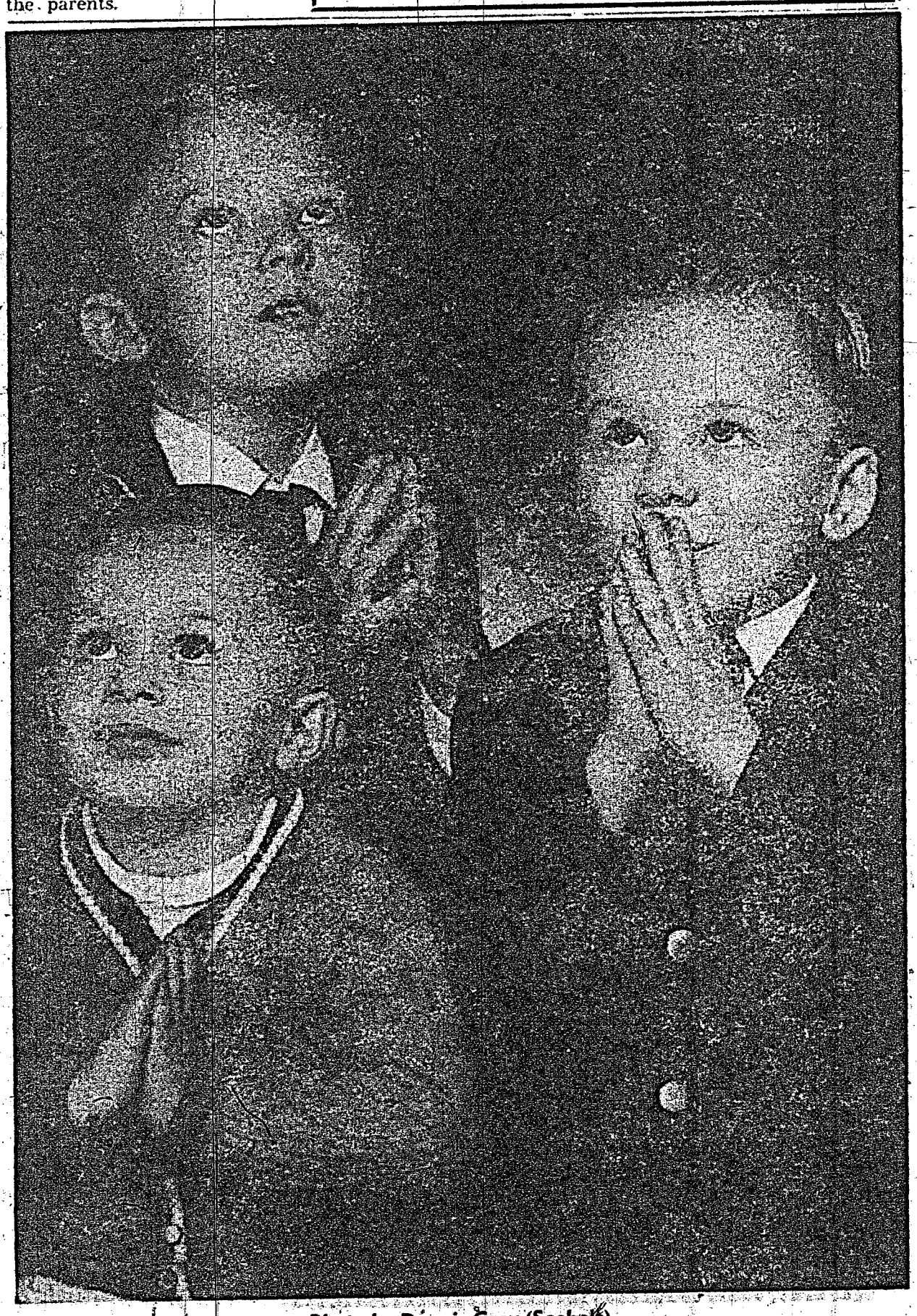

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GREETINGS

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Davis' Ottawa Diary

By Jack Davis, M.P.

THE RECENT Federal-Provincial Conference, while it had its ups and downs, proved at least one thing; it is that Canada is not falling apart.

After it was over Premier Robarts of Ontario said that if anyone had been worried about a crisis in Confederation he could forget about it now. Premier Lesage of Quebec was quick to agree. He denied, quite emphatically, that he had given the federal government any ultimatum. Mr. Lesage went even further. In statesmanlike tones he was heard to say that the richer provinces like Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia must always keep the needs of the poorer provinces in mind.

Even if the recent conference had done nothing else it set the nation firmly on the road towards a national pension plan. Prime Minister Pearson, having chaired several meetings dealing with pensions, was able to report to the House of Commons that an exchange of correspondence between Ottawa and the provinces was all that was needed to clean up the remaining difficulties. No further formal conferences were required.

His statement went on to clear away some of the doubts about how agreement on an overall plan might be achieved. Ontario is expected to cooperate. The federal government, he said, is also prepared to protect the position of those who now are covered by private pension plans.

Nor will the abstension of Quebec pose a major difficulty. The trick is how to make the federal plan and a separate Quebec plan dovetail with one another, thereby preserving the principle of portability which is so essential to the welfare of all Canadians regardless of their place of residence.

Thus the outlook is much brighter than it appeared to be before the Conference was held. The consultative process is working and working well. A great deal can obviously be done when different levels of government meet in good faith and are prepared to meet each other half way.

Kinsmen furnish hospital lounge

THE executive of the Kinsmen Club report their fund of $1,000 is mounting. The Kinettes helped the fund with a $100 cheque, proceeds of bake sales, and rummage sales during the past year.

The fund is to be used to furnish two up-patient lounges in the new hospital. These lounges are a feature of all hospitals now. These provide a comfortable room for patients to visit with their friends, or other patients, away from the actual wards. The bustle of visiting hours does not then disturb seriously ill patients, or the routine of the hospital.

Most of the fund will be raised by the Kinsmen collecting unwanted items for auction sales. Joe Benner is their able auctioneer.

Peninsula folk home over Yule

CAROL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Moorehouse, will be home from UBC for the holiday break. Carol is in first year education, specializing in art and music.

Bobbie MacPherson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. MacPherson, Tillicum Bay, and Henry Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woods, Selma Park will be home from Jericho Hill school.

After working in Calgary for a year, Wendy Yates arrived to stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Yates. Before leaving Calgary, Wendy had visited the John Hall family (nee Gilbertson), reports them well and happy. She also saw Joan Walker, now working in that city. Joan is the daughter of Tom and Ethel Walker, formerly of Sechelt.

Nicky Gilbert, fourth year arts UBC comes home after Christmas exams to spend the holiday with his mother, Mrs. W. D. Gilbert, Selma Park. Peter Slater, who has been for three years on a coastal mine sweeper out of Esquimalt, is on leave with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Slater, Davis Bay Hill. Peter is looking forward to a South American good will trip in January, which should take him as far as Valparaiso, Chile.

Christ Smith serving on the frigtae "Beaconhill" will be on Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, West Sechelt.

Kinsmen hold Christmas party

DECEMBER 15, the Kinsmen held their annual Christmas tree and party for the members' children at the Selma Park Community Centre. The children look forward each year to this party with the games to be played and carol singing before Santa Claus arrives to distribute the gifts in front of the decorated tree.

Early in the afternoon everyone sits down to a family style Christmas dinner, served by the Kinettes. This year there were two birthday cakes to be shared, as Dale Stephenson was nine years old and Mark Rennie was eleven. The grown-ups have their turn when Kinsmen, Kinettes and friends gather for a no host New Year Eve party.

Those parties are paid for out of the fine box. Kinsmen being assessed fines at their meetings for not wearing club pin, speaking out of order, or being late to meetings.

New Citizens

To Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hall of Sechelt, a son, Darran Myer, 7 lbs. 5 oz. on December 8 in St Mary's Hospital, Garden Bay. He is the first son after three daughters.

To Mr. & Mrs. A. Simpkins of Davis Bay, a daughter, Anne Rosamund, 10 lbs. on December 13 at home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker, a daughter, 7 lbs. 10 ozs. on December 9th at St. Mary's Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reid Jr., a daughter, 7 lbs. on December 11th at St. Mary's hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frieheit, a daughter, 5 lbs. 15 ozs. on December 13th at St. Mary's Hospital.

Sechelt Baptist . . .

Rev. Samuel Cassel's Christmas message

THE birth of Jesu in the manger of Bethlehem was not a fortuitous event. It did not just happen. The Apostle Paul says, "When he fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." This was written centuries before the Christian Church began to observe the birthday of Jesus. Yet it tells when Christ came, how He came, whence H came, and the purpose of His coming.

According to both John and Paul, the birth of our Saviour was the one divine event in which all other events culminated. This was the crisis of history, the goal of the Old Testament prophecy, the greatest occurrence since the creation.

When we ask why Christ came to earth to be born a babe in a manger, we find the answer in the Gospels. John puts it all into a single sentence. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Here we have the purpose of the Incarnation in simple words. The motive that impelled Him to come was God's surcame to die. That was His supassing love for sinners. Jesus preme mission, and He gives life to those who believe.

Why has this old Story such a wonderful fascination for old and young? Why has it drawn all men, rich and poor, high and low, until today at Christmastide the whole world gathers at Bethlehem's manger. It is not too much to say that the coming of the Christ Child has changed the whole world. Unless the Babe was God in flesh, one cannot explain the age-long, worldwide, tremendous influence of this event.

His coming makes all the difference in our hearts and lives and thoughts. This is the glory of the manger.

Arthur B. Rogers

PASSED away December 12, 1963 at Selma Park, Arthur Baren Rogers formally of Pemberton. Survived by his wife, Alpha, and 2 daughters, Lorraine and Glenda, of Vancouver and Squamish.

Mr. Rogers was a disabled veteran of World War I, and served with the 5th CMR. He and his wife came to Roberts Creek a year and a half ago, and then moved to Selma Park.

Services were held December 16, 1963 at Gibsons with Rev. J. Ferguson officiating. Burial will be in Soldiers' Plot, Seaview Cemetery. E. Surtees, Branch No. 140 will conduct Legion service at graveside.

Pall bearers: W. L. Midnight (son-in-law), C. Brookman, H. A. Hill, R. Hutton, F. G. Wall, W. Montgomery.

Christmas spirit . . .

Sechelt dressing up for festive season

SECHELT is to be all aglow with colored lights and decorations for the festive season. People will see again the Nativity Scene on the lawn of Holy Family Church, Cowrie Street, and Christmas hymns will be broadcast from a hidden speaker.

The merchants, the electrical contractors, the Kinsmen, and the linemen of the utility company crews, are working as a team to decorate the main shopping district of the village. The wiring installation will be of a permanent nature, so the decorating can be an annual affair.

The village commissioners have undertaken to erect a large tree in the triangle at the end of Cowrie Street. This tree will have many strings of lights on it.

The Kinsmen Club is also sponsoring an exterior house decorating contest, with appropriate prizes for the winners.

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—By Lorne E. Smith

BROTHERS MEMORIAL PARK — At a recent meeting, the membership of Local 297, Port MeMllon, voted a donation of $270 to the Brothers Memorial Park, that is being developed in this area.

This park is indeed a worthwhile project, and will be a real asset to the community. Recreational facilities for the children and a decent park has long been needed. The further development of this park can only be achieved with the full support, financially and otherwise, of every citizen.

Let us hope that Canadian Forest Products will now be able to see their way clear to make a substantial donation.

CONVENTION THOUGHT

During the recent BC Federation of Labour convention representing organized labor from all parts of BC, attended from this area by F. Corley, L. Labonte and myself, a number of very interesting points came up for discussion: civil rights, minimum wages, more control by Canadian Unions over their own affairs and many others, most of these were adequately covered by the daily papers, but one interesting item deserves a closer look. It was pointed out that 40,000 jobs per week, not per month or per year but per week are now being lost to automation in North America alone, this affects every man, woman and child, in the country, especially the younger generation who will soon be out of school and trying to earn a living.

One possible solution would be to slash the huge profits of the giant co-operations, e.g., $1.5 billion made by General Motors in the past year, by shortening the hours of work until every available person had a job, with enough take-home pay to maintain a decent standard of living. There are some who will disagree with this, but never the less, some solution must be found if we are to continue to live in peace and prosperity.

FIRE AWAY

Every year at this time we hear of many tragedies caused by fire, a great number caused by faulty wiring near a Christmas tree, so check your house carefully to be sure your family is safe. Have a Merry Christmas but don't make an ash of yourself.

A NOTE TO UNION MEMBERS

The deciding factor in any issue is the membership themselves, you have the final say, but if you do not attend your union meetings, you are leaving the door open for a small minority to run your affairs.

CORN BY LORNE

Mother: (Irately) Why do you go out riding with strange men?

Daughter: Well, they don't act strange until I go riding with them.

The cup is empty

ONE of India's multitudes sits beside a dusky road in a large Indian city awaiting her issue of powdered skim milk, a Christmas treat in that country. It is supplied by the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

In India . . .

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