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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12, 1964 10c

At Sechelt council . . .

B.C. Tel. presents free calling system to area

SECHELT Municipal council approved a plan presented by B. F. Abram, district commercial and traffic manager of the British Columbia Telephone Company to institute free calling between Port Mellon and Sechelt. They estimated this would increase calls by 60 percent and neeessitate a new cable from Sechelt to Gibsons. This increase in facilities and maintenance would mean a higher monthly rate for subscribers. BC Tel would like to submit a plebiscite to the people within five weeks and are requesting Sechelt and Gibsons municipal councils to count the ballots. Stamped and addressed envelopes will be sent out to all subscribers.

Rates depend upon the rate group classification which is based on the number of subscribers. The more subscribers the lower the rate. At the present subscription number the proposed increase in monthly rates for the Sechelt area would be business phones $1.75; one residence, 70c; two residences, 40c; and multiparty 30c. Monthly increase in costs to the Gibsons-Port Mellon area would be business, 90c; one residence, 20c; and multiparty 15c.

According to Abram, Pender Harbour cannot be included in this scheme at this time as it would be too costly until such time as that exchange enlarges.

COUNCIL HILITES

A school trustee will be invited to attend a committee meeting to discuss the school budget. "It is lengthy and higher than last year," said Gordon.

Sechelt tax roll will be prepared by department of municipal affairs.

A Salvation Army official will attend next council meeting. Permission will be granted to them to canvas the village but council will not make a donation as that is against their policy.

Sechelt waterworks applied to install 450 feet of 1½ inch water pipe along highway 101 to service lot 26.

Sechelt Volunteer fire brigade submitted its audited financial statement and a letter of thanks for increase in grant. Council thanked the fire brigade for their work during the year.

A building permit was granted to Doris Hall to build a double garage, and two demolition permits were granted, one to Henry Whittaker to demolish T. J. Cooke's house and one to Gunnar Johannson to demolish a building belonging to Sechelt lands.

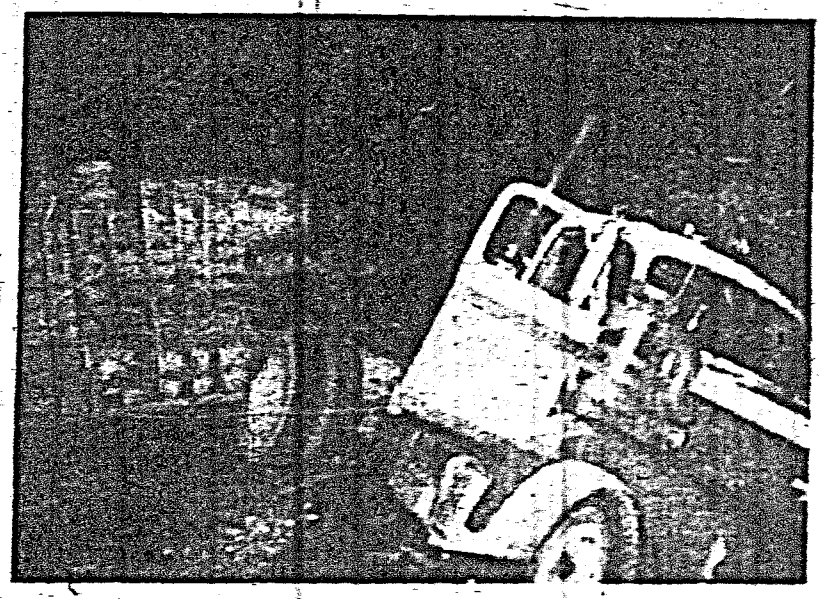
Two suggestions were submitted by Sechelt Ratepayers' Association—one, that building permits be valid only for one year from date of issue, and two, a vapor light be installed near the Calypso Room to light that business area and street light at the corner of Inlet and Boulevard Avenues be replaced by a vapor light. These suggestions were tabled due to Commissioner F. Parker's absence because of illness and present operation under a provisional budget.

Commissioner H. B. Gordon will commence tree planting in the two blocks at municipal hall. Survey will be carried out so tree planting will not conflict with sidewalks, water mains and sewers.

Centennial project is a job for the younger people, chairman Chris Johnston felt. The matter will be given consideration and thought, also the possibility of including a larger area such as West Sechelt so as to get a larger government grant.

Complaints concerning water in basements were felt not due to the dumping of fill in the swampy area, but to the heavy rainfall and the fact that a 12-inch pipe draining from Teredo Street to Porpoise Bay was not draining properly.

Accounts in the amount of $528.64 were ordered paid.



Traffic Blocked

A TRAILER TRUCK, operated by Westview Freight, after stalling on the Granthams Hill near Gibsons about 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7th, slid across the highway, over-turned, and blocked traffic for two hours. The cab overturned on the other side of the road.

At Sechelt . . .

Sechelt belongs to us Clarence Joe claims

SECHELT Indian bands are sharpening their tomahawks and preparing their brief to find out why, in 1869, Captain John Scales was given a military grant of block 303, which was in the middle of the Indian tribal lands and which had been formally established in 1854 as a Catholic community with boundaries delineated from rock to rock. Again in 1875, John Scales pre-empted block 304. Sechelt Indians presumed they owned these lands from the point at Selma Park to the first northerly point west of Sechelt until Scales sold them to Whittaker in 1890.

They ask, which should take precedence— a land grant to one man, or a treaty with native people? And why should one man be given a piece of land in the middle of an Indian village?

Bill C—130, an act to provide for the disposition of Indian claims, shall consider every claim that is brought before it . . . that lands in any area where taken from Indians by the Crown or by any officer, servant or agent of the Crown, on behalf thereof without any argument or undertaknig to give compensation therefor.

Clarence Joe has been working on this information for two years. He claims Capt. Vancouver's documents confirmed a native population here of 4500. "How did this Capt. Scales rob our forefathers

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Man arrested for B & E

HELEN Bishops Ladies Wear was broken into the night of Friday, Feb. 7. Entrance was made by throwing a rock through the front window. A large quantity of clothes were stolen, and a great amount of blood was scattered about the scene.

Ted Kuriuk discovered the break-in at 7:30 Saturday morning and reported it to RCMP.

Isaac Joseph, Alert Bay was arrested within the hour and pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering and theft. He was remanded in custody with sentence to be handed down Feb. 29.

Interest low at B&PW meet

MRS. Ivy Baston, first vice-president of the provincial business and professional women's club, and Mrs. Lillian Saxby, secretary of Powell River business and professional women's club, both of Powell River, were disappointed in the overall response shown on the Peninsula to the formation of business and professional women's club.

Mrs. Baston and Mrs. Saxby spent the day at the Cozy Court Motel, Sechelt, to meet interested women. Also present were Mrs. Mary Walker, past-president of New Westminster B&PW of which Mayor Beth Wood is a member; Mrs. Adele de Lange of Vancouver, past provincial president and Mrs. Gerry Wiltshire, Vancouver North, share member.

A certain amount of interest was shown but overall support was disappointing. However, the interest shown has given the visitors considerable hope of organizing a B&PW on the Sunshine Coast and further visits are planned.

TWO CARS INVOLVED

Only two cars were actually involved in the crash at the junction of highway 101 and Garden Bay road. According to Frank Anderson he was stopped on the highway facing Madeira and he saw Neil Whittaker in his rear-view mirror so he stepped on the gas and moved out of the way and Whittaker crashed into the other car driven by Pockrant.

Excerpts from report . . .

St. Mary's Building Committee reports

THE BUILDING Committee of the St. Mary's Hospital Society submitted a general report to the Trustees, members of the Hospital Society and to the General Public on the progress being made in construction of the new Hospital. Some excerpts follow.

The full foundation for the building has been completed. One huge boulder was found in the excavation area and was removed with heavy equipment. Sub-trades are at work.

A good supply of water has been arranged with the Sechelt waterworks and a new six inch line is to be laid to supply the area.

Arrangements for sewage disposal are being concluded with the Department of Indian Affairs to take care of this matter under engineers' instruction.

Several years elapsed between the time estimates of the cost of the project were first made, arrangements made for the necessary funds based on these original estimates, and the date for final tender on the undertaking. During this period costs of construction increased to such a level that only the hospital building proper with all its equipment could be fitted into the original capital provided.

Now the society is able to proceed with the nurses' residence project by making provision within the framework of Capital Budget No. 2.

Arrangements for provision of the additional funds are well in hand, and tenders are being received to construct the nurses residence.

Every item going into the hospital, it's quality and it's cost, must be scrutinized and authorized not only by the Society but also by the BC Hospital Insurance Service.

The committee is composed of taxpayers who are interested in the savings in costs, yet must weigh each decision and choose each article with an eye to necessity, durability, appeal, present cost against future operating cost, comply with BC Hospital Insurance Service rulings, and

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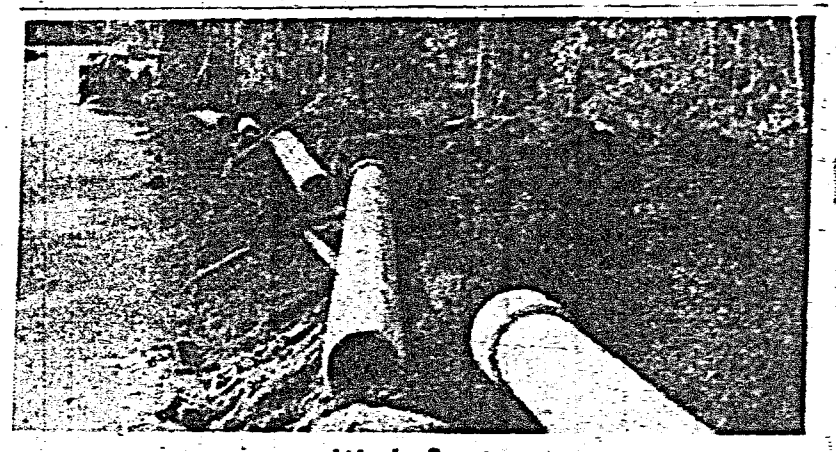

Work Starts

TRANSITE pipe is ready for laying in the trench being dug on the South Pender Improvement District water project H. B. Construction Co. is the contractor.

St. Mary's Hospital . . .

Subscriber supplies letter on sewage

ONE of the Times subscribers noted St. Mary's Hospital trustees had refused the editor entry to one of their regular meetings. He also noted these same trustees opened tenders for construction of nurses residence in a private meeting. These trustees then advised the press no member of the public had attended, although the meeting had been advertised as public.

If these trustees will read the legal notice calling for tenders, they will be aware no mention was made of date for opening tenders, either in private or in public.

In view of these instances, the trustees are reticent on the matter of sewage disposal from the hospital which they are building, the subscriber decided to forward for publication the following letter received from C. J. Keenan, secretary and executive engineer for the Pollution Control Board covering Permit No. 85. It stated:

"In reply to your letter of January, 1964, please be advised that at the Pollution Control Board meeting held on February 3, 1964, after due consideration to objections raised, that the Pollution Control Board have issued a permit in the names of Director of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, and Board of Trustees, St. Mary's Hospital, Sechelt, B.C., to discharge 37,500 gallons per day of primary treated and chlorinated

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CARD OF THANKS

I WISH to thank my friends in Selma Park and Sechelt for their kind expressions of sympathy during my recent bereavement. Special thanks to Drs. Burtnick and Swan who were so kind. Thanks also to nurses and staff of St. Mary's Hospital.
—Mrs. George E. Ruston 5095-9

I WISH to thank all my friends who sent cards and flowers during my recent illness. —E. Lonneberg 5091-9

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DEFENDANTS

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And on Friday, February 14th, 1964, at 1:00 p.m., I will offer for sale, by Public Auction, at Benner Bros., Sechelt, B.C., all the right, title and interest of the said Defendants in the above Deep Freeze, which may be inspected prior to sale at the given address.

Terms of Sale: Cash plus Social Services Tax.

Dated at Vancouver, B.C. this 6th day of February, A.D., 1964.

E. W. WELLS
SHERIFF OF THE
COUNTY OF VANCOUVER
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In Your Garden

by The Old Rake

STONE FRUITS such as Peach, Cherry and Plum can all be safely pruned at this time. One often hears that certain trees should never be pruned but you only have to look around you and observe some of the large fruit trees that have been left to their own resources to see what a tangled mess results. As with other fruit trees, and perhaps more so, one of the primary objects of pruning is to keep the tree in good shape, besides making it productive.

Peach trees are easily pruned if one bears in mind that they fruit on last year's wood, that is the wood that was formed last year. This does not necessarily mean new branches, but includes short new spurs borne on old wood. As the fruit buds appear in clusters of three while the leaf buds are in two it makes it easy to know what wood to leave and what to remove.

Peaches are often grown close up to the house, while this provides shelter and warmth it also makes it difficult to spray them properly. Another bad feature of this is that the roots often suffer from excessive dryness which results in a premature fruit drop. Thinning the fruit before it gets too large will pay dividends both in size of the individual fruits and in the overall weight of the crop.

Cherries are one of the trees that are often left to their own resources. While naturally a more open tree than most, it needs some attention to keep it within bounds. Long bare branches can be shortened to where the fruit buds appear, this will help to promote more fruit buds and to have them where they can be picked.

Plums, while they don't make long growths like Cherries often get to be a tangled, twiggy mess. Keeping the tree open and removing all water shoots and heading long branches back to fruiting wood is all that is required.

To get the best results from fruit trees, they have to be fed. This is a simple matter if the soil can be cultivated around them, but as most of them in home gardens are planted in a lawn it is necessary to punch holes as far out as the branches reach and fill them with a mixture of sand and complete fertilizer. About ten pounds of fertilizer for each mature tree. A clean up spray of lime sulphur at the nine to one strength should be given after pruning on a dry, still day when it is not freezing.

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Guides meet

GUIDE Commissioner Agnes Labonte, left, of Gibsons chats with Texada Guide Commissioner Vera Liebich, on a recent visit to Texada.

At Sechelt . . .

Pee Wee Leaguer G. Lawson scores 253

By Eve Moscrip

OUR junior bowlers are doing exceptionally well. Jack Goeson in the high Sechelt is shooting for his 11th star. Gary Lawson in the pee wee league come up with a big 253 this week.

TEN PINS

D. Caldwell 535 (206), F. Jorgenson 511, D. Clayton 568 (201), P. Paulsen 528, B. Ono 510, S. McKenzie 200.

SPORTS CLUB

Lil Butler 686, Orv Moscrip 766 (294), Jean Eldred 271, Hazel Skytte 261, Red Robinson 321.

PENDER

Roy Dusenbury 619, Carl Reitze 608, Bill Scoular 631, Sonny Scoular 619.

LADIES

Dorothy Smith 669, Jean Robinson 2??, Lil McCourt 260; Eleanor Carter 269, Mabel McDermid 253.

PEN COMM

Jack Wilson 720 (297), Eve Moscrip 696 (258), Andy Leslie 701 (276), Lawrence Crucil 698, Dick Clayton 680 (277).

LADIES WED.

Bronnie Wilson 614, Nan Reeves 251.

HI SCHOOL

Judy Hanford 310 (189), Jack Goeson 372 (200).

BALL AND CHAIN

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Kitchen Kapers

—By Jane Drury

THE Canada Dept. of Agriculture suggests that we should drink more milk—eat more butter and cheese, drink more apple and tomato juice, — eat more apples and more potatoes. The Home Economists at Ottawa came up with some very fine recipes to prove that many recipes can be made by using the above suggestions, and here are a few.

Spicy Apple Chiffon Pie

Pastry for 9-inch pie shell, baked. 1 tbsp. gelatine, ¼ cup cold water, 2 tbsps. sugar, ¼ tsp. salt, ¾ tsp. cinnamon, ¼ tsp. nutmeg OR cloves, 2 egg yolks, ¾ cup milk, 1½ cups sweetened apple sauce, few drops red food coloring, 2 egg whites, ¼ cup sugar. Method: Soak gelatine in cold water for five minutes. Mix the 2 tbsps. sugar, salt and spices in top of double-boiler. Stir in combined egg yolks and milk. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until custard coats a metal spoon. Add soaked gelatine and stir until dissolved. Stir in apple sauce and a few drops of red food coloring. Chill until mixture is almost set. Make a meringue of egg whites and remaining sugar. Fold into apple mixture and pour into baked pie shell. Chill until firm. Decorate with whipped cream is desired.

Fluffy Apple Pie

Pastry for 9-inch pie shell 5 cups shredded or chopped apples, 1 to 2 tbsps. lemon juice, 3 tbsps. chopped nuts (optional), 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, ½ cup sugar, 3 egg whites, 6 tsbsps. sugar. Method: Line pie plate with pastry and bake in hot oven for 10 minutes. Sprinkle apples with lemon juice and add nuts. Mix lemon rind with the ½ cup sugar and stir into apples. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Gradually beat in remaining sugar. Fold meringue carefully into apple mixture and pile into partially baked pie shell. Bake in a moderate oven, until apples are tender, 30 to 35 minutes. A 350 deg. F. oven is suggested. Serve warm or cold topped with whipped cream.

Scalloped Eggs and Peas

Delicious supper dish. 6 hard cooked eggs, 1 can peas, drained; ¼ cup butter, ¼ cup flour, ½ tsp. salt, 1½ cups milk, 1 cup shredded, medium cheddar cheese, 3 tbsps. bread crumbs, 3 tbsps. grated, medium cheddar cheese. Cut eggs in half lengthwise and sprinkle cut side with salt. Place peas in bottom greased, shallow baking dish. Arrange egg halves cut side down in peas. Make a cream sauce with butter, flour, salt and milk. Add the one cup of cheese and stir until melted. Pour sauce over top of eggs and peas. Combine bread crumbs and grated cheese and sprinkle over top. Bake in 350 deg. F. oven until thoroughly heated 20 to 25 minutes. 4 to 6 servings.

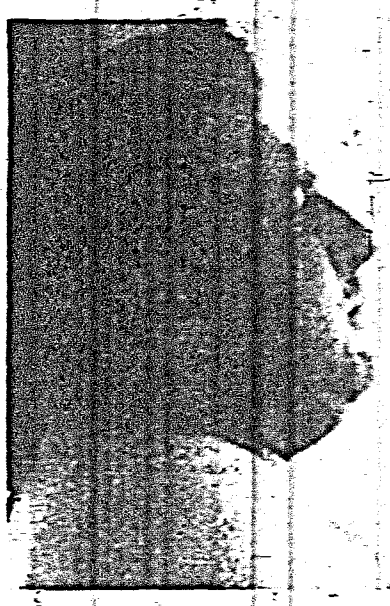
Easy Beef Pie

¼ cup chopped onion, 2 tbsps. butter, 1 lb. ground beef, 1 tsp. salt, 1 can (20 oz.) green beans, drained, 1 can (14 oz.) whole kernel corn, drained, 1 can (10 oz.) Tomato Soup. Saute onions in butter until transparent but not brown, about 5 minutes. Cook meat until brown, 5 to 8 minutes; add remaining ingredients. Mix well and heat. Pour into 6-cup casserole and top with biscuits, bake in a hot oven (425 deg. F.) for 20 to 25 minutes. 6 servings. Use this TOPPING for the Beef Pie. 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour, 2 tsps. baking powder, ½ tsp. celery salt, 3 tbsps. shortening, 1 egg beaten, ¼ cup milk. Mix and sift flour, baking powder and celery salt. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Make a well, pour in egg and milk, and mix quickly to make a soft but not sticky dough. Toss on a lightly floured board, quickly form into a ball and knead 4 or 5 times by pressing and folding dough. Roll out to about ¾-inch thickness. Cut into 2½ inch rounds and place on top of casserole.

Freezing Onions

"Yes, you can freeze onions" says the Consumer Section Dept. of Agriculture in Ottawa. Their home economists froze some and tested them for flavor and texture. Chopped raw onions were packed in plastic bags and put in the freezer for several weeks. When these were fried in butter they were delicious. They tasted as good as fresh onions fried at the same time. The thawed onions look a little transparent but this is not noticeable when they are mixed with other vegetables and dressing in a salad. Now the busy homemaker can prepare enough onions for her supper dishes and salads and then freeze them for a month or more. This is a saving of time rather than money since onions store well and are available the year round at moderate prices.

It is expected there will be large supplies of turkey and broiler chicken available this year.



Time off

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Feb. 13—Sechelt Elementary PTA, 8 p.m. activity room.

Feb. 14—Junior School Valentine's Dance, Elphinstone Secondary School.

Feb. 14—Job's Daughters Dance at Danny's.

Feb. 14—Regular monthly meeting Branch 140 Canadian Legion, 8 p.m.

Feb. 15—Car Club Dance, Legion Hall, Gibsons.

Feb. 17—Scout Leader Meeting, home of Frank Newton.

Mar. 13-14—Sechelt PTA Family Nights, Sechelt School Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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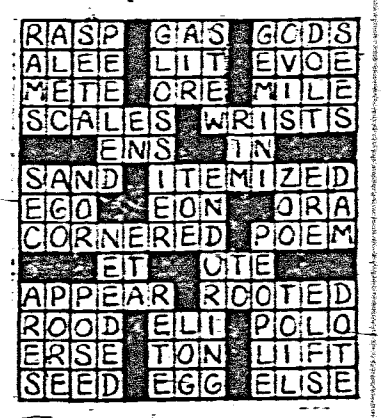

SECHELT PENINSULA Times

EDITORIALS

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

Wednesday, February 12, 1964

Wire Curtain Parting

CONGRATULATIONS to the B.C. Telephone Company for their prompt and constructive action to the Times editorial concerning the wire curtain which is restricting communications and therefore progress in the area. Here is a private company that apparently recognizes its responsibilities to the community and is prepared to do something about it.

Now, the next move is up to the subscribers who will be asked to agree to an increase in monthly rentals to cover the cost of increased facilities and maintenance. No business phone could fail to benefit from an overall monthly increase of 90c for Gibsons and $1.75 for Sechelt in return for free calling. On residential phones in the Gibsons area the increase amounts to 15c-25c a month—the price of one outside call. In the Sechelt area the increase ranges from 30c-70c a month—the price of two toll calls a month. And who doesn't make at least two toll calls a month?

If there is anybody who doesn't, surely he would be willing to contribute 15c-70c a month towards the progress of the area. It's even possible he would use the service if it were available at the cost of rental only.

There is only one flaw in this whole plan. Pender Harbour and Egmont are a part of this area too. If this line is to go as far as Wood Bay, then there are only about six nonproductive miles before a concentrated population at Bargain Harbour, then Madeira Park.

B.C. Telephone should take another look at this so we can all progress together and tackle our problems co-operatively without the barrier of toll charges on every call outside our immediate area.

Why The Excitement?

THE violent reaction from teachers concerning Horvath's remarks about being unable to get rid of old teachers to hire new ones is startling. Since the teaching profession is made up of human beings, teachers range from dedicated, unselfish examples down through various stages of excellence to mediocrity to those who would be better advised to do something else.

However, there is no need for this last group to do something else. Since teachers oppose merit rating, there is no grading within the profession itself, and once a teacher has put in his one or two year probationary period and been placed on permanent staff, any teacher knows as well as any school trustee, that the only thing parents, school board or taxpayers can do when a teacher fails to cut the mustard is wait for him to be superannuated at the end of 20 years or voluntarily resign.

It's a cinch he cannot be fired or asked to resign because there is a better teacher to be had. And a person does not even have to be a trustee to realize this.

If teachers feel so strongly about this why don't they discipline their own ranks. Why not look into merit rating? What happened to the pilot plan instituted at Cranbrook several years ago?

HATS OFF! DEPT.

. . . Bouquets for Good Deeds

Readers are invited to suggest incidents for recognition in this column. Phone or write The News.

The volunteer Fireman is a rugged individualist, a dedicated unpaid community servant who gives everything while taking nothing. A rare breed in this self-seeking age of ours.

On numerous occasions he is called from his dinner table, bed, business, pleasure or relaxation time.

He spends hours in training, checking his trucks and equipment, making inspections or doing other things to make his home area a safer place.

He is a man who has pledged himself to protect the lives and properties of his friends and neighbours (while also saving them thousands of dollars in firemen's salaries) and seeks no reward save the warm satisfaction of a job well done.

Minute Messages

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

IT IS easy to live in an atmosphere of self sufficiency and trust when the body is vibrant with health, when our job and pay are secure and when we are surrounded by family and friends. How apt we are to feel, under these conditions, that life is quite complete without Divine intervention and partnership.

But suddenly the props on which we have built our life may be removed, then we need faith in a Father who has promised that He will always be with us. It is on this faith and love that we can fashion a new life out of the sorrows and trials, the discouragements and disappointments that may overtake us.

There is the faith that many of us need to face the grey uninteresting days, and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" with the belief that the thing which we are doing in His Name shall accomplish that which He purposes. The 11th chapter of Hebrews is a record of the faithful who plodded on day by day, faithfully doing their best, but who never saw the final unfolding of their work in the purposes of God.

Jesus said, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . ." If we have just enough faith for the present moment, enough hope for the next minute and enough love to often centre our thoughts upon God, we have the resources needful to make each day a day lived in trust and in a harmony with the purposes of God.

MISS H. E. CAMPBELL
Wilson Creek United Church

ARE THE WOMEN IN THIS AREA not interested in such things as active support of worthwhile community projects, participation in municipal, provincial and federal affairs, working for higher standards in service in business, industry, professions and public life; developing and training women for leadership and responsibility; establishing scholarships, bursaries and awards to assist girl students to obtain advanced training and improving the status of women?

Apparently such is the case. Representatives of the Business and Professional Women's Club received a disheartening response to their attempt to organize the intelligent women of Sechelt Peninsula into an effective organization.

How can this be?

SELMA PARK RESIDENTS seem to have justification for being slightly perturbed when they were cut off from power last week for a couple of hours. Most claim they did not know of the impending cut-off, although the B.C. Hydro manager at Sechelt did post a little notice in the post office. Perhaps he overlooked the fact that not everyone goes to the post office every day, and that those who do go, go to get their mail or do business with the post office, and not to search for notices and news items which they expect to find in their local newspaper. The B.C. Electric had a high respect for public relations, and they saw to it that their customers were adequately notified of planned power cut-offs. But as a crown corporation, B.C. Hydro seems to be going the way of most government operations: the public be damned.

Random Thoughts

by Ben Burroughs

"OUR GOOD POLICEMEN"

MORE times than not I'm thankful for . . . policemen of our land . . . for the most part they are good . . . and quick to lend a hand . . . they guard our rights and see to it . . . that folks are safe and sound . . . and I, for one, would miss them . . . if they were not around . . . it's true there have been times when they . . . strayed from the righteous way . . . but they've been few and far between . . . I'm sure of what I say . . . I do not write this verse because . . . of favors I desire . . . I write it to give credit to . . . the people I admire . . . I pray God guides their every move . . . and keeps them safe from harm . . . so they can answer bravely when . . . someone sounds the alarm.

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

"What I Would Do"

(The Clip Sheet)

A READER of this column—a thoroughly practical person, a leading businessman whose range of interests and activities extends far beyond his own shop and his own industry—has sent along a memo titled "What I would do if I were Finance Minister of Canada." At first glance his thoughts may seem an over-simplification of very complex problems. But he is a man experienced in getting things done, and in these times of multifarious royal commissions and conferences—mainly debating, it seems, division of the taxpayer's money, rather than how to save him some—it has the virtue of the direct approach.

"If I were finance minister," he writes, "I would call a meeting of heads of business, unions and government departments and I would say, gentleman, I am tired of hearing about taxes being too high. I am going to cut them. Not two or three percent, but 25 percent, possibly more in some cases.

"For this, Mr. Businessman, I want lower prices. From you, Mr. Union Leader, I want the heat off wages. From Mr. Government Department Head, I want more efficiency in running your affairs; we can get along with fewer government employees, so snug up as people die, quit, are pensioned or discharged for cause.

"Reduced taxes will give employer and employee more earnings. Reduced taxes should stimulate more business volume and perhaps provide as much revenue at the previous higher rates on lesser volume. With more efficiency in government and a possible reduction in the cost of its supplies, we should be able (with fewer dollars of higher purchasing power) to maintain government services (if necessary) at their former level. One government expenditure that would be reduced with higher employment is payments out of the unemployment insurance fund.

"Lower costs and prices through reduced taxes, would enable us to export more easily and to compete to better advantage against imports. Current earnings as well as past savings would have greater purchasing power, a double gain.

"Gentlemen, we will try this for one year. If it doesn't work because you won't cooperate, then we will put taxes right back where they are now, maybe even higher. The reason for our present dilemma lies largely in the fact that a dollar won't do as much for people as it once did, because people won't do as much for a dollar as they once did. The solution, to me, is obvious."

Impossible, impractical ideas? Well, the late President Kennedy proposed an arbitrary $11.1 billion cut in business and personal income taxes. In specific cases, cuts in tax rates have multiplies volume and actually increased revenues. The author of the Glassco report estimates that Ottawa alone could save $300-$450 million a year by eliminating departmental inefficiencies and waste.

Perhaps a lot more businessmen should be writing and circulating a "What I would do" memo.

Of many things

by Ambrose Hill

TWO KINDS OF MONEY

THERE is an old saying that it takes money to make money. That is partly true; it takes money and a willingness to risk it, and to work like old Ned to make it worth the risk. A friend of mine just started a business in one of Manitoba's best small towns. It was a dream he had nursed along for many years. Here is how he finally made it come true.

He worked in the same establishment I worked in when we were young fellows. We were married the same year. His salary was about the same as mine. But he handled his money differently.

He and his wife agreed that they would spend a certain amount out of each cheque, and the rest would go into a savings account. Each time the account was big enough to buy a block of shares in some good company, they would make the purchase.

This may not sound too different to some of you; but to most of us on the staff at that organization, it was a new concept. For this chap and his wife spent their "spending" money much more freely than the rest of us. They were often broke before pay-day. But they seemed to enjoy their spending. They had, as it seemed, a feeling of confidence because they never ever dreamed of touching that part of their cheque which was NOT spending money. It was in the bank, or in stock certificates.

True, there were shows they didn't go to, things they couldn't do . . . , once that spending money had been dissipated. But the "saving" money was there, untouched.

I am quite sure that many of us from that original group of young employees have earned more cash over the years than this couple. They, however, accumulated more than any of us, into a pool with which they could actually do something they really wanted to do. And at the same time, they seemed to enjoy spending more than most of us did, because the money they did spend was meant for that.

So one small town has a mighty fine new business, which has added a number of young people to the ranks of the gainfully employed, and one middle-aged couple has a business they've always dreamed of having, in a town they have always admired.

If you would like to do the same kind of thing, classify your money—a set amount for spending, a set amount for saving. And never get the two kinds of money mixed up.

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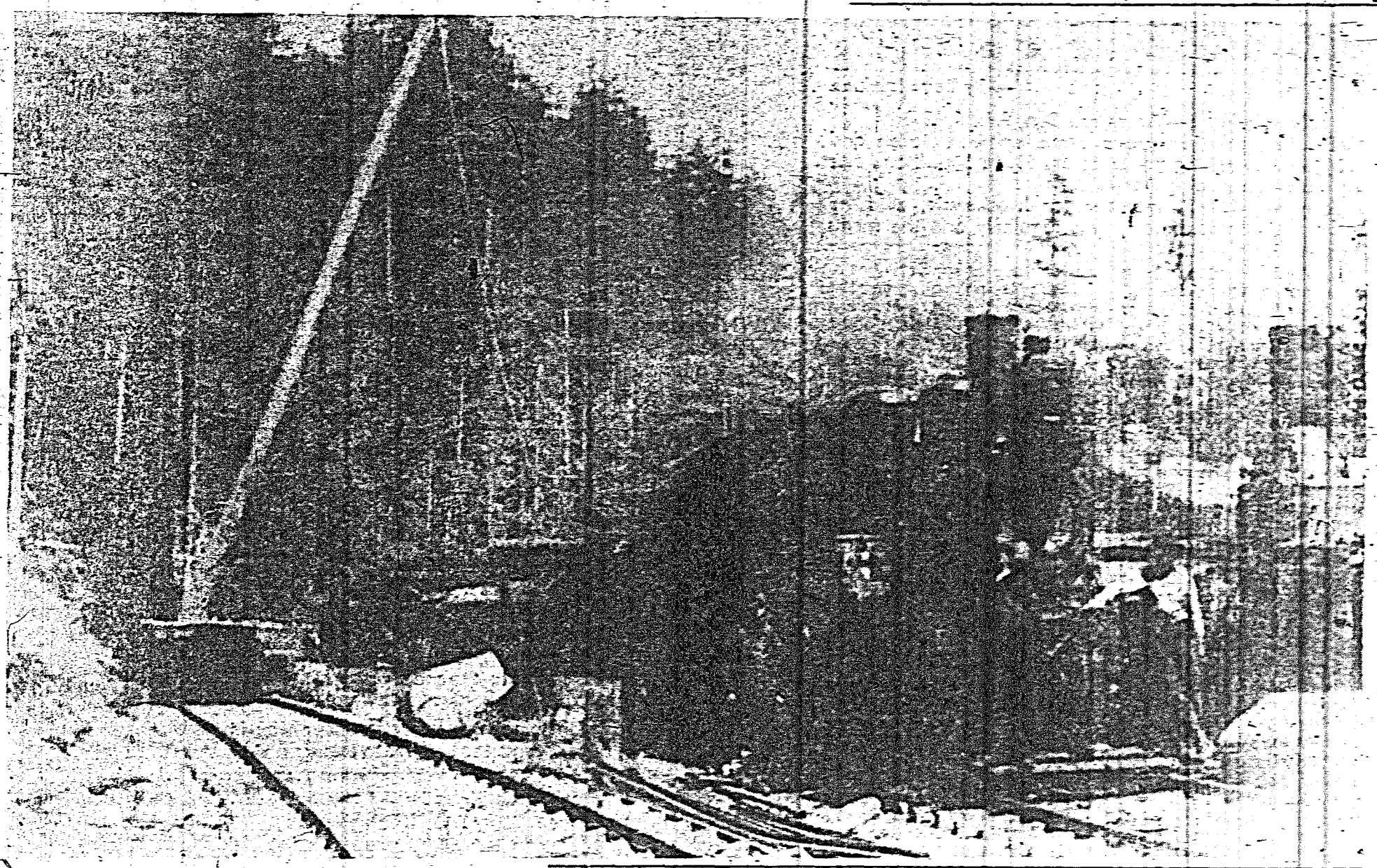

Early Logging Camp Locomotive

EGMONT, B.C. 1916. P. B. Anderson logging camp locomotive. First used in Bargain Harbour area, 1912. Then at Hastings Sawmill site, and finally at Egmont, 1916. L. to R. dumpman, engineer and Mr. Martin Warnock.

—Photo presented, 1958, by Mr. Warnock

The READER'S RIGHT

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

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

Condemn trustees

Editor, The Times

Sir—I note that you have commended some of the trustees and representatives of the school board for their sense of responsibility in not approving the budget until they have read it.

I would like to condemn some of them for their well developed sense of irresponsibility.

According to your reports, Mr. Horvath, a newcomer to the board, described the occupational program as a disgrace and charged that the students are only learning to kill time. Would it be asking too much of Mr. Horvath to substantiate these charges or else apologize to those concerned?

Second, Mr. Horvath expresses his desire to get rid of some teachers. Mr. Horvath should name them or resign.

Remarks by others at the meeting to the effect that: "teachers are in it for money, not love;" "they've got the strongest union in Canada"; "I can see why they're opposed to merit rating having watched some;" don't indicate facts as much as they indicate hostility. Of what use are hostile people within a group that ought to be working together?

The board finds it difficult to recruit new teachers for this district. Imagine how much more difficult it will be if a report such as this falls into the hands of prospective teachers.

W. PEERS

Public Hospital?

Editor, The Times

Sir—Is the new hospital in Sechelt going to be a public hospital?

Are the taxpayers going to have any part in its control?

Control, at present, is vested in the hands of a very limited group, not responsible to the taxpayers.

Dictation of policy by a non-representative board is undemocratic and open to question.

A hospital predominantly supported by taxes should be governed by a publicly-elected board.

I think these questions are uppermost in the minds of most Penninsula taxpayers & would invite comment.

A public hospital should not have to operate under a private hospital society.

THOMAS R. ADAMS

Mad magazine?

Editor, The Times

Sir—Your paper is so funny I'm canceling my subscription to Mad magazine. Are you really Joan Donley or are you Alfred E. Neuman in disguise?

M. J. B.

Sick in mind?

Editor, The Times

Sir—I see by reading that paper words to the effect that anyone who is in disagreement with 'that editor' is sick in mind. What qualifications has he to diagnose the community's mental illness other than it takes one to know one?

DON MacGONIGAL

Fish story

ONE still evening last summer Vic strolled on the wharf, where a Dominion government hydrographic survey boat was moored. He got acquainted and went aboard. Later they turned on a powerful searchlight, and pointed it at the water.

A number of other people looked on with fascination. They saw a salmon go by. Cod, grilse, flat fish and schools of small fry went by. Slow moving, eel-like lampreys appeared.

A grilse came by. Suddenly a lamprey flashed over and struck him amidships. There was a great churning of water, but the lamprey has hooker teeth, and once clamped on there is no hope. Slowly the struggle ended. The two sank gradually out of sight as the lamprey sucked the nourishment out of the fish.

Teenagers: Have you read 'Smoke is for Fish'?

Taxes will go down. Expenditures will rise. No wonder the schools have to teach new mathematics.

Mrs. Jean Mohart . . .

B.C. Memorial Society holds meeting in P.R.

JEAN MOHART, accompanied by Vancouver undertaker Douglas Forman, outlined the function of the Memorial society of B.C. at a meeting in Powell River.

Speaking to members of the Unitarian Church social committee, Mrs. Mohart said the society is, in effect, a co-operative as members band together in a common cause."

Title of her speech was the "High Cost of Dying." "Our society is an education, promotional agency through which people can reach their own conclusions," she said.

"It is a revolt against established practice. We want people to think in a practical, sane manner about death."

The aim of the B.C. Memorial Society is to provide inexpensive burial and funeral services. The funeral service, in cases arranged by the society, is held without the presence of the remains.

Mrs. Mohart told the well attended meeting that services are held in the hometown of the deceased although the body is interred in Vancouver.

"Our only problem is when the body is in outlaying areas and require and immediate pickup. In most cases local morticians make this pick up and then place the body in a mortuary under a co-operative scheme.

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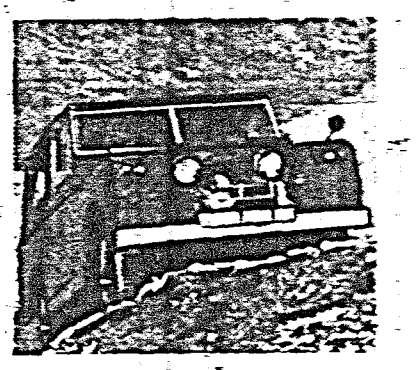

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The Fact Is . . .

—By Ray Nestman

(News Release—Vancouver Sun, Feb. 6, '64)
TRAVELLING Tony Gargrave is fed up with Bacon and Eggs while sailing south across Howe Sound and hot turkey sandwiches going North.

Gargrave, N.D.P. member for Mackenzie, said he makes the government ferry trip regularly and the menu isn't too exciting.

"Surely we could at least have a hot beef sandwich," he pleaded in the legislature Wednesday. End of release.

Now isn't that just something, our Tony finally fights for improvements for his people of the Mackenzie Riding. That's all we need Tony, hot beef sandwiches on the ferry; in heaven name above!—is this the best out member can do for us? I realize this is a major issue, and the Peninsula can not do without hot beef sandwiches, but really Mr. Gargrave, could you not put your time to better use than this? We need lots of things here on the Peninsula, roads, industry, improvements too numerous to mention, as for me I'll go without hot beef sandwiches, if I could see something constructive being done. How about it Mr. Gargrave, What's new?

Nay McRestman interviews local resident, Mrs. Timothy O'Branigan.

Nay—And how do you do I'm sure, Mrs. O. B. I see you use the Shopper's Bus.

Mrs. O. B.—Aye and it's a fine day to you Mr. O'Nay.

Nay—And what are you doin' in Sechelt?

Mrs. O. B.—Aye, and with my Shelaleigh too, I've come to protect the rights of wimmenfolk.

Noy—Fie and for shame on you Mrs. O. B., what's yer trouble?

Mrs. O. B.—De ye no understand yer Editor is a foine upstanding woman and a mither of foive is havin her reputation dragged in the dirt, do ye no understand they call her "Nosy Nelly." Big Hullkin men sit in the dark corners drinkin coffee and plotin to confound her efforts, why ye yonself, tells her she should be tradin her car in for a broom. Well, I'm here to tell ye, me and the rest of the wimmenfolk are here to drive you and the rest o ye that call yerself men, back to the woodpile.

Nay-Good day Mrs. O.B.

Could someone please tell me how it is, that many small communities keep their cemeteries so nice and why our final resting place is in such a poor state of repair?

There is no paint on the fences and the grounds are a shambles. The entire site must be quite appalling to anyone who is forced to visit this place, either to lay away their loved ones or to visit a relative who has passed on.

I don't want to appear a chronic complainer, but I would like to know who's responsibility it is to keep this place looking decent, as it is now it is quite a heartbreaking sight. Please, someone, an answer.

May Day is just around the corner and it would be nice to see the Merchants of Sechelt get together and form a May Day Committee now, and make this May Day something for the people to remember.

Let's not have just half a dozen floats this year, let's all pitch in and make the parade really something. How about Loggers' Sports after the crowning? In the evening Porpoise Bay could be put to good use for water sports. Possibly the main street of Sechelt could be blocked off in the later evening and an outdoor dance held.

Something of this nature would really help our tourist trade and would be terrific advertising for all who participated. Come on now, don't leave it up to George, pitch in and make this a real bang-up day.

Remember, people who have nothing more to offer than their opinion, should keep it to themselves.

THOT OF THE WEAK

The hand that lifts the cup
that cheers,
Should not be used to shift
the gears.

Halfmoon Bay news

LORRAINE Moffatt, who is attending school in North Vancouver, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Moffatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tinkley have left for Mexico for a month's holiday.

Visiting Mrs. J. P. Murphy from Edmonton is Mrs. Edmunds. Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Murphy's mother from Ireland, who has been visiting her will return to Edmonton with Mrs. Edmunds for a short stay.

Mrs. Helman has her daughter and baby visiting her from Edmonton.

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C.F.P. Representatives

SHOWN above are the group representing Canadian Forest Products, who travelled to Crofton on Saturday, Feb. 8, '64 for a tour of the Mill and Banquet. From left to right are: S. Rowland, R. Weston, K. Crosby, J. Macey and E. Hume.

B of M report . . .

Canada's economy to expand by '70

CANADA'S economy is likely to expand by at least a third by 1970, according to the Bank of Montreal.

"How soon such an expansion will get under way is difficult to predict, but it seems reasonable to expect a very sizeable increase in Canadian output between now and the end of the current decade," the B of M review states.

"An increase on this scale means adding to Canada's current output almost the equivalent of the present production of Ontario . . . (or) it is the equivalent of adding each year between now and 1970 the production of an industry the size of our pulp and paper industry. This is a tall order, but it is well within the realm of possibility . . .", Mr. Hart said.

NOT AUTOMATIC

But the B of M warns that, although signs now indicate another surge of activity, prosperity will not "fall into our laps . . . if we just sit back and do nothing."

"Implicit in the Bank of Montreal forecast is a continuing policy of aggressive salesmanship in foreign markets," the bank continues. Noting the substantial increase in the value of exports during the past three years, the review observes that the recent special sales of grain did not account for all of the improved export performance, which was "extremely encouraging."

"The pegging of the Canadian dollar at a lower value in terms of other currencies has also played its part and there is growing evidence that the efforts of Canadian businessmen to find new markets can be successful."

Mr. Hart's text continues, "We have only just begun to scratch the surface of opportunities in foreign markets for Canadian goods."

Canada should also maintain "a climate receptive to foreign capital," the B of M says, pointing out "policies which seek to discourage an inflow of development capital would seriously hamper our efforts to achieve the economic gains projected."

FISCAL DISCIPLINE

The B of M also advocates discipline in fiscal responsibility, as an aid in keeping Canada competitive in world markets.

Although there are important areas where a greater amount of public funds could be usefully employed, the bank says, "In the present circumstances, when tax reductions rather than increases would seem to be more appropriate, it seems . . . that proposals for enlarging the scope of government expenditure ought to receive very close scrutiny."

Productivity of Canadian industry has been increased but "much more remains to be done if we are to achieve the fullest and most efficient utilization of our resources, both human and material . ."

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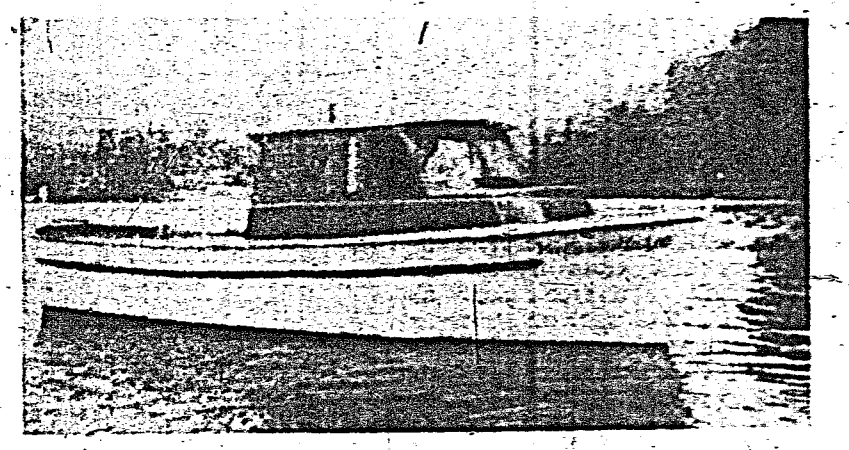
32 ft. Gillnetter, Valerie Marie, launched at Pender Harbour

Launched

MARIE REID, wife of owner Cecil Reid Jr., cracks bottle of champagne on the bow of "Valerie Marie."



IN the water

THE 32 foot gillnetter "Valerie Marie", rides gracefully in the water minutes after her launching. She was built and designed by Fred Crosby of Pender Harbour.

Pose proudly

CECIL REID Jr., owner and Fred Crosby, builder, smile proudly on the deck of the Valerie Marie.

$10,000 ship launched

"VALERIE Marie," new $10,000 gillnetter slid into the water as Marie Reid, wife of proud owner Cecil Reid Jr., cracked a bottle of champagne on the ship's bow.

Built by Fred Crosby of Pender Harbour of ⅝" mahagony planks with glued seams, the 32-foot hull, 10 foot beam and three foot draught incorporate many of Fred's ideas and designs. The "Valerie Marie" is fitted with a General Motors 280 hp Crusader motor from Hoffars Ltd. A top speed of 26 knots is anticipated. The drive is through a 2.5:1 Borg-Warner reduction gear to a 23 by 20 prop and shaft. Drum drive is supplied by Garden Bay boat works.

A far cry from the oldtime Columbia River gillnetter propelled by sail and oar. Heaven help the sockeye this summer.

Selma Park News

THE ditch digging crew, the slashing crew, and the BC Hydro line crew have completed their projects. Some households were caught on the hop by the outages on Tuesday and Wednesday. The decision to make the change over on the power line was decided by the BC Hydro too late for newspaper advertising, so a hand printed notice was placed in the local general store. Just one of those things which happen when you live in the country.

Several residents asked the ditching crew for loads of earth to be dumped on their properties for fill, or to dig into the vegetable plot. Moving these loads around in the gardens will make sylph-like figures in Selma Park, or aching backs.

Mrs. George E. Ruston has left to reside in North Vancouver with her friends, the Ingrams, who have known her for many years. They came up to help her pack and move. Mrs. Ruston's neighbor's here wish her well in her new home.

Dr. A. E. Wark has returned after a week in Vancouver, and is getting back into his usual routine for a couple of brisk walks each day.

Ron Orchard has returned from England, enjoyed his visit with relatives and friends. The weather was not too inclement, but he is pleased to be back on the coast.

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Letters home . . .

Word from adventures travelling, studying

THE TIMES would like to hear from or about any of the young people from the Peninsula who are travelling or studying in other parts of the world. Relevant excerpts as well as suitable photographs from the young travellers would be appreciated. Photos will be returned.

GARY SPICER

Gary Spicer is a graduate of Pender Harbour Secondary school. After some time at UBC he decided to take a year off to travel before finishing his education. He writes to his dad from Rabat, Morocco.

Dear Dad—I'm in a very dirty hotel room in the heart of Medina trying to write legibly while lying in bed. The reason I'm lying in bed is my feet are killing me. I must have walked six or seven miles today.

We went to Marrakech, spent five days there. A fascinating city of 200,000 population with a distinct Arab and French section. What lovely weather in the town—70's every day. The markets were very interesting. The one in Medina is a maze of little passages and dead-ends. I got a little boy for a dirham (20c) to guide me through the Medina market. First went to the wool market where they dye all the wool.

There are large boiling vats into which the wool is dipped and hung in the sun to dry. Made a tremendous picture—all the different colors hanging out to dry. Then went to the Berber straw market—straw all over the place. They were weaving various shapes of baskets. The Berbers are darker colored people who live in the mountains around Marrakech.

There was also a Berber wheat market. All the grain was laid out on the ground and they sifted it through screens to sift out the chaff. The women were buying different types of grain by the kilo to grind for bread.

Each section of the market is composed of individual shops all squeezed into two narrow streets about 14-15 feet wide and a couple of hundred feet or more long.

In the main square of Medina there is much activity from early morning to late at night. There was a cyclist, a couple of exceptionally good singers, a flame swallower and naturally, a snake charmer. They would collect money from the crowd after their acts. Never did stand too close, myself—but that's one advantage of being tall because I can always see. As soon as they saw a European in the crowd they made right for him and the crowd parted before the man with the plate just like the waters parted in the Bible, and they had to pay.

Started to learn to play poker. First time I lost over three dirham, but yesterday I won it back plus some. Have come to the conclusion though that Europe isn't the place to learn because money is worth a lot more to me here. At home the stakes may be higher but I can always make more. Here, for instance, 3 dirham (66c) will buy two good meals.

Had a good old North American type new year. There were 52 girls, 18-19 years old and 12 boys staying at the nitziest hotel in Marrakech and we managed to get ourselves invited to their party. They were from an exclusive girls' school in Switzerland. We made the rounds of the bars in the European section (there aren't any in the Arab section—Moslems don't drink). We ended up taking carriages with horses everywhere we went. We stayed up all night and celebrated New Years all across Canada.

Sure is damp in this hotel room. The walls are of cement about a foot or more thick and the dampness and cold lingers and penetrates everything, especially in the coastal cities. —Love, Gary.

DERELYS DONLEY

Derelys Donley is a graduate of Elphinstone Secondary school and spent one year in education at Victoria college. She writes to her family from Auckland, New Zealand.

Dear Mom, Dad and kids—Everything is squared away for college. I start at Epsom College in Auckland on Feb. 4. I've got a place to stay—a set up similar to the one I had at Vic. College last year. For room and breakfast this elderly lady is charging me £3 a week ($9), and it is about a 20-25 minute walk from the college. My salary while at college is £7 a week. Went up and took a look over the grounds the other night. It's a lovely place—tennis courts there as well as everything else.

Last weekend three Australian girls and I hitchhiked to Kerikeri to visit a friend. Didn't take any togs (swim suits) with us as the weather here was lousy and didn't figure it would be any better there—big mistake. Anyway, she dug up four bathing suits for us. What a riot. We looked like four little orphan Annies just out of a ragbag—but we went swimming anyhow. Later, they took us sightseeing to Waitaki. It is lovely there—beautiful golden beaches and gentle, green, rolling hills.

We visited a Maori meeting house. The carving inside is out of this world. Will send some photos when developed if you'll send them back. We stayed overnight and left the next morning.

I should tell you about our trip getting there which was quite exciting and very different. We left here at 5:30 looking like swagmen with our packs and sleeping bags and caught a bus downtown and got a train to Henderson on the west coast. We even managed to get lost in the station, then found out the train ran nearly through our backyard and we could have caugh it at Mt. Eden. At Henderson we got a ride that dropped us about 10 miles out, and then realized our biggest mistake—we should have taken a train to somewhere on the east coast—and we were lost on a deserted gravel road with absolutely no traffic, just cows, horses and sheep and endless, rolling hills.

We walked for two hours, then sat down in the middle of the road and had something to eat. Then it started to rain. A car came along going in the opposite direction, but we flagged it down, and he drove us about 10 miles and put us on a main road. It was about 9 p.m. by this time, so we hitched until 12:30 and got 10 miles past Wangerai, where we bedded down just off the road in our sleeping bags. But we just got to sleep when some wise acres (fellows) spotted us and gave us a good scare. So we flagged down the first car we saw and went to a motel. Got the poor fellow up about 1:30 a.m.—he wasn't exactly happy. When we got to Kerikeri the next morning, I phoned our friend and while we were waiting for her we sat down on the sidewalk (like sitting on the sidewalk in front of the Shop Easy at Sechelt). We looked like four bums sitting there. Rather funny. We arrived home without incident though—just tired.

—Love, Dee

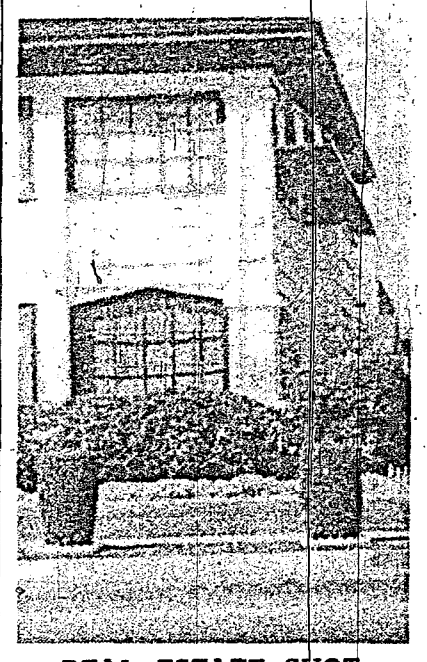
PETER HEMSTREET

OSCK Peter Hemstreet, RCN, aboard the destroyer-escort HMCS MacKenzie under the command of CRD A. B. German, CD, RCN, is on a training exercise in eastern waters bound for Pearl Harbour, Guam, Midway, Hong Kong, Singapore and exercises with other Commonwealth navies in the Indian Ocean. He is from Sechelt and was a student at Elphinstone Secondary School before joining the Royal Canadian navy. He writes to his parents.

Dear Mom and Dad—I'm just one day out from Pearl Harbour. It was a pretty rough trip but I was only sick one day. On the first night out we ran smack into a storm which put a hole into our bow close to the radar dome and it's leaking quite badly. The weather is getting pretty hot now and I imagine our uniform dress will change.

Jan. 13—I forgot to mail this letter so the news is a bit old, but I'll mail it anyway. I had a wonderful time in Hawaii. We were there seven days because of the cracked sonar dome. We were only supposed to be there two days—pretty lucky, eh? I walked all over Waikiki beach. It sure is nice on the bare feet and the water is like toast all the time. I didn't try surfing, though.

I'm sure getting quite a tan in this climate—just like the Hawaiian girls. Right now we are on our way to Midway to refuel, then to Guam, then to Hong Kong. All for now—Peter.



REAL ESTATE SHOT

Danny Propp of Gibsons is a graduate of Elphinstone secondary school and is studying in Los Angeles.

He writes:I go to the Art Centre School which is located between downtown Los Angeles and Beverly Hills where courses in the following subjects are offered—advertising design, advertising illustration, fashion illustration, packaging, transportation, product design and design for merchandising, painting and photography.

About 700 students attend this school. Instructors are top men in their field dividing their time between their own businesses and teaching. Students come from all over the world—there are quite a large number from Japan. It is the only school in the US that teaches car designing (transportation).

The school operates on a semester basis, there being three semesters a year. One needs eight semesters to graduate and this can be achieved in 2.8 years if one goes through without a break. However, most students take two semesters a year and graduate in four years. General education courses must also be taken. Classes are from 9-4 Monday to Friday and 9-1 on Saturday. Homework is heavy but interesting.

I am taking photography. is a 4 by 5 view camera and a 35 mm or 2¼" camera. I am just finishing the first semester so you might say I'm still in kindergarten at this school. We have three instructors. One teaches us general techniques and gives us an assignment each week such as a real estate shot or shooting a box of cake mix and making the verticals and horibontals perfectly square.

This, by the way, is achieved by using the swings and tilts on the view camera. Another instructor teaches us basic lighting and the third stresses composition. All our work is enlarged to 8 by 10 and dry mounted on 11 by 14 boards. All prints have to be signed by the lab manager before being presented to the instructor. At present all our work is black and white—color printing doesn't start until the fifth semester. Our largest assignment has been the L.A. story. This meant shooting a picture story on Los Angeles. We each turned in a book of about 50-75 prints. I'm including a picture of a real estate shot. —Sincerely, Danny Propp.

BOB DONLEY

Bob Donley is a graduate of Elphinstone secondary school and emigrated to Australia last March. Within ten days of arrival he landed a job at Mt. Isa operating a twin-engine Euclid diesel cat. He writes to his parents.

Dear Mom and Dad—Our contract is up and I left Mt. Isa. They offered us a job in the mines but only at £20 a week so I said no dice and they gave me my plane fare back to Brisbane. Four days later I landed a job driving a D6 for an oil prospecting outfit at £35 a week plus room and board, plus time and one-half for overtime, plus plane fare. As soon as I pick up my snake bite kit I'll be flying to Cairns and then onto a single-seater to the job tomorrow morning, which is about 15 south of the equator and about 20 miles from Princess Charlotte Bay.

June 14—The camp consists of eight tents. We have a power plant, deep freezes, automatic washing machines—they sure look funny sitting out on the plains beside the tents. They have a shower rigged up, but if you prefer to swim in the river you have to watch out for the odd fish about six feet long with fierce looking jaws and four short, fast legs. (I forgot to take my watch off when I went swimming and now it has stopped).

There are 10 of the world's deadliest snakes here including the king brown snake and the taipan. Before you climb into your bed at night you check that this friendly little taipan isn't in your bedclothes. Last night a seven foot king brown went slithering into the kitchen tent and the poor old cook nearly died of fright.

We clubbed it to death with a shovel. And the evening before I ran over a 7' 6" taipan. It had ⅞" fangs. God, were they mighty.

The wild life here is just out of this world. There are ibises, pelicans, white cranes, lizards, pigs, spides as big as your hand, kookaburras, walabies, kangaroos and the most beautiful parrots you ever saw. What an experience. It's not too hot either.

We have a mail service once a week by bush pilot. I don't have a desk to write on so my writing is fierce. I have 150 miles of track to push. On the plains I can make up to 10 miles a day, but in the scrub, only about a mile. There are millions of ant hills, some eight feet high. The government is chopping up a 5,000 square mile block into 200 square mile blocks which they are leasing on continuous 33 year leases for 5 shillings a square mile. This scrub and plain is excellent cattle country, but pitifully undeveloped. The taxes are almost nil.

Today we just about got nailed by a taipan. We were setting fires in the scrub and out he came—very fast. We also caught two 10 pound baramundies, a fresh water fish like a silver red snapper. I also got me a wild pig the other day—one shot right through the head. Also caught me a little fellow. I saw a whole litter so jumped out of the truck and after them. Grabbed a piglet and headed for the truck. Half way back the old lady turned on me.

I just made it and that was all. I have him here in camp on a rope. He will go for us every time we walk past him, squalling like a banshee.

The other night two bright guys put a six foot crocodile in bed with me while I was sleeping. The thing was alive but it's mouth was taped up. I darned near wrecked the tent before I completely woke up. A black fellow got me a baby galah bird and I'm going to teach him to talk. The adult bird is pink and grey and very beautiful.

A big king brown snake got in one of the trucks yesterday and you should have seen the panic. We got him though. About six feet long, he was. I've been having a bang lately. We ran out of .22 shells so we went hunting wild pigs with axes. My mate got treed so I had to rescue him. I got me a boar with an axe, believe it or not. (I'm writing this as a Canadian, not as an Auzzie). You should have seen the display. And the run. I didn't know I could run so fast!

The food is worse than pig slop and everybody hates the cook. I caught a vicious little possum and let it go in the cook tent. It shot straight between the cook's legs like a bullet. He just about had a fit. He had a pot in his hand and I though he was going to nail me with it. I'm still laughing. I love fun and sun and I'm getting my share of both. —Love, Bob.

We saw the USA in our jalopy. It's one nation, indivisible, two lanes wide with a stripe in the middle.

Today only a pessimist believes the sky's the limit.

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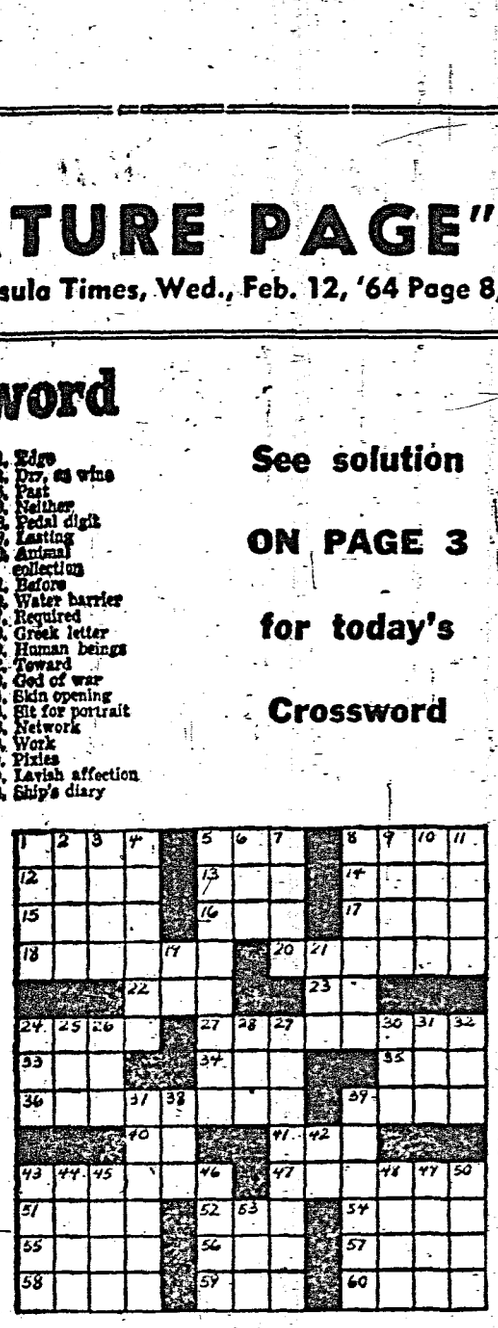
Crossword

ACROSS

1. Pie
5. Aeriform fluid
8. Supreme being
12. Toward sheltered side
14. Illuminated
14. Wild cry
16. Distribute
16. Mineral earth
17. Measure of distance
18. Weighing devices
20. Arm joints
22. Being
23. Within
24. Grit
27. Listed separately
33. Self
34. Eternity
35. Danish coin
36. Trapped
39. Verse
40. And (Fr.)
41. American Indian
43. Seem
47. Planted
51. Church cross
52. High priest
54. Game on horseback
55. Gaelic
56. Measure of weight
57. Raise
58. Grain
59. Ovum
60. Otherwise

DOWN

1. Batters
2. Fish sauce
3. Bristle
4. Pared
5. Shinier
6. Ventilate
7. Cook slowly
8. Constellation
9. Sheep genus
10. Idiot
11. Notices
19. Printing measure
21. Edge
24. Dry, as wine
25. Past
26. Neither
28. Pedal digit
32. Lasting
33. Animal collection
37. Before
38. Water barrier
37. Required
38. Greek letter
39. Human beings
42. Toward
43. God of war
44. Skin opening
45. Fit for portrait
46. Network
48. Work
49. Pixies
50. Lavish affection
53. Ship's diary



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NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

by Arnold

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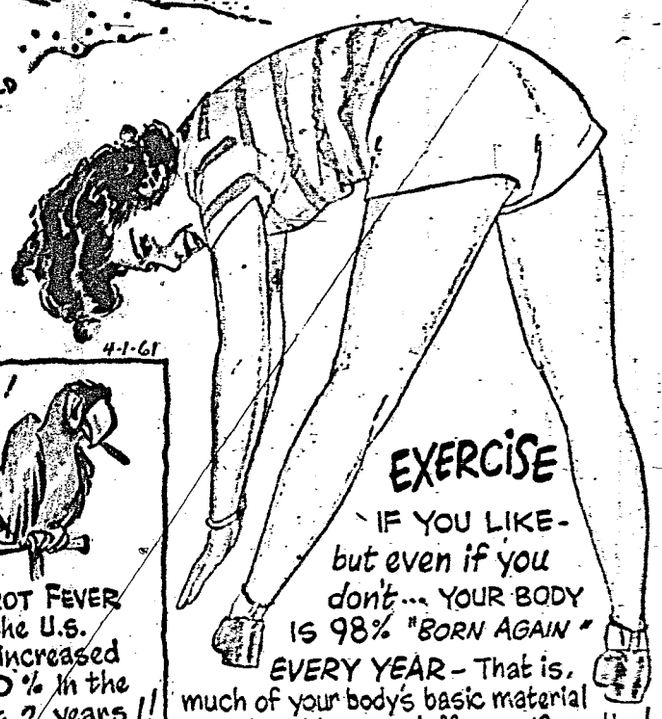

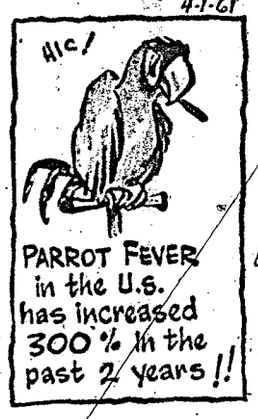

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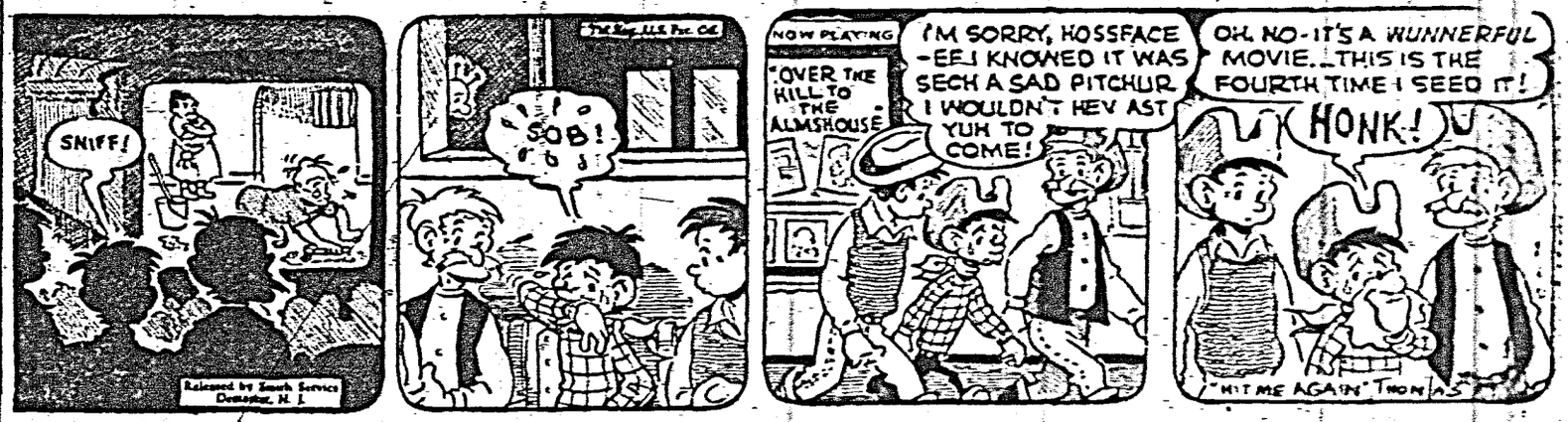


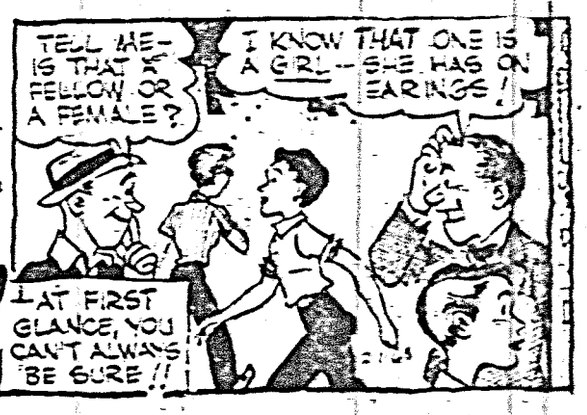
GRANDPA'S BOY

by BRAD ANDERSON

THOSE WERE THE DAYS -

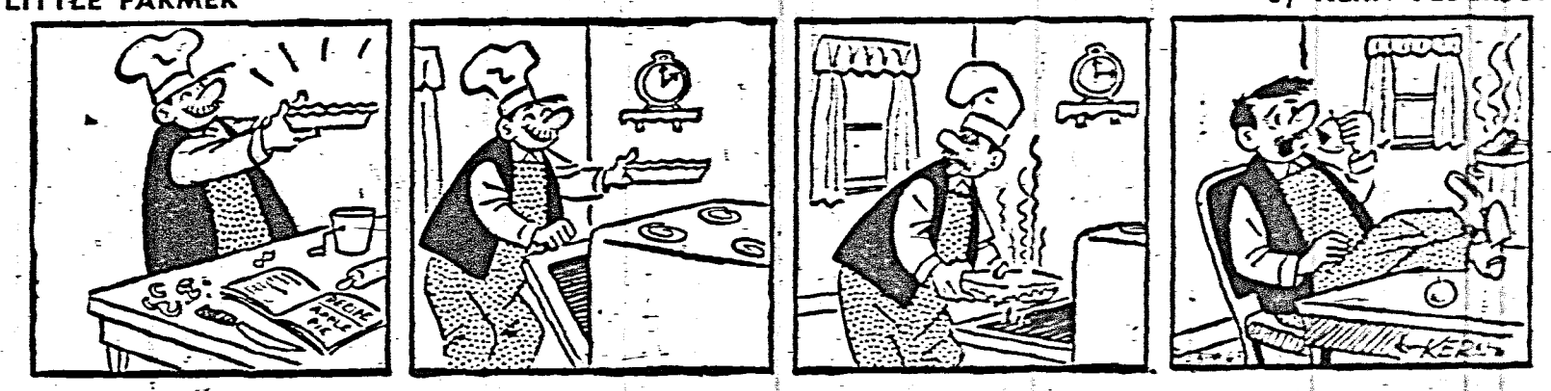
by Art Beeman

But now - WOW!



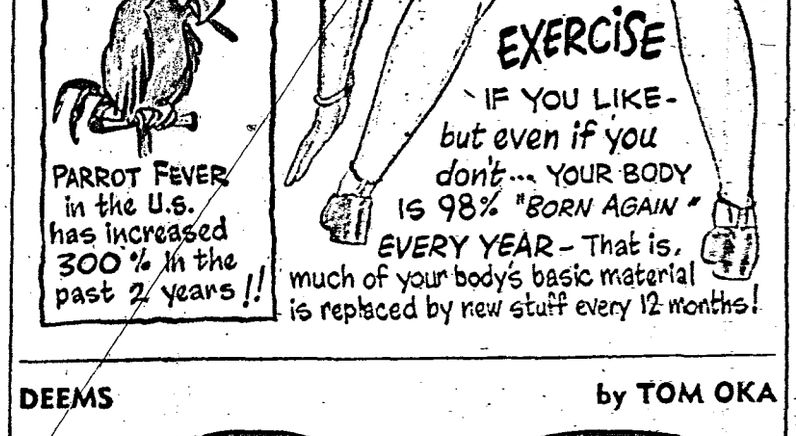
LITTLE FARMER

by KERN PEDERSON



DEEMS

by TOM OKA



OFF MAIN STREET

by JOE DENNETT

RURAL DELIVERY

by AL SMITH

Times

TEEN TOPICS

Around Pender

PENDER HARBOUR students are having a good look at automation as the contractor who won the water board contract lays pipe along the highway. With a minimum of men and a maximum of heavy machines ditches are being dug, pipe laid, joined and covered, almost untouched by human hands. The old fashioned warning that poor students would find themselves ditch digging is really out. It just doesn't apply any more.

The referendum passed and shops seemed finally within our grasp when various press reports gave the impression that our efforts had been in vain. The explanation given to the school principal by the district superintendent and local board member is quite simple and satisfactory. The old Industrial Arts program has been scrapped in favor of a more modern program.

Specifications for a composite room such as we will have are being changed to the requirements of the new program. As soon as the plans are ready, tenders will be called for. Everybody can see the sense of not building shops this spring that would be obsolete before they were opened. The money will be there when it is needed; that is the important thing.

Students are preparing for a trip to Vananda Elementary-Secondary School on Texada Island. This trip is always an enjoyable one, and many friendships have resulted from those taken in the past. Mr. Tjorhom and Mr. Cross will accompany the teams, who have been rigorously training in basketball and volleyball for the play day.

Nora Warnock and June Cameron attended the Future Teachers' Conference at UBC. They reported to the school on Friday. Both girls had a profitable and interesting time. Their reports were made over the PA system, and were heard by the students in their home rooms. They were congratulated for the manner in which their reports were given.

Haidas and Nootkas will wage a wampum war all week, bringing in pennies for council funds and attaching them to great reels of tape. Last year the wampum belts stretched the length of the gym and the council was richer by nearly $30.00. Nearly all the pennies in Pender Harbour were collected, and Mr. Lloyd bought them that very day in order to make change. Janice Northrup and Llona Duncan are in charge of this.

Funds are being raised for jackets for the girls as well as the boys. The cook book is under way now, and will likely be limited to one hundred copies. Each will contain approximately fifty pages of local recipes and will be sturdily bound. They will sell for one dollar, and will be obtainable from any Pender Harbour student.

The girls of the school had an interesting day when Miss Logan of the BC Hydro Home Economics Department spoke to them about matters domestic. They learned about care of the range, laundry techniques, and kitchen planning.

Meanwhile, the boys were on course, being given very special attention by the teachers. There has been some speculation as to the benefits of separate classes. The boys feel that they learn more alone but don't enjoy the classes as much.

Mr. Segee's Fishing E class has had some lectures from interesting people. Mr. Clay has given some practical work in navigation; Mr. Remmen has had them down to his boatyard to view a ship in various stages of building; Mr. Daly and a friend gave a most instructive talk on Co-op insurance.

This group will undertake the building of four small dinghy type boats after Easter. They will work in four groups, using hand tools, and will be able to put into practical use much of what they have learned in class.

Platter Chatter

THE top ten this week according to Buddy Clyde's Dance Party are as follows:

1. The Real Nitty Gritty—Shirley Elliston.
2. I Wanna Hold Your Hand—The Beatles.
3. When The Lovelight Starts Shining—The Supremes.
4. I Want To Stand Up On The Mountain — Maureen Church.
5. Whispering—April Stevens and Nino Temple.
6. Secret Love—Kathy Kirby.
7. Goodbye Tom Love—Daryll Quist.
8. Hey Bobba Needle—Chubby Checker.
9. You Don't Own Me—Leslie Gore.
10. He Says The Same Things To Me—Skeeter Davis.

Inspector: "Tell the foreman when you see him, that this trench is dangerous."

Roadman: "He know's that, we're just digging him out."

April Stevens - Nino Tempo

UNDER TWENTY

INTERVIEWS

By John Larson

APRIL STEVENS and Nino Tempo, riding the crest of their "Deep Purple" record popularity, have reversed a show business trend. Usually a brother and sister begin as a duo and eventually go their separate ways later in their career. April and Nino, however, have both had somewhat successful individual careers. But, real national prominence didn't come until they joined forces—quite by accident.

It happened that both were at home in Los Angeles at the same time. Nino, an excellent musician, was playing the piano and he and April were singing some of their favorite songs. "All of a sudden," April told us, "I thought about 'Deep Purple' and what a great hit it had been years ago. I told Nino that I thought a new approach to the song might make for another hit."

"I fooled around with it for a little while on the piano," said Nino. "I stepped up the beat—not quite to the rock'n roll rythm, but pretty close to it. After we had sung it together to the new arrangement we both felt it was a possible winner."

They tried the number on Atlantic Record Company executives. The rest of the story of 'Deep Purple' is well known—it was an almost overnight hit. A week after its release the single was being played by almost every deejay in the country. Virtually all the trade journals picked the number for a hit. Within a few weeks it had climbed to the top of the charts as the nation's best selling record.

April had had an up and down recording career as a singer. Nino had been a success playing in clubs in the West. Almost overnight everybody knew their voices and their names. When we talked with them they were finishing a run at 'New York's Copacabana and were planning a trip to Italy.

"We're also going to record "Deep Purple" in Italian," April said. "Our parents are Italian, but we didn't learn to speak the language—wish we had. We'll record it phonetically. While we are in Europe we are also going to record the song in German."

April and Nino were born in Niagara Falls, New York. Almost immediately Nino showed an aptitude for music. He was singing by the time he was three and a half years old—"Almost before he could talk," said April. At seven he sang with the Benny Goodman orchestra and later with Glen Miller's orchestra.

When the duo was in their early teens, the family moved to Californi. In high school both were active in singing groups, plays and Nino was in a school orchestra.

After school Nino went the route of an instrumentalist. Besides the piano, he plays the clarinet, saxophone and guitar. The sax and clarinet are his first love. He has played with Maynard Ferguson's orchestra and other top bands as well as with small combos specializing in far out jazz.

April, while Nino was off with the saxaphone, found a career in singing. On her own she had several hit recordings, "I'm In Love Again," "Gimme A Little Kiss," "And So To Sleep Again," and "C'mon." "Even though we are working as a team," she told us, "we are still going to pursue our separate careers." Nino is a fine arranger and composer. He's written songs for Rosemary Clooney, Steve Lawrence and other top singers. He prefers modern jazz and that's the direction he'll go on his own.

"I like singing standards. It isn't that I don't like rock 'n roll, but I'm really more of a traditional singer. We enjoy working together and will stay together. But, we both feel there is room for our individual careers at the same time."

Atlantic Records wasted little time with the twosome. As soon as "Deep Purple" took off, they recorded and released an album by the same name. Included in the album are such well known hits as "Sweet and Lovely," "Paradise," "Indian Love Call," and "One Dozen Roses," Also in the selections is a Nino Tempo original, "Baby Weemus."

So, it is off to Italy followed by the U.S. tour for the brother and sister team. Between their nightclub act and recording schedule for Atlantic, they'll work as singles. They're proved, however, that in their case—two talents are better than one.

At Wilson Creek . . .

Aero club offers teens opportunity for licence

By Rosamund Simpkins

TEENAGERS,

Have you ever been up to flirt,
With the lady in the blue skirt?

To get a pilot licence there is no educational requirement. You must pass a medical test relating especially to eyesight, hearing and blood pressure. You can solo at 16, get a licence at 17.

It requires 30 hours of flying time under proper supervision. Some local club members took their licences at Nanaimo. Total cost is about $400, after allowing for the Dept. of Transport subsidy of $100. A float-plane licence requires an extra ten flying hours at an additional cost of about $225.

A good aircraft can be bought for approximately $3,000., a seaplane for perhaps $5,000. The Aero club rents their plane for $10. per hour.

By plane, Nanaimo is a half hour away, Powell River three-quarters of an hour and Chilliwack one hour.

Up in the air, travel is more relaxing. There is little traffic, no road signs and a good deal safer than being in Vancouver.

Wilson Creek airport is owned jointly by Sechelt and Gibsons municipalities. It is managed by four councillors and one member of the Elphinstone Aero Club. These are: Messrs. James Drummond and Alf Ritchey of Gibsons; Sam Dawe and Wm. Swain of Sechelt and Alex Swanson, Aero club representative.

Volunteer labor, bulldozer work, and explosives were matched dollar for dollar by the Dominion Government. Without the efforts of Roy Brett, Bob Ritchey and many others, this airport would not have been born at this time.

The land comprises 228 acres. The runway is 2500 ft., and can be extended to 3500 feet, which is of comparable size to airports at Powell River, Chilliwack and Campbell River.

There have been a number of visitors, especially Americans, coming here by air to fish.

Landing fees or tie-down charges are non-existant. Planes based here at present are the property of A. G. Wilson, Roberts Creek and Ken McEffie, Gibsons, and the Elphinstone Aero Club.

Anyone past age 15 can join the club for $25, and annual dues of $5. If interested get in touch with Alex Swanson, president, Roberts Creek or Gordon Head, past-president, Selma Park. A number of people, especially from Gibsons, joined the club to give their moral support to a worthwhile cause. Now there is a club plane and a shed. Oil companies have donated wind socks. Gasoline costs about 40c per gallon. The next club project is for a telephone at the airport.

Airport Bird may come too

THE Killdeer, or airport bird, is a runner and is happy only on flat, dry, open ground.

Identity is easy. It has an unusual call, is fast on it's legs, has white and black markings and is bigger than a robin.

The airport bird has been a resident of the University Endowment Lands for many years.

Apparently it spreads out from airport to airport. Perhaps if you clear enough land the bird will come and run on your ground too.

Teen-of-the-week

GLENNA DUNCAN is one of the busiest girls in the Grade 12 class. She is a diligent worker in school, does hours of home work every day, and still finds time for dancing. As one of Mrs. Lowe's senior students, Glenna has performed at entertainments all over the peninsula.

At one time, Glenna thought of a career in dancing, but her mind is turning now ot thoughts of dancing down the hospital corridors, hypo in hand, bringing comfort and cheer to her patients.

This year Glenna is secretary of the students' council, a position which she fills very well. Her sports interest is mainly track and field. It is easily seen that this student just does not have hours in the day to do all she would like to do.

Her present ambition is to pass grade 12 university program examinations. Her second ambition is, after June 30, 1964, never to do math again, except to record temperatures and to balance her bank book.

Glenna gives everyone the impression of being shy and modest and very sweet, all of which she is; but when that first patient refuses to do what the nurse tells him to, thinking that Miss Duncan lacks force behind those dimples and twinkling eyes, he will get such a jab with that hypo that he will immediately know who's boss! Future patients of St. Mary's be warned.

THE STOVE

By Bob Donley

"DESJARDINS was his name," said Sam. "Jean Paul Desjardins. The local people pronounced it Days Gardens, which he accepted with laconic, good-natured contempt. Jean had to be good-natured because his wife was a nag and a shrew.

"It was up in the Peace River country," continued Sam, "where Jean had preempted a one hundred and sixty acre homestead of Crown Land. The going was rough for thse two pioneers, and as the years rolled by Jean grew less hair on his head and the lines of bitter disillusion deepened about the corners of his wife's mouth.

"The stork paid yearly visits, too, and when the youngsters took their places at the long table it made an impressive group, impressive in numbers, that is.

"Jean invariably rose early on Tuesday mornings. He had no choice. Tuesday was bread-baking day, and on this day his wife took matters into her own hands, or feet to be more specific. Mrs. Jean slept in the back of their double bed and at 4 a.m. on Tuesday morning she would brace herself against the bedroom wall, plant both feet in the small of hubby's back and push.

"Jean was thus rudely dumped out on the cold, bare floor on this Tuesday morning and this action accounted for his diabolical mood the rest of the day. Jean," said Sam," shivered into his coarse wool clothing and proceeded to light the fire in their heavy, cast iron stove.

"This immaculate old camp cook stove was his wife's pride and joy. It was the one possession that she could fuss over and on it she lavished the attention that at one time she had given her husband. It was a glutton for fuel, though," continued Sam. "Jean always said that when the damper was open you could hear the cordwood sticks rattle up the chimney, and the pipes glow a cherry red.

"Jean made the breakfast, too. He would scoop into the sourdough pot for his pancake batter, add flour to the right consistency and flap the batter onto the big griddle on the stove. The sizzle of the cooking flap-jacks soon brought the children to the table and Jean would be occupied for some time dolling out to each his share. Even, Sausage, the dog, big, hungry mongrel that he was, got his share, too, but by stealth or collusion. He hid under the table and filched portions of the youngster's breakfast.

"After the children were all shooed off to school this morning. Jean plodded out to the barn, leaving his wife to her baking. She would brook no interference or bother in this chore and the results were always masterpieces of culinary art. A dozen, two-pound golden loaves would materialize from the oven and the tantalizing, nut-like aroma would fill the house. The ingredients of the bread were a carefully measure selection of white flour, whole wheat flour, wheat germ, rice polishings, brewer's yeast, buckwheat grits, flax seed millet and soya flour. A slice of this bread was packed with B vitamins and guaranteed to stick to the ribs, and no doubt accounted for Mrs. Jean's fertility.

"This morning as Jean puttered about the barn, he herd a flurry in the hen house as the hysterical birds announced a madauder. As Jean rushed for the hen house, he saw the long, slinking shape of Sausage streak from the chicken coop door, a chicken in his mouth. Jean, who was bi-lingual, cursed the dog fluently in both languages without repitition. So this was where the missing chickens were going? He decided to put an end to this depredation immediately.

"Jean," laughed Sam, "dashed madly into the house, through the kitchen and into the large living room, where his gun rack hung on the wall. He frantically seized the only gun from his rack and opened the breach—no shell. He pawed through drawers and cupboards, still no shells. He tossed the useless gun back on the rack and ran hurriedly for the small, red shed set off by itself in a corner of the pasture, cursing his children as he went for their thoughtless waste of his ammunition. Jean disappeared into the shed and reappeared shortly carrying several sticks of twenty percent stumping powder, a cap, about two feet of fuse and a long length of frayed, hemp rope.

"Catching Sausage," said Sam, "took but a few minutes and the irate Jean tied the dog to a tree. He then proceeded to tie the sticks of dynamite to the dog's belly with the remainder of the rope. With this accomplished, Jean affixed the cap and fuse and set it alight. Sweating with the exertion, Jean took off his hat, set it on the ground and wiped his brow.

"Suddenly aware of the sputtering fuse, he ran for the house and dashed into the kitchen to warn Mrs. Jean of impending detonation. She proceeded to tell Jean what a stupid imbecile he was and that the concussion might spoil her bread in oven. She was gesticulating violently when through the door came Sausage, Jean's hat in mouth, dragging a chewed piece of rope to which was still atached several sticks of dynamite and a burning fuse. His tail was wagging violently.

"Mr. and Mrs. Jean both screamed in usison ordering the pleased animal from the house. Sausage, looking very crestfallen, scuttled under the big stove, where the rope caught on an iron leg and came loose from the dog. He was surprised to see his master and mistress run frantically out of doors", so he followed.

"Fifty yards from the house, all three looked back when they heard a loud BANG and saw splinters of flying shingles and a large stove sailing through the roof to land on the ground in a heep of distorted metal."

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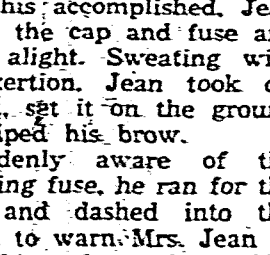
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Special services on World Day of Prayer

FEBRUARY 14, the first Friday in Lent, has been chosen as the World Day of Prayer for 1964. On this day Canadians in 3,500 centres across the country will unite with other women in 150 countries to start a chain reaction of prayer and Christian Fellowship.

As the day progresses thru *different time zones*, beginning in the warm Pacific islands and ending in the winter dark of Canada's icy north, women of the major Protestant and Orthodox communions will meet to pray for each other, for mutual understanding and the needs of the world.

The same basic service translated into many languages, will be used by all groups. The theme this year is "Let us Pray". It has been written by a distinguished French woman, Dr. Madeleine Barot, who is one of the executive secretaries of the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Besides English and French, the Canadian service will be followed in Indian, Eskimo, Japanese, Chinese, many European languages, as well as in Braille.

Canada has participated in this World Day of Prayer since 1920. Every year the Women's Inter-Church Council, which is the sponsoring organization, reports increased interest and givings.

There are reports of women in Newfoundland and the prairies who sometimes travel miles through blizzards or deep snow to reach the prayer centres so the chain of fellowship will not be broken.

A letter from Germany tells that the wives of Canadian Armed Services personnel are part of the prospect, and last year in Damascus a United Nations' staff member translated the service into Arabic. There is the touching story of Indian women from the Walpole Island Reserve in the Canadian north, who brought offerings of hand-woven sweet-grass baskets, products of many tedious hours of work, in order to be part of the fellowship women, not only for that one day, but for the continuing work which the gifts make possible.

Last year, World Day of Prayer gifts amounted to $60,000. Most of the Canadian money goes toward supplies of Christian literature for less developed areas. The Canadian Bible Society, for instance, publishes and distributes the Gospel in many languages. This has been its policy for many decades, and it's interesting to note that it has taken 80 years to reduce the Umbundu language of West Africa to writing. The Bible has only just been published in this language. The Canadian Bible Society uses some of the money from World Day of Prayer offerings to present Bibles in their own tongues to Protestant and Roman Catholic newcomers to this country and the Old Testament to Jewish immigrants.

The Student Christian Movement in Canadian Universities, the Christian Drama Council, the Mission to Seamen, the Canadian School of Missions and many similar projects receive annual assistance from funds given at World Day of Prayer services.

To speak

R. F. KENNETT, Probation Officer, will speak at Sechelt Elementary P.T.A. meeting, Feb. 13th in the activity room at the School.

Egmont News

by Jean Jeffries

THE Egmont community club held its annual meeting on Feb. 2. Ben Vaughn was elected president, Jack Bathgate, vice-president and H. J. Jeffries, secretary-treasurer. The drive for new membership was not very successful.

Mrs. Gene Silvey and young Michael have been spending a few days in Vancouver visiting Shirley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cummings.

Mrs. Margaret Lonsdale, old-time resident of Egmont since the early 1920's died in St. Mary's hospital Feb. 7, 1964. Mrs. Lonsdale was in her mid-eighties and is survived by her husband, John, a son Jack in Vancouver and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Blaney of Churchouse. Mrs. Lonsdale was a familiar figure rowing her long canoe and up until a couple of years ago spent many hours a day cod fishing.

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Pan American Highway

THE American influence in Panama is beyond calculation.

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Views Foreign

—By Ray Grigg

THE PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY (Part I)—There are apparently many motives that prompt people to travel but a factor common to all is change. If you should get tired of cruising the alleged luxury of British Columbia's highways, of seeing the apparently wonderous scenery and experiencing the diversity of our provincial culture, then why not turn your wheels southward and try the Pan-American Highway. You can be guaranteed a change of road conditions, of scenery & of culture.

The Pan-American Highway is intended to span all the countries that are embrodied in both North and South America. By this unification by roadway, it is hoped that there will develop also a stronger economic, political and cultural involvement between all the countries concerned so as to eventually produce an integrated North and South America. Although these aspirations are rather high they are not necessarily beyond the realm of realization if it is remembered that the Pan-American Highway alone will not bring about the fruition of these hopes. However, the creation of some basic communication and transporation linkage is one of the most important of the preliminary steps that must be taken.

The United States as well as most of the progressive countries of the world are accustomed to networks of highways that connect all corners of their nations. We in Canada, because of climatic extremes, have a more limited expense of roadways. However, we are in the position of having a Trans- Canada Highway as well as reasonable access to most areas of our notion that request the service and convenience.

But there are countries in Central America where not even one road traverses the length of its borders let alone the width. Costa Rica only recently completed its link with Panama while Ponama is separated from Colombia by more than 200 miles of unconquered jungle. Although there is a roadway connecting all the countries of Western South America there are none joining Venezuela with British, Dutch and French Guiana nor these with northern Brazil.

Every government agrees in principal to the necessity of such a highway as the Pan-American but does not always possess the resources for its share of the milage. It is the United States that has been assisting those countries in Central America that are in such a position. One may question the motives of this generosity but must also conclude that there will be advantages that will outlast the countries obligation to its benefactor. What the U.S. finds disheartening is the usual brevity of this obligation.

In actuatily, if the Pan-American Highway is to span the Americas, then it must stretch from Alaska to the south of Argentina. For the purposes of these articles, consideration will only be given to that portion which lies between Mexico and Panama, about one quarter of the entire length of the proposed roadway.

MEXICO

Although the roads from any of the points along the Mexican border offer comfortable driving at least as far as Mexico City, there are experiences that make the trip quite different and initiates the driver to the 3,000 miles of highway ahead. Many of the things taken for granted in our motoring atmosphere are suddenly found to require conscious attention. Language is an obstacle that must be overcome when purchasing gasoline, accommodations, provisions and when reading road signs. Sanitary conveniences encompass far fewer items than in Canada so one must be particularity careful of public washrooms, fresh fruits, dairy products, meats and, most importantly, drinking water. Regardless of whether you motor, walk, crawl or rollerskate down the highway, you will at various times feel as conspicious as a neon thumb during blackout. Occasions will inevitably arise when it will be impossible to hide the fact that you are not entirely versed with all aspects of Mexican and Central American culture. Some foresight will avoid the majority of the more disastrous type.

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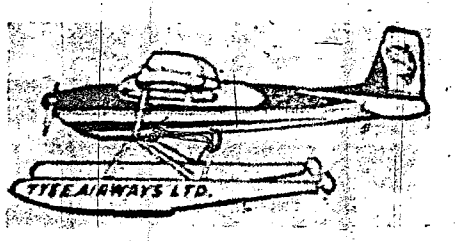

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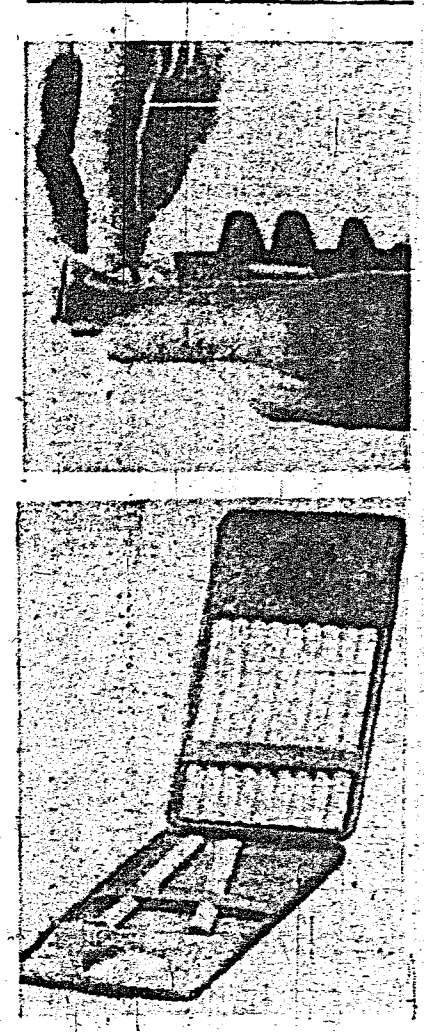

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Pender RCL Aux. slate

THE Ladies Auxiliary to Branch 112, Royal Canadian Legion, Pender Harbour are starting off the year 1964 with the same slate of officers as 1963: president, Mrs. A. E. Carpenter; vice - presidents, Mrs. C. Wray and Mrs. Donald Cameron; secretary, Mrs. J. Stacey; treasurer, Mrs. A. Aitchison; Sgt.-at-arms, Mrs. James Cameron; executive, Mrs. John Duncan and Mrs. W. Rousseau.

During the past year the auxiliary gave donations and assistance to many local activities as well as two bursaries to graduates from the Pender Harbour high school. The members have worked hard to fulfil the aims of the organization which is working on behalf of all veterans and their dependents.

At present the auxiliary is collecting articles for a rummage and white elephant sale to be held on April 11. If you have anything to donate, please contact any member or phone Mrs. A. Aitchison 883-2358. Any article that is useful or clean clothing will be acceptable.

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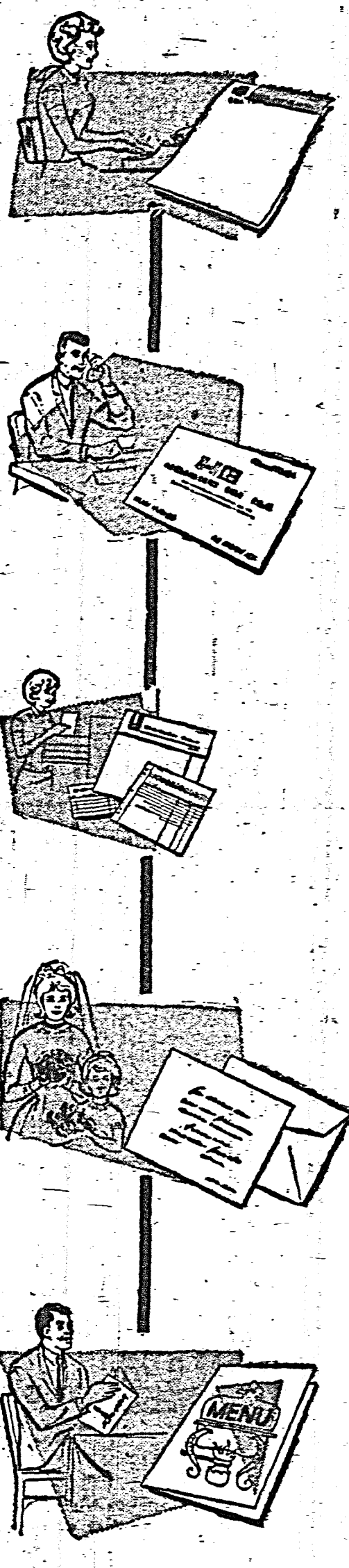

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Ottawa report

The Times, Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA—Two by-elections in Montreal on February 10 will provide the Pearson Government with its first opportunity since the April election to test the political winds.

The Government could scarcely have chocen a safer place to make its tests. The riding of Montreal-Laurier, held recently by Justice Minister Chevrier, who has resigned to become Canadian High Commissioner to Britain, has been Liberal since 1962.

The neighbouring riding of Montreal- St. Denis, held since 1935 by Postmaster General Denis, who is being named to the Senate, has also voted Liberal consistently since 1921.

On the surface therefore it would seem that the results of the two by-elections are foregone conclusions. It's extremely unlikely that any party other than the Liberals will be able to put together enough votes to win the ridings.

The Government, naturally enough, hopes the votes of Montreal remain true to form. The Liberals are four short of a bare majority in the House of Commons. The loss of even one of these Montreal seats, besides being a shattering blow to the party prestige, would put the Government in an even more dangerous position.

The Liberals are not taking victory for granted of course. The candidates in Laurier is the man who helped to fashion many of Mr. Chevrier's victories. His organizational talents will be used to the full, this time on his own behalf.

DENIS EFFECTIVE

And Mr. Denis himself, perhaps one of the most effective political organizers the Province has recently produced, will do his best to see that the seat remains Libral. It has been held by a Denis (first his brother and then himself) since 1921.

Liberal victories are therefore expected. But even so, all parties will be watching the results with intense interest. Only one of the parties represented in the House of Commons-Robert Thompson,s Social Credit Party—is not contesting the by-elections.

The Socreds are leaving the field open to the Creditistes, the 13-member group led by Real Caouette which broke away from the Social Credit last September. The Socreds, or Creditiste strength in Quebec is said to be on the vane. No one knows this for sure, of course. But this could be one of the questions the Montreal by-election will answer.

SOCRED UPSET

In the April 1963 election, Social Credit candidates came from practically nowhere to run second in both Laurier and St. Denis.

Not that they came close to winning. Mr. Chevrier got 8,059 votes to the 4,282 garnered by Gilles Caouette, the son of Real. And Mr. Denis' perennial poll of 11,707 was far ahead of the 4,573 votes of the Socred runner-up.

But fairly healthy votes also went to Conservatives & to New Democrats in these heavily-populated working class constituencies. The ridings could fairly reflect the fragmented loyalties of Canadians, and particularly those Canadians who live in Quebec.

Perhaps more interesting than the results then, will be the number of votes polled by the other parties.

TORIES MAY PLACE

Are the Conservatives, for example, as badly off in Montreal as people generally think? It's a brave Conservative who predicts victory. But Conservatives Leaders will be immensely pleased if they can win back second place in the standings, which they might very well do.

The New Democrats have a solid base in both ridings.

This is a party which always showed promise of good performance in Quebec elections, but never succeeded in any serious measure. The Quebec branch of the Party is tending towards separatism. The vote in the ridings may give some indication of the strength of the independence movement in Canada's largest city. The Party is split in Quebec, however and the candidates are not closely associated with the independence-minded side.

In the last election the Socreds lost seats in Quebec, but gained in the popular vote. And some of the biggest vote increases were marked up in Montreal.

The vote in Febuary, if it proves anything, is likely to prove with most clarity whether or not the Caduette star is waning, whether or not the rebellious Socreds movement has lost its momentum.

ASSESSMENT HARD

It's always difficult to assess the results of by-elections of course. The most remarkable thing about them is the astonishing amount of comfort all parties derive from them, no matter what the results.

But there is a wider and much more significant matter which could be illuminated by the February vote in Montreal. Prime Minister Pearson has unquestionably moved far in an effort to meet the insistent needs of an awaking French Canadian nationalism.

Many in other parts of Canada are already saying he has gone too far.

Montreal voters will get a chance on February 10 to cast a verdict on the Federal Government's attempt to weld national unity on the basis of fuller recognition for French Canada.

If the verdict is not a favourable one, the pressures on Mr. Pearson to pull back from his conciliatory approach will be tremendous—pressure from within his own Party.

If it's a favourable verdict however, he will no doubt continue the way he is going. The verdict on that from English speaking Canada will then have to await other elections.

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Views Foreign

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cause it is similar to home, will offer security. But it will never reach Panama although it may be quite convenient for most of the way. (this convenience is subject to a few exceptions). Some confusion will result when there is a difficulty in locating trailer parks. Fortunately, there are a reasonable number of these refuges in northern Mexico and with a few awkward words in Spanish, enough gestures and some good luck, they can be found. Ingenuity might prompt one to bring along his own source of electricity or light, endow himself with a reasonable amount of water, use these necessities sparingly and hope to avoid at least the embarassment of seeking these elusive trailer courts. Of course, sewage connections would then be a problem if you were entirely conscientious. Regardless, the roads are sometimes quite winding and the hills and high altitudes may cause the car engine to overheat. And getting off the narrow and poorly marked highway in a town could be disastrous. When streets are only wide enough for two donkey carts to pass, even the seasoned driver of a large trailer might find his complacence distured as he tries to negotiate his accommodations through these cobblestones channels. But in such instances, the policemen are quite patient and as helpful as they can be under the circumstances.

Fewer things are likely to happen if the trailer is left at home and the possibilities of getting to Panama is then conceivable. Most northern cities offer comfortable hotels and motels and make efforts to modify undigestable native dishes to suit the foreigner. Still, one will have to purchase insurance at the Mexican border and with any vehicle, risk the incompetence of local mechanics. But there is a futher risk; the availability of even unreasonable accommodations cannot be guaranteed along certain areas of the highway.

In brief, the problem is quite simple and the advice difficult to give. You are expeditioning into an area that in innumerable ways is different from where you have come. The economy, standard of living, climate and culture is radically unusual to the Canadian. In fact, in certain areas, there is little or no vestige of the items to which he is so accustomed. Adjusting is an understatement of what must be done in order to experience some reasonable amount of comfort.

Not present in Canada but very prominent in Mexico is the buzzard. Throughout most of the highway mileages this rather sinister bird will serve as a companion. His motive is very clear. Neither the farmers nor the road authorities show concern for animals killed by vehilces. The ugly bird does his best but generally there is more than even his gluttonish manners can consume. Cows, cattle sheep, goats, dogs, wild animals, chickens and birds, in various stages of decay and stench populate the roadside. Eventually only sunken hides and bleached bones remain. In the interim, they are an eye-sore and, to say the least, a nose-sore.

When one has become accustomed to this roadside display, the occasional toll highway, the language problems, the santitary precautions, the food varieties and the Mexican drivers, then venture past Mexico City. Driving will become progressively more interesting although accommodations will grow less available and less elaborate. The nature of the countryside will change more rapidly than in the northern part and the people will be more colorful. The road, although relatively narrow and winding, is paved and in comfortable condition until it reaches the coast at Tehuantepec.

Through the Isthmus of Tehuantepec to the border of Guatemala the road will vary in condition from casual pavement to rather crude gravel. Even though your attentions will be drawn by the junglish olimate and atmosphere, you will probably experience your first misgivings about venturing this far. Looking back, there is nothing but many miles of foreign land. Around, there are none of the conveniences, securities and assurances that are so common in British Coulmbia (except if you expedition along the Bella Coola or Alaska Highways). Ahead are other unfamiliar countries and 1,500 miles of strange road.

GUATEMALA

From the Isthmus the land rises into beautiful hills covered with sub-tropical trees, shrubs and grasses. The road improves too, growing from gravel and dirt to an asphalt ribbon that carefully winds up and down with the hills, a pleasure to drive on but not modern enough to be incompatible with the atmosphere. Tiny green farms spot the valleys and slopes and are punctuated with huts.

Being sidetracked to the site of Guatemala would be rewarding. The ancient capital, allegedly the most luxurious city in North America during the Spanish occupation of the continent, was severely damaged by earthquakes in 1773. The inhabitants migrated to the present site of Guatemala City. But Antigua still nestles within its verdant valley, the ruins of its cathedrals still desplaying their past wealth. Its glorious tradition is now carried on by only Indians and mixed breeds of less modest income.

In contrast, Guatemala City possesses all the enthusiasm and commerce that befits a modern capital. Products are available from every corner of the globe. The quality and origins of the many products are innumerable. Jet planes land regulary at the airport from points north, south, east and west. And yet, beneath and around all this modernity, there still persists the public markets teaming with peasants, cluttered with foods and primitive handicrafts; a reminder that Central America is basically not modern.

EL SALVADOR

There is no appreciable difference in climite, scenery or road conditions throughout the remainder of Guatemala and through El Salvador. The farms will be so much alike that you will wonder why it was necessary to separate the two areas into individual countries. But there is a quality in El Salvador that may be very difficult to detect, depending upon the extent to which you circulate with the people. In fact, it is a quality that probably does not thrive in the farmers and peasants who are engrossed in living and working, only in those urban people who labour too little and loaf too much. They possess an aire of confidence and arrogance that seems to have been stimulated by the recent overthrow and adjustment of the government. Possibly they are the sour fringe that decorates every society and is just a little more prevalent in El Salvador than in the rest of Central America. Regardless, they are sour.

JOTP elect 1964 slate

JOTP members elected their 1964 slate of officers. Elected were president, Ray De Long; vice-president, Sid Waters; secretary-treasurer, Helen Besdick; executive officers, Mrs. Jack McLeod and Mrs. Jack Little.

This organization sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 144; Sechelt, provides body building, character training and opportunity for travel in competitions. They reported a successful year and pleaded for more support from parents in the coming year.

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PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS

Wilson Creek News

—By Rosamund Simpkins

MAGAZINE Racketeers are here again. Many a pensioner has paid out five dollars for subscriptions that vanished in the thin air. At 2 p.m. Feb. 6 there was an insistent bang on the door. I was feeding baby Anne. I put her down in a hurry, for it seemed that somebody was in trouble.

Upon opening the door, I was confronted with a young man about 20, short, pugnacious and stupid looking. "Would you like a subscription to Life magazine?" he asked. "No, I don't read," I replied. "What are you? Some sort of ignoramous?" he demanded. "No," I replied, "I have a new baby, and I'm too busy." Not to be outdone he continued, "We have these two big volumes, which will be sent by mail, for free, if you take a subscription."

"I don't want any. Besides I haven't any money in the house," I said. "Is your husband unemployed? Couldn't you give a quarter even to put down?" he questioned.

I went to shut the door, but found he had his foot in the way. Our female German Shepherd, Tinkerbell, attracted by the baby wailing, slipped in, stood beside me, and growled as I held her collar. The city slicker took off down the hill, on foot.

In Gibsons, on a similar occasion, a half dozen such people fanned out from one big car. Some of them were even more insulting than this one.

SIGNS OF SPRING

From my bird's eye view of the Davis Bay school grounds I know that spring is here when I see boys playing marbles and girls skipping. Crocuses and snowdrops are in color and daffodils in bud. The fruit tree buds are getting fat, and the robins are looking on expectantly. The cheeky seagull, now with us for the second winter, is getting tamer every day.

Three cheers for our outspoken editor. Where there is smoke, there is fire—where ther is dust, there is dirt.

NEW HOUSES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newman are slashing and burning on their property across from the community hall and below the school. They will build this spring. Mrs. Newman says she can't wait to get up here, from Gibsons. The reasons are obvious: our unlimited water supply, central business location and the fact that these people are keen fishermen.

Another new house is being started on the beach east of Mission Pt. Motel. Several others are clearing in the district.

GIRL FRIEND DEPT . . .

I would like to meet the girl who has changed my teenage boy from a sloppy oaf into a tidy fellow. I wonder who she is who put him in such a dither that he (as witnessed by my eight year old Billy) put Brylcreem on his teeth and toothpaste on his hair?

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MOTHERS

Davis Bay School is out of bounds to all dogs, including friendly puppies.

REGULAR AS CLOCKWORK

You could set your clock every morning when the janitoress turns on the school lights at 7 a.m. and gets things done. The health and well-being of our children lie in her quiet, capable hands. The morale of our teachers is helped by the sight of a clean and tidy classroom. Thank you Mrs. Lincoln. Davis Bay school is very lucky to have you.

NEWCOMERS

Wilson Creek Community Hall belongs to everyone, born or unborn, owning or living on property from the Girl Guide Camp to the top of the hill overlooking Davis Bay.

The old timers tell about the wonderful community spirit and work of the past. But if they live too much in the past it is a sure sign of old age. The hall and grounds are there for all to use as they see fit. Anybody wishing to do something or scheme something, please telephone me at 885-2132.

TEENAGERS

Smoke your money, it's healthier.

Ever notice that the worst-dressed men are those who have sons who wear the same size?

Judging by the weather we've had lately, the government may have learned to control it already.

It's possible to get almost anything from vending machines nowadays, including sloppy service.

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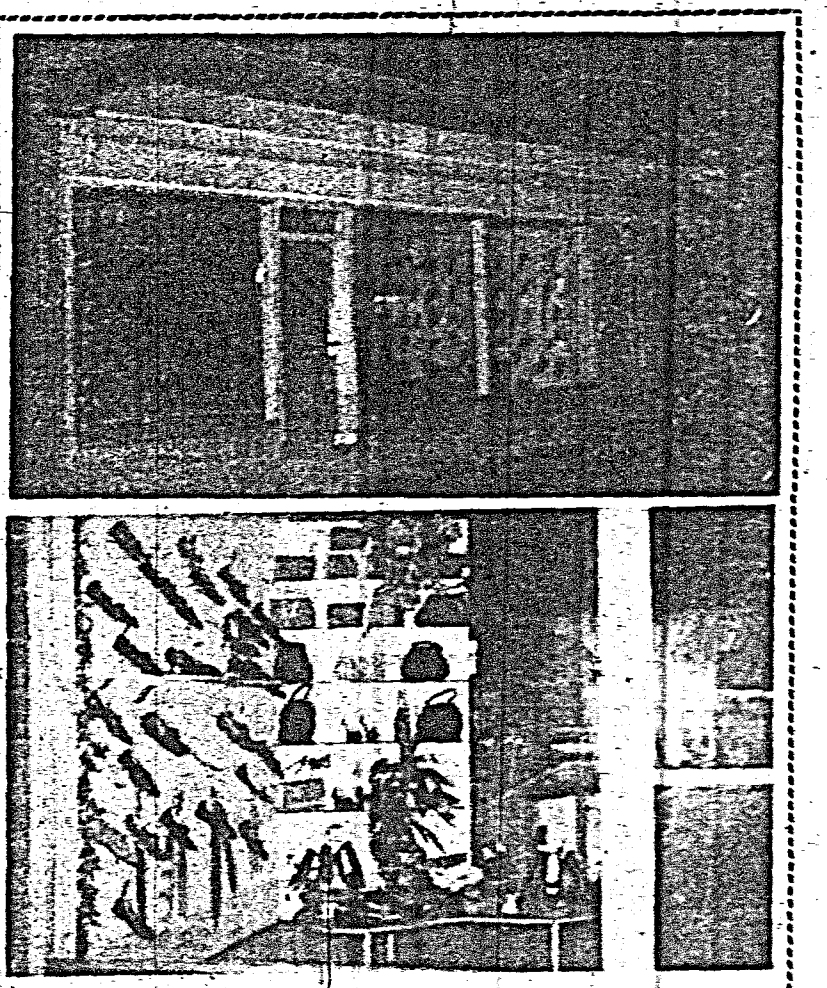

MARILYN AND GUNNAR WIGARD have just recently moved into their new block. The main feature being their new Shoe Store. We all remember when Mrs. Wigard started her first store in Sechelt, she was quite crowded for space, business picked up so rapidly that they had to expand, due to Mrs. Wigards increasing popularity for individual attention they were soon crowded there also, so hence the new store.

A person can purchase any type of footwear here that they could possible require. Everything from Loggers Caulk Boots to Dainty Slippers—Umbrellas, Purses, Shoe care products, most all accessories to go with your new Shoes. It is a pleasure to shop in there large, tastefully decorated and well stocked store, and I am sure you will find Mrs. Wigard a most pleasant person to deal with. Watch for Wigards Big Sale Starting Feb. 19th.

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Celebrates 81st birthday

NORMAN J. TAYLOR of West Sechelt celebrated his 81st birthday Sunday with a family party. Born in Northlumberland, Ontario in 1883, he was married in Vancouver 54 years ago. After a sojourn in Saskatchewan, the Taylors moved to Sechelt in 1944 where they have spent 20 very happy years.

MORE ABOUT . . .

Subscriber supplies

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sewage effluent into Trail Bay, subject to the following conditions:

(a) review after 5 years;

(b) construction drawings being approved by the Health Branch of the Health Services and Hospital Insurance Department;

(c) that a site be reserved for a treatment plant to offer a higher degree of treatment when circumstances so dictate.

You will observe from the conditions that the board anticipates that more extensive treatment of the waste may be necessary in the future when the quantity increases.

Since the present wastes are to be discharged off the foreshore of the Indian Reservation, well within the boundaries of the Reservation, and on account of the adequate diluting effects of the waters of Trail Bay, no adverse effects are likely to arise, certainly none affecting those living outside the reserve. The board also felt that the Indian band were to be highly commended for their efforts in taking such a major step forward in providing sewers for their people and thus greatly improve the sanitary conditions on the reserve."

MORE ABOUT . . .

Clarence Joe

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ers of half of what they owned?" Joe asked the assembly. "Since Scales' time the white man has gradually encroached more and more onto our lands."

He mentioned Pender Harbour where the Indians were finally pushed onto the barren Indians Islands, and the Squillap reserve under hereditary chief Harry on Thormanby Island which was sold to a white man, and Deserted Bay, where the boundary was established in a zig-zag line to keep the timber, the wealth of the land for the white man.

"You young boys have got to smarten up," said Joe, "and work the same as the white man does. We can't sit here, ignorant people. We have to work fast, dig into back records and prepare our brief."

RENOMINATION

Due to some technicality in the Indian Act, renomination for chief to fill out the term of Chief Craigen was held. Election will be held March 7, with Ottawa's approval. The same three were renominated, Alfred August, Reg Paul and Gilbert Joe.

MORE ABOUT . . .

Building report

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endeavour to remain within scope of available funds.

All pledges and donations from organizations and private parties will be acknowledged in due course. We express our appreciation for the donations received and to most sincerely solicit your continuing aid.

The names of a few of the organizations making donations totalling over $9,000 are listed as a matter of interest.

Halfmoon Bay Improvement Assoc., Howe Sound Pulp Employees' Charity Fund, Halfmoon Bay Hospital Auxiliary, Sechelt Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs, Sechelt Hospital Auxiliary, BC Forest Products Local 297, IBPPW, Port Mellon, Mt. Elphinstone Chapter No. 65 OES, Gibsons Hospital Auxiliary, Pender Harbour Hospital Auxiliary.

Many a Christmas tie is in a clash by itself.

15th Annual . . .

Port Mellon Burn's club holds dinner

THE Port Mellon Burn's Club held their 15th Burn's Supper and Dance to commemorate Robbie Burn's 205th Anniversary, on the 1st of February. About 200 persons attended. The haggis was piped in by Mr. R. McDonald, after the Selkirk Grace by Mr. J. Swan.

Mr. V. C. Wilson gave the spiel to the haggis. After dinner Mr. A. Ferguson gave the toast to the Queen. Mr. R. E. Hume gave the toast to the Immortal Memory, and Mr. G. Davies sang, "Star O Robbie Burns".

The toast to Canada was given by Mr. E. Sherman, with response from Mr. H. Mylorie. Toast to Scotland was given by Mr. E. Anderson.

The Burn's Chorus sang 4 old Scotch songs ably directed by Mrs. E. Sherman, accompanied by Mrs. N. Rudolph. Highland dances were presented by Carolynne Miller, Heather McBride, Joan Dunbar, and Peggy Gillies.

Toast to the ladies was given by Mr. C. Woods, with response from Mrs. W. Flockhart. Mr. R. McDonald gave bagpipe solos. Haggis bearer was Miss Peggy Gillies.

Out-of-town visitors to Port Mellon for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Gallier, Mr. J. F. Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winch, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Young, and Mrs. M. Young, all of Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Gray, Chilliwack; Mr. and Mrs. Rod Farquharson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reigier, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, all of Squamish; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner of North Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. W. Purser of New Westminster.

Mr. B. Comeau returned home to Nova Scotia after a visit with his sons on the Peninsula. He was greatly impressed by the size of the large trees in this area.

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