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$200.00 fine . . .

Dangerous driver nets one year suspension

ALBERT M. Prendergast, age 23, of Port Moody entered a plea of not guilty when he appeared before Magistrate Andrew Johnston last Saturday on a charge of dangerous driving.

Charge arose following an accident on Highway 101 near the Langdale Ferry turnoff on the morning of November 5, 1964, in which Prendergast received lacerations to his head after being thrown through the windshield of his car.

Constable J. Webb of the Gibsons detachment RCMP, giving evidence, stated he was out with the traffic patrol car at 12:15 a.m. on the night in question, he was driving up from the ferry terminal and had halted at the stop sign at the junction of the highway. Shortly after coming to a stop he heard the screeching of brakes as an auto came from the direction of Gibsons, heading toward Port Mellon.

The car passed his vision at high speed on it's wrong side of the road and was followed by another car travelling at even higher speed and also on the wrong side of the highway.

The second vehicle then hit the shoulder, went back onto the road, fishtailed and struck the embankment on the left side of the road.

With his red light flashing the constable quickly drove after the vehicle which had come to a halt, where he discovered a man, later identified as Prendergast, lying on the roadway.

On recovering a minute or so later, the victim, bleeding profusely from the head, got up and insisted on walking around. "His breathed smelled of alcohol but he did appear drunk," added the constable. The windshield of the car was completely smashed and he came to the conclusion the driver had been thrown through it.

Thirteen pictures were introduced as evidence for the prosecution, taken at the scene by Constable J. D. Fitzpatrick of the highway patrol, substantiating the evidence of Cons. Webb.

For his defence, Prendergast claimed he had noticed the police car which he thought was about to drive out onto the highway. He had therefore swung over to the wrong side of the road in order to avoid an impact.

Found guilty of dangerous driving, he was fined $200 and his licence suspended for one year.

REMANDED FOR TRIAL

Carl Riller, aged 30, of Port Coquitlam, charged with driving without due care and attention, was fined $50 and $3 costs, following an incident in which his auto left the highway on the Halfmoon Bay hill and ended up in the ditch. He had a previous record of driving offences.

ON BAIL

Released on bail of $200, William Laking, about 40 of Wilson Creek was remanded for trail until January 8 at his own request to obtain council. He is charged with impaired driving.

The Times praised in 40,000 homes

AN EDITORIAL published in the Dec. 2 issue of The Times received considerable publicity last week when it was read over the air by Radio Station CJOR.

The outspoken article condemning the action of a certain group who wished to have a hot-line program banished from the air, was forwarded to Hot-Liner Pat Burns of that Radio Station by Roy Bolderson of Sechelt.

Following a number of attacks on a Vancouver Newspaper for it's "wishy washy" outlook and insipid editorials, Mr. Burns went to great lengths to praise the Sechelt Peninsula Times and it's policy of outright reporting.

It is noted the Hot-line program on CJOR has the largest listening audience in Canada, going into 40,000 homes.

Scouters' tribute

CANON Alan D. Greene is contemplating where he will place the carved wooden replica of the scout badge, presented to him recently, from the candidates and training team of 1964 crew, Scouters' Gilwell Training Course held at Roberts Creek. It will be placed in the Church Of His Presence, Redroofs.

Combined meeting Cubs and Scouts

TWO guests from Vancouver, Regional Representative Jack Adair and Rover Scout Leader Nigel Snellgrove, attended the combined gathering of scouts and cubs.

The meeting was held on Sunday, Dec. 13 in the Roberts Creek Hall and parents accompanied scouts and cubs from Sechelt and Elphinstone districts. Leaders, group committee members and district council officers were also present.

Rev. Canon Greene conducted the service, after which, he was presented with a gift from

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End of year . . .

Swan Song terminates stormy Council meet

LAST MEETING of the present council of Sechelt certainly ended on a discordant note with a number of antagonistic outbursts by retiring commissioner S. Dawe, which surprised those present and as one commissioner commented afterwards "in very poor taste."

Early on the agenda was a request from the Salvation Army making their formal annual plea for funds, usually $25.

Council agreed to the request with the exception of Commissioner Dawe who requested it go on record he was against the motion.

Reading of a bylaw, a tedious task which has regularly been undertaken by Commissioner Burnel Gorden, resulted in a clash of personalities when he told council, "It is customary with most councils to read these bylaws once only, it is time our procedure was altered accordingly, reading the same one three times in one evening is ridiculous and a bore."

Commissioner Dawe immediately commented, "You don't have to read them, someone else will do it." At which he was presented with the bylaw and told "be my guest."

Questioning a technical detail during the reading, Commissioner Gordon again found himself in a verbal shirmish with the retiring member who, during the next reading, incorporated profanity into the section previously questioned by Burnel Gordon.

SALARY CUT

A surprise motion by Commissioner Gordon followed his written preamble which stated "With the constant reminder from the chair that heavy fixed expenses obtain and that, to use the phrase of the chairman, we are just a poor little village, I submit the motion:

That annual remuneration to the members of the village

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Maintenance H/Q . . .

Gibsons School Hall remains with school

FUTURE of the school hall at Gibsons has now been tentatively decided and at a meeting of the school board last week it was thought the hall should be retained.

It was felt that at the present time it would be best suited as a maintenance headquarters and other school uses. This would ensure it remains school board property and could be converted back later or even utilized as classrooms, if necessary.

Members are aware of the fact the hall was originally given by the community, but with no strings attached. However, facilities will be available for the community when the new activity room is completed.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

An agreement has now been signed by the board with the operating staff union on conditions of employment, etc. Wages will be settled later on following a job evaluation presently in process.

ROTATE MEETINGS

It has been decided to rotate the monthly evening meetings between Gibsons, Sechelt and Pender Harbour next year. Presently two meetings are held each month, mid-month in the mornings and end of month in the evenings.

The mid-month meeting will continue in Gibsons; end of December meet will also be at Gibsons, but will be in Sechelt at the end of January and Pender Harbour end of February and back to Gibsons end of March.

DENTAL PROGRAM

Students of the Indian Residential School, Sechelt, will in future be included in the school district dental program.

RECOMMENDED

Mr. Leo Johnson who failed to present his nomination papers for the position of school trustee in time for the recent election, has now been recommended for appointment by a committee and the recommendation has been forwarded to the dept. of education for approval.

Winter arrives

BUSY man in Sechelt last week, Roy Bolderson spent many hours keeping roads and sidewalks clear of snow and certainly put his tractor and equipment to good use. Roy is paid a nominal sum by the village but does a great deal more than is expected of him.

Vacation . . .

Times takes a rest next edition Jan. 6

NOW ONE-year-old, the Sechelt Peninsula Times has gained considerable acceptance from advertisers and readers alike. We look forward to even greater progress in 1965 and will do our best to provide all the ingredients which go to the creation of a first-class weekly newspaper.

We will be taking a well-earned rest over the coming festivities, next edition of The Times will be in two weeks' time, Jan. 6-1965. Management and staff therefore take this opportunity of extending a word of thanks to all who have so well supported us during our first year.

A very sincere Christmas Greetings and a truly prosperous New Year to all.

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CARD OF THANKS

I WISH to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and cards sent me during my recent illness in St. Paul's Hospital.
—Nell Johnston
9628-2

GREETINGS

SEASON'S greetings to all friends, near and far. Also St. Hilda's congregation and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 140, Sechelt. —Dorothy Erickson, Wilson Creek. 7806-2

TO ALL our friends on the Sunshine Coast, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. In lieu of cards we are donating to "Save the Children Fund". —Jessie and Curly Lucken. 7804-2

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Objections may be filed with the Secretary within thirty days of the publication of this application.

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Sechelt social notes

—With Your Neighbours

ATTENDED the meeting of the MacKenzie Liberal Association and was astonished at the poor attendance. When favored with a speaker of Dr. Pat McGeer's standing, surely the Liberals can do better than this. Dr. McGeer is the sitting member for Point Grey and had much to say.

It would seem that the organization here in Sechelt, has much to learn and should consult some of the old timers, for help and advice. However, those present did enjoy the guest speaker.

Dr. McGeer stated that the demand for forest products is exceeding the supply and two million acres of land in the coast regions alone could be replanted. He suggested that the provincial government launch a re-forestation project with the $12 million received from the sale of the Nanaimo and Esquimalt railway land grant.

Attending the meeting from Powell River were Mrs. C. Wood, for many years secretary for the riding; Mrs. Alice Fraser, president of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Mr. T. Haan, Lloyd North, Bob Bird and M. Numan.

Children attending Sechelt Elementary School enjoyed a happy afternoon, being entertained by the primary grades at the Christmas Assembly. Mrs. Jessie Hall's kindergarten group, commended the program with the sharing of Jingle Bells and We Wish You A Merry Christmas. Mrs. J. Hartje's Grade 1 sang the Martin Luther version of Away In A Manager and Silent Night. Two recitations followed by little Elaine Beduik and Scott Jackson.

A play, "Christmas Cookies" was performed by Mrs. L. M. Gibsons grade 2; 26 children dressed in cardboard costumes, gingerbread men, bells, trains and many other shapes were represented.

Mrs. L. Lang's Grade 3 performed the Little Tree with Wendy Walker as the little tree, Lynn Oike and Pamela Sommerfield, the big trees, Brian Faulkes, the boy; Kathie Grafe the girl; Kathy Trites and Jimmy Rathbone, the parents, Vickie Fearnley, Evelyn Sturam, Bonnie and Judy Whyte were fairies.

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Christmas Day, December 25
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Church of His Presence, Redroofs — Communion 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 27, 1964
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Festive season

THIS WINTER scene created in the window of C&S Sechelt has proved of considerable interest in the village and certainly reflects the festive spirit.

Squaringly Yours

—by Maurice Hemstreet

ALLEMANDE left it's just around the corner, no! Let's start this column out in a gay spirit, won't you join me. Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, to a happy square dance season, coming along out way, HEY! Square dance friends old and new, can I count on you, to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year too?

Yes, with 1964 just about over and I have loads of happy memories still in my scrapbook, here's a few more that I shall never forget.

Dec. 12, 1959—Squared up at the Sechelt school activity room and were joined by Powell River and Gibsons Squarenaders. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all. I encountered calls that I had never heard before but by casting my keen eye around the room I was able to get through the evening quite well. I sometimes wonder if I managed to fool anyone into thinking that I knew what I was doing, as I said before, Peg and I went right into a going club and believe me, this is a tough way to start square dancing, so if you're thinking of starting for goodness sake, go to a beginner class first. That's what I'm going to do. This particular date was also Gary Monk's last night as the Sechelt Promenaders regular caller. I still hope that some day Gary will guest call for our club some night.

Dec. 19, 1959—Christmas square dance at Hopkins Hall, with Harry Robertson officiating. This was quite a night which included the exchange of gifts, and by the time you read this paper we will have been to another Christmas dance at Hopkins Hall.

My young daughter came home from school the other day with a list of names of children in her class (which is grade 5) who want to learn square dancing, so starting sometime in the new year watch the paper for beginning classes for both children and adults. Oh, you don't have to believe me that square dancing is fun, spelled with a capital FUN, no sir. When the time comes for beginner classes to start, just sashay over and find out for youreslf.

Have you been reading the 10 commandments of square dancing? If you have, this gives you quite a head start. The following are the last two of the ten commandments.

No. 9—Thou shalt not kill thy club with bickering and fault finding.

No. 10—Thou shalt not forget that thou wert once a beginner.

Last Sat. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Farr from the Gibsons club, joined the Sechelt Promenaders and we chalked up another fun-filled evening. You just can't beat square dancing for relaxation, sure beats having to take sleeping pills to relax you after a hard week's work. Square dancing is a pleasant way to forget your worries for a while and also renew old friendship and make new friends. Peg and I have made many from coast to coast. It's just unbelievable.

This being the last column before the holiday season Peg and I wish to take this opportunity to wish all our square dance friends, just plain friends and neighbors a—very—Merry Christmas to you and yours and may God bless you.

If you have friends you care for, tell them now; they don't hear so good when they put on that wooden overcoat.

GREETINGS

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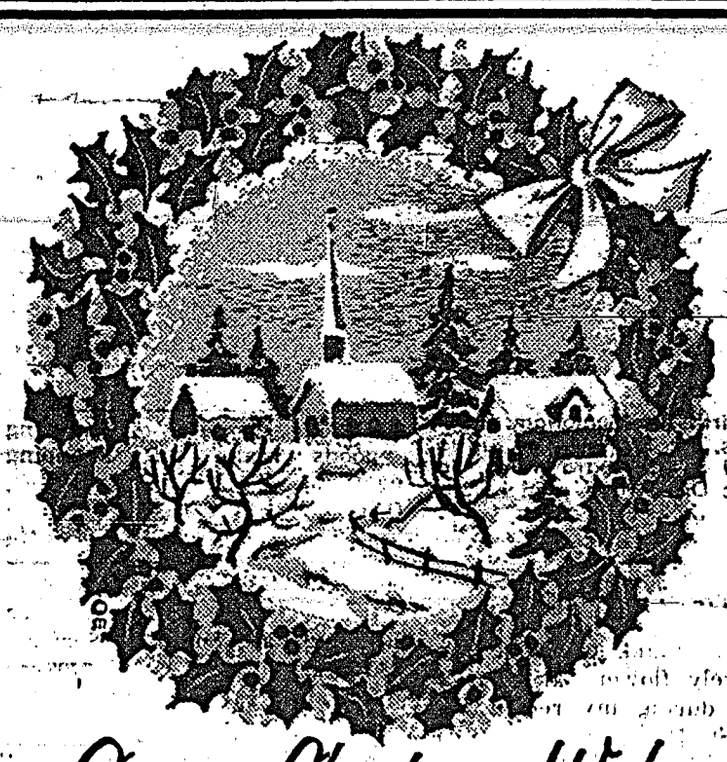

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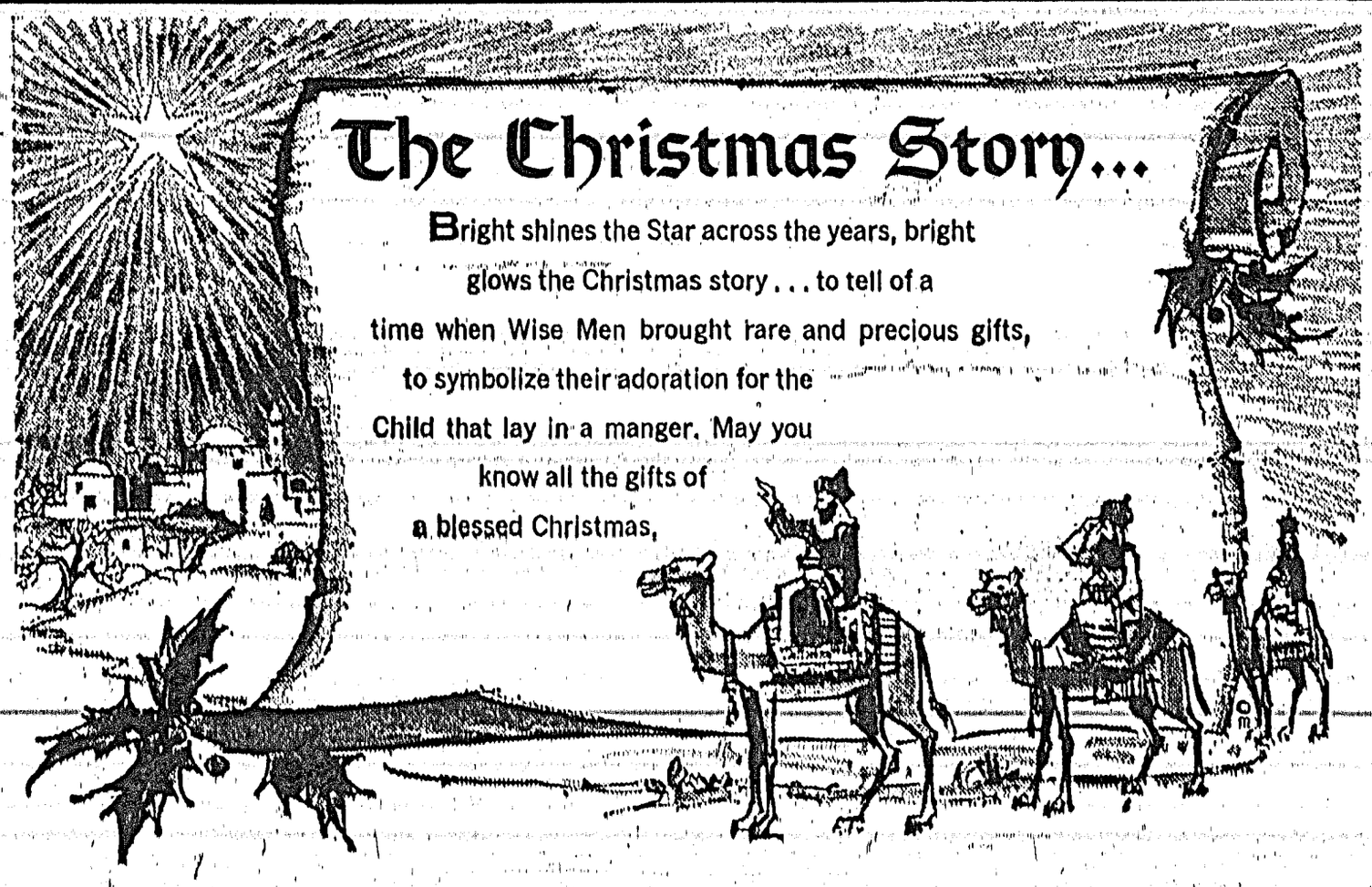

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Sechelt Peninsula Times

EDITORIALS

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

Wednesday, December 23, 1964

Distortion Of Facts

THERE was nothing particularly unusual about the calling of a referendum asking the electorate to vote one way or the other on whether property should be asqquired for use as a park site. This goes on continually in communities throughout the country, if not for parksites it is for one of many projects considered necessary by progressive individuals.

Strangely enough, for reasons best known to themselves, certain individuals not content to let the public decide which way they wished to vote, went to most unusual lengths to press for a no vote. Two of them in fact actual paying for advertising space in order to impress their views upon the electorate.

This was made all the more significant by the fact one of these men was a councillor who actually voted for the referendum.

The situation takes on an even stranger aspect with an editorial in a Gibsons publication by a person who shows deplorable ignorance of the facts and obviously sets out to imply intrigue and secrecy on the part of the councillors who have no more than the interests of the village at heart.

The badly misinformed writer of the scurrilous tirade blatantly suggests there had been no visible sign of an offer made and no indication that the people handling the transaction were holding the property for exclusive purchase by Sechelt.

This is a complete misrepresentation for a firm price, acceptable terms and definite indication the property would be held for the village, has been received and in fact read in council by Councillor Frank Parker who was nominated chairman of parks and roads and consequently asked to deal with matter.

It is too bad that men who for a pittance give so much of their time to the well being of a community, should be subject to attacks of this nature, particularly by a person expected to exemplify a sense of responsibility.

Time, A Saleable Commodity

FOUR candidates for two seats on village commission was inded encouraging, it was however an unhappy situation to have no-one sufficiently interested in the vacant position of School Trustee.

This possibility is not too surprising when it is considered the amount of time and effort demanded of those accepting a position in public office. Each year sees new and vast advances made in the field of education which all add to extra problems and tasks for the school trustee.

Metings twice monthly is but a small part of the duties involved, numerous other meetings occupy a great deal of time, special meetings, investigations of complaints, conventions. All time demanding and often to the personal expense of trustees who might feel reluctant to claim for every trip they might feel compelled to make.

This same situation applies to village commissioners, there is however one slight difference; commissioners and chairmen do get some reimbursement. Certainly a trivial amount, but it does at least offer a little compensation when it becomes due, each year.

We still have many among us with a strong sense of public spirit who devote their endeavors to one or other of the admirable service clubs and institutions.

The position of Trustee is a rather more specialized form of public service and infinitely more time consuming.

With the fantastic amount of money being spent on education today, it would seem a complete imposition to expect anyone to accept what amounts to a thankless position as trustee without at least a taken payment. True the dedicated gain a certain amount of satisfaction which they personally might consider just reward. At the same time, it is obvious, from the lack of candidates in the recent election, the dedicated are becoming difficult to find.

We are in an age whereby time and endeavour is a saleable commodity and it is high time some financial remuneration be made for service rendered to one of our most important public institutions.

A Vicious Circle

ONCE AGAIN we see that we, the people, are asking the provincial government to assume more of the cost of education, administration of justice, hospital financing and welfare. This we realize we must do, for with the enormous increase in the cost of education alone, no community or municipality can meet its commitments without outside help. In these instances we have justifiable requests.

But we also often wonder if people think the government has a bottomless financial stocking, one that no matter what demands we make on it, will never be empty. Too often we hear people say, "That's government money, they can afford it; let's get all we can out of them."

We tend to forget that it is our money, which we pay into the government through income tax, business and property tax, and the many hidden taxes which come out of our own pocket. We grumble when we make out our income tax; or when a new tax is levied on liquor, entertainment or other luxury commodities, but we forget it is our own ever-increasing demands, for bigger and more luxurious schools, glamorized municipal buildings and such, that keep our taxes high. We cannot have our cake and eat it, too, as the old saying goes.

It seems to have become an obsession with municipalities to see which one can build the most glamorous school with broadloom covering and expensive decor throughout its halls. One such school was opened recently in Vancouver district. It is said to be one of the most expensive and elaborately equipped schools in the province. Where is it going to end?

We in our own average household know that we must budget, and budget carefully, or else we are hopelessly mired in debt. This can be just as true with government finances.

We cannot ask that our income tax be reduced and at the same time demand extra millions of dollars to be spent on the things we think we need, but perhaps, like our own planned spending, we know we cannot afford.

We grumble when the government will not reduce taxes, but forget it is our own money we are spending when we demand that the government build an ultra-modern art centre or any extravagant building which, in a few years, might become as obsolete as the proverbial white elephant.

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

Knowledge and Action

IT has been stated that all the moral truths the world needs to know have already been expressed and that all we need to do now is act upon them.

The Bible says in Micah 6:8 that God has shown to mankind what constitutes goodness. In Leviticus 18:5 we read that God instructed the Israelites in this manner: "Ye shall keep my statutes and my judgments, which if a man do, he shall live in them."

Clearly then, our duty to God involves more than merely discovering his will by prayer, Bible reading, and church attendance. We must be "doers of the Word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

Universal experience has exposed man's inability to live up to God's standards of righteousness. Man would have to acquire an entirely new nature in order to fulfil God's requirements. This new nature, providentially, can be acquired by those who are willing to commit their lives to Christ. The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

Only by having a personal encounter with Christ and maintaining daily fellowship with Him will it be possible for us to live up to the Golden Rule and other maxims of moral truth.

—Pastor J. Anonby, Gibsons' Pentecostal Tabernacle

A Juvenile Stir

(Editor and Publisher)

TEXAS authorities are widely divided in their attitude to the question of whether newspapers should publish names of juvenile offenders.

Grand juries in Austin, San Antonio and other cities have recommended that newspapers and radio station identify teenage law violators. Numerous probation officers and juvenile court judges disagree.

District Attorney Henry Wade of Dallas says newspapers often should print the names of juvenile offenders. He predicts that juvenile crime would drop if newspapers identified violators and their parents. George Looney, chief probation officer for the Dallas County juvenile department, disagreed and said printing the names often would make a bad situation worse.

The Dallas Morning News recently used the names of two teenagers who fled the scene after their stationwagon injured a 10-year-old girl. The father of the 16-year-old driver told reporters he thought newspapers should identify the boys involved in such incidents.

Cart Before Horse

(Cariboo observer)

ALMOST all of the talk about a national health program for Canada is concerned with the financial side of the subject, even though the ability to pay for health care is a serious problem for only a relatively small part of the population. But virtually ignored is the major problem, and an increasing problem particularly in rural areas, of an adequate supply of those persons who mainly provide health care. There are not enough doctors and dentists and, because of inadequate training facilities, the situation will be a lot worse before it is better.

Starting this current academic year, one-third of the applicants qualified for admission to Canadian medical schools had to be turned away. At one school applicants with grades higher than 70 percent in their entrance examinations had to be rejected. A recent conference of Canadian medical associations estimated that to expand existing schools will require federal aid in the amount of $500 million. And even if the buildings and equipment were to be made available at once, there would still be the question of staff. The present shortage of instructors extends even into primary medical subjects, and it takes years for a medical school to build a teaching staff.

In dentistry the situation is even more critical: A professor of dentistry at Toronto University stated a few weeks ago that few rural areas in Ontario can find young dentists to replace men retiring from practice. Of ten dentists in one community, he said, eight have been practising for 40 years or more. To induce a young dental school graduate to move into the community, one town provided a $7,000 interest-free loan; in another case local businessmen backed a $5,000 bank loan to help a graduate start a practice.

It is very easy for politicians to promise a convenient-payment national health plan that will provide the best possible care for everyone in the country regardless of income. But finances are not the first problem, and to introduce such a program before there are sufficient medical and dental training facilities is to put cart before horse.

One thing you can say for the government: it runs nobody's business.

Kudos and one Candle

Dec. 4, 1963

Down-to-earth editorials, clear and concise,
The community good takes priority.
No political foot kicks the Pen. Times around
On its way to attain its majority.

Kudos to our Times, on cutting its teeth,
The first year being the hardest to handle;
Good luck to the next! Let's draw a deep breath,
Stand up and blow out its First Candle.

—by Vee Lobb

In The Silence Of The Night

Here's a tale that's sad but true,
And it happened long ago.
When I was young and full of pep
And a-dancing loved to go.

My chum came from the city
To visit for awhile,
And oh, the fun we had that time,
Rememb'ring makes me smile.

Each evening found us all dressed up,
For a dance or for a show,
Then after gadding all night long,
Back home with the dawn we'd go.

Mother and Dad were going 'round
Like landlubbers lost at sea.
They said we spoilt their sleep at night,
For two noisy girls were we.

So solemnly we promised them,
That never more would we
Make a lot of noise at night,
As quiet as mice we'd be.

So when the fun was over,
Our vow we faithf'lly kept,
Along the street and up the steps,
Like thieves in the night we crept.

We leaned against the door-jamb
To slip from our tired feet,
Our fancy high-heeled slippers,
So our aim they'd not defeat.

Then what an awful racket,
Came to us from within,
But that was none of our doings,
So we could afford to grin.

I stooped to retrieve my slippers,
And the noise stopped instantly,
And I almost toppled over,
As the truth dawned suddenly.

My girl-friend nearly fainted,
As I broke the dreadful news,
"We've been leaning on the door-bell,
While taking off our shoes."

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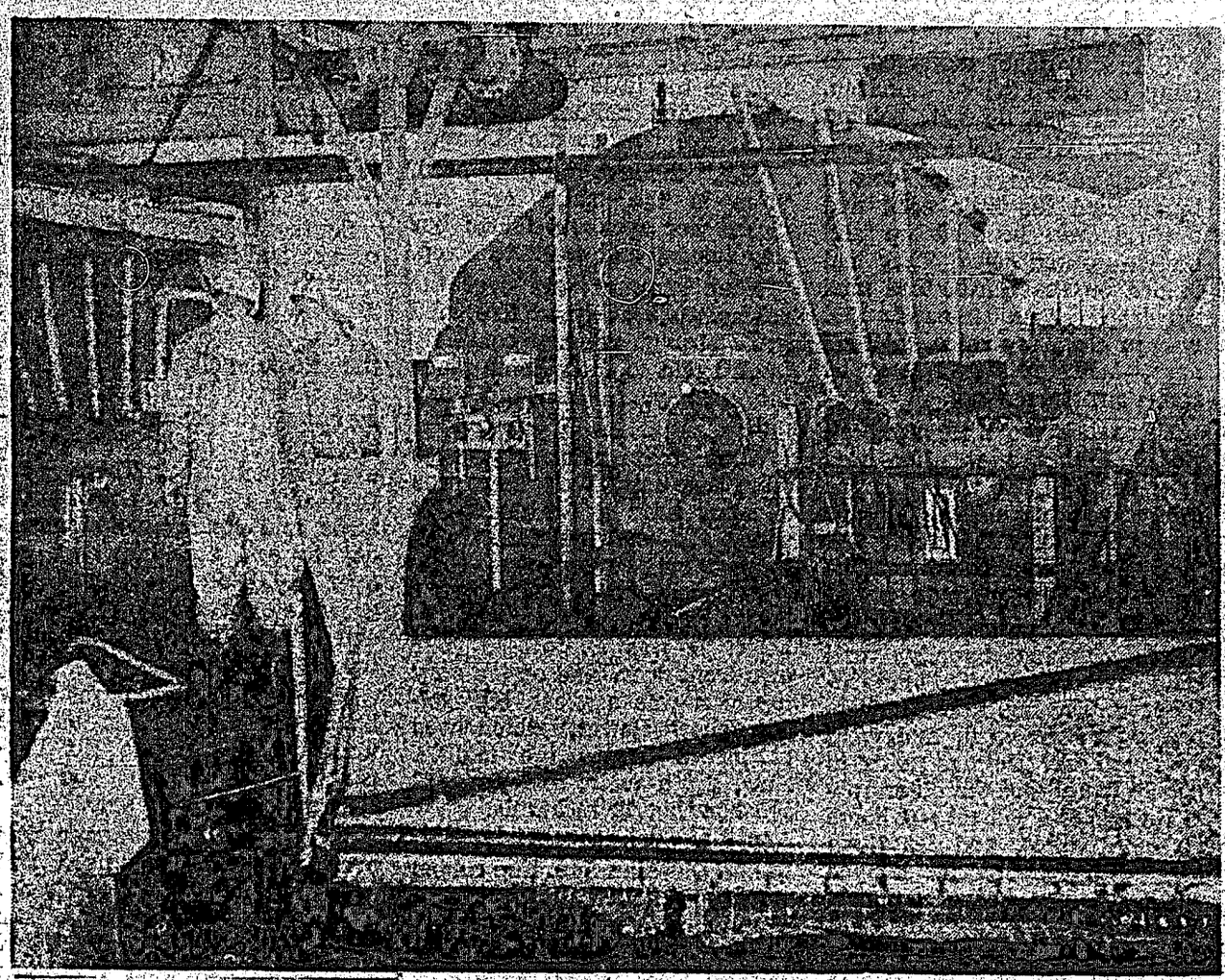

Washer extension

ONE OF the two new washers installed as part of the Port Mellon expansion and already in operation, the second is at left of picture and each weighs 30 tons. Washing of the cooked pulp plays an important and complex phase in the manufacturing upon which hinges the economy of the operation. All chemicals and residual is separated from the cooked pulp for consumption and reuse at the chemical recovery boilers.

Final details

GENERAL Superintendent E. C. Sherman, left, and Resident Engineer J. F. Willis, go over final engineering tie-in details just before start-up of the recently installed new washers, at Port Mellon.

Uniquely born . . .

A planned miracle God became flesh

THE BIRTH of Christ could be termed "a planned miracle." Every detail connected with the appearance of the Son of God followed a pre-arranged pattern. It was a great miracle in itself that "God became flesh and dwelt among us."

But equally miraculous is the fact that the Incarnation fulfilled specific prophecies uttered hundreds of years earlier. Let us look at the Biblical record.

It was predicted in Genesis 3:15 that Satan would be defeated through the "seed of a woman." Christ was uniquely born, for He was the Son of the Virgin Mary. Galatians 4:4 records that "when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman."

Christ's birth was thus the fulfilment of Isaiah 7:14, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call his name Immanuel," which means "God with us."

The place of Christ's birth was also foretold in Old Testament Scriptures. Centuries before the humble Judian shepherds found their way into Bethlehem to worship the babe who was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger," a comparatively obscure prophet named Micah had foreseen that the one "whose goings forth had been from of old, from everlasting," would be born in Bethlehem of Judia. Christ's birth fulfilled this prophecy.

Long before Christ was born in Bethlehem, divinely-inspired prophets had foretold that the Redeemer of the world would spring from the lineage of Abraham, Jacob and David.

It was through this line that "all the nations of earth would be blessed" (Genesis 18:18). Christ's birth took place, as had been predicted, in the "city of David."

Men, women, and children throughout the centuries have been able to testify to the fact that Christ's message of love, joy, and peace has transformed their lives.

That is why the angels at Chirst's nativity joyfully sang in anticipation.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Pastor J. Anonby,
Gibson Pentecostal Tabernacle.

Port Mellon News

by J. Moore

ON NOVEMBER 28 Debbie and I went to Roberts Creek to see the Tidewater Players in "Calendar Countdown." It sure was a thrill to see and hear so much local talent. Mavis Christmas is a born actress and, of course, for me, there is no one I'd rather listen to than Lucille Mueller. Her voice is always good to listen to. The variety of songs from the remember when days were good to hear and the costumes were marvelous.

The Roaring Twenties brought back memories when we real young ones used to look in awe at the older girls who wore rolled downed hose and showed their bare knees. On the whole it would have been very hard to pick the best actress or actor that night because each one played his or her part down pat. I'm sorry I did not get this in last week's paper but with the Christmas season upon us the weeks just fly by for me.

The WA to Port Mellon Community Church held their monthly meeting on Dec. 7 in the church hall. Fifteen ladies sat down to supper and a short business meeting followed, and carol singing took place later.

It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs. Kelly, wife of Rev. Kelly, Mrs. Cameron, wife of Rev. Cameron, Mrs. Manton and Mrs. West all of Gibson's.

The new executive for the new year are as follows, President Mrs. C. Graham, Vice-president Mrs. E. Lucas, Secretary Mrs. P. Comeau, Treasurer Mrs. W. Mueller and Convener Mrs. P. Moore.

Don't forget the children's Christmas party takes place on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. in the the community hall.

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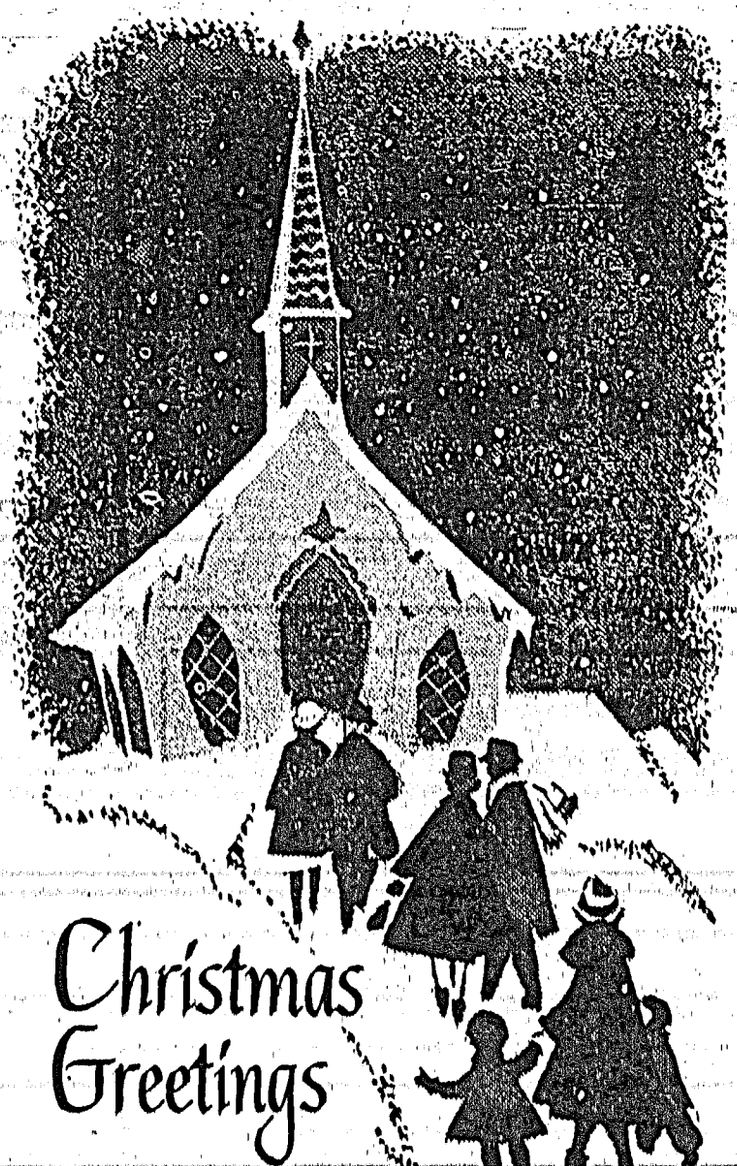

Christmas
Greetings
We offer best wishes
and sincere appreciation to
all our friends on this Blessed Christmas.
Chris's Jewelers
CHRIS, ANDREW and DIANNE

By Vee Lobb . . .

The Little Sun Seed; story for the young

ONCE upon a time, Oh, ever so long ago, there was a little seed, who lived with her brothers and sisters 'way up on the sun, where it is always very hot, you know.

The tiny elf people sometimes visit there, and they tell of the Wonderful World below; about the soft, cool rain, and the white, white snow that covers the ground in the winter time; and the birds that sing, and the children who laugh and play, all year round.

This made the little seed very dissatisfied, and she thought, "I will go and visit the Earth, and see all those things for myself." So,—she asked Mr. Sun, but he shook his big head and said, "No." And the little seed was very disappointed, as you can imagine!

Suddenly, she made up her own mind, and the very next day, she packed her bag with sunbeams, and she stood on the edge, the very edge, of the sun, closed her eyes tight, and jumped off!

My goodness, it took her breath away! She fell and she fell, until she thought there was no end to it! But, all of a sudden she felt something nice and soft under her. And,—what do you think? Yes, you are quite right. She had landed on a big, fat cloud.

"Oh," said the cloud, "And where did you come from?" The little seed answered in a small voice, "I came from the sun, and I want to go to the Earth."

"No riders allowed here," boomed the cloud. And with that, it turned all gray, and burst wide open; in fact, it made itself rain; and the little seed fell down and down, but luckily she managed to cling to one kind of raindrop. "Ah me," she thought, holding on tight, "What will I do?"

Then, suddenly there was a bump, and the little seed and the raindrop bounced up and down,—up and down! They had landed on the Earth. The kind raindrop shook himself and said in a watery voice, "All off here,—last stop!" And away he ran, down to the sea.

There lay the little seed all alone. And the weather was very unkind. The rain and the snow made her shiver, and she said, "I wish I had never left my nice warm home on the sun." And she began to cry.

Well, one day two robbins arrived, chirping happily; and suddenly they spotted the little seed. The big, fat robin hopped right over to it, and what do you think? He was going to gobble it up! But the other robin thought, "I will take it home for my babies, and let them play with it." So he hopped quick-like—you know how robins can hop—and he snatched it up, and carried it to his nest. But alas! He was in such a hurry, when he got there he tripped. Down fell the little sun seed, and it was lost in the grass. All the baby robins peered over the nest, but they could not see the little sun seed anywhere. And neither could you or I, she was so small.

"Ah," thought the little seed, "this is the end." And she closed her eyes and folded her tiny hands, and went to sleep.

When summer was over the robins went away to live, and grow strong, so they could fly back again to their home place the next year. And this they did.

When they returned, guess what they saw? Well, there was a funny little green plant just where the seed had fallen, and it was only two inches high. All through spring it grew and grew, until one day—guess what! It was as tall as your own front door. And on the very top of it was a great, big, golden-yellow flower, which was 12 inches across the middle. Now, get a ruler, and you will see how big 12 inches is.

The big flower looked exactly like Old Man Sun. The robins were so excited they chirped happily, "We will call it a sunflower," they said, and they clapped their wings in glee.

Then the flower was so proud, she opened her bag and took out the sunbeams, and tucked them in her hair. There she stood all summer, tall and straight, as much as to say, "See, Mr. Sun, here I am, and I'm sure you don't mind, 'cause you have lots of seeds left to keep you company."

So the Big Sun smiled down on her and he stroked her gently with his rays, and he turned all the sunbeams into seeds. When that summer was over the golden-yellow flower was just full of them, and she was so happy she shook with laughter, and the seeds went flying every which way. There were thousands of them. Lots for the birds and squirrels and chickens to eat, and hundreds left over to fall on the ground, and grow into beautiful sunflowers, and spread more sunshine on the big Earth.

Now the little seed was truly happy. She had seen all the wonderful things the Elf People told of, because, you see, they were all quite true.

And when that summer was over, she felt very tired and her big head began to droop. So she drowsily closed her eyes, and folded her hands, and she said, "I'm glad I jumped out of the Sun!"

Then it was night time and she fell fast asleep.

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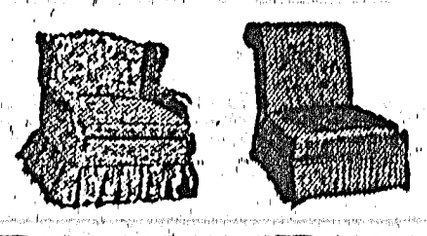
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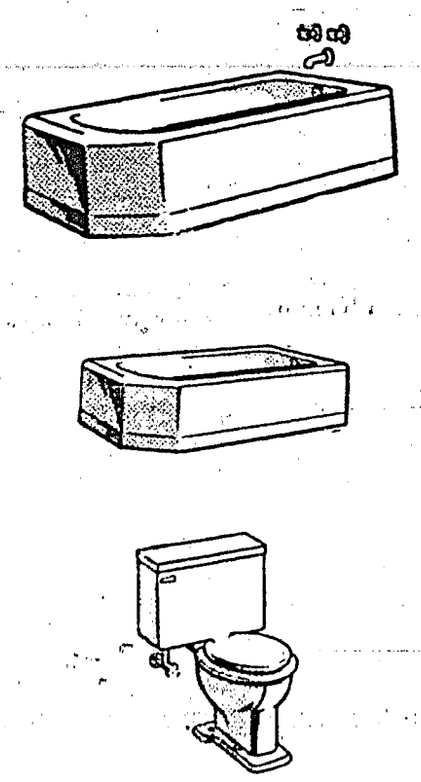
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Reminiscing . . .

Memory Hold the Door by Rev. Alan Greene

FROM A long happy ministry on this coast, I recall many wonderful experiences of peace and goodwill among my varied flock, as we shared in the fellowship of the Blessed Season.

Sometimes it was a day fraught with great physical difficulties in getting together in tiny school-houses, thanks to snow and storms, but were always got there.

I picked up families here and there in my little Mission Ship and sometimes packed my passengers of all ages and sizes ashore over mudflats. And in the school, I put on a varied program in which the children shared, as they performed for us under the direction of a worn-out schoolmistress.

I took movies and Christmas gifts from far away unknown friends of the little people. And somewhere in those wonderful evenings, we squeezed in a Christmas service and everybody rose to the singing of the great Christmas hymns and carols. Even the case-hardened old man who thought he had grown out of such things.

Memories of their childhood came surging back and before these old chaps knew it, they were singing their hearts out in the praise of God, as together we lifted our hearts to Him in the joy of Christ's first coming, as a Babe in Bethlehem.

The occasion may have been quite different when, in a little cabin in some lonely spot, a man and wife and a few children found the love of God in the Holy Sacrement, served on a kitchen table. And we sang our simple carols to the accompaniment of the tiny portable organ, I took with me everywhere.

I would leave a few gifts with them and then sail on to other far-away folk, and repeat the simple but holy program.

Or, again, it might be a church service of a more formal kind in one of the many small churches I had built in tiny settlements, but once more there would be a deep sense of oneness in our faith as we worshipped with unrestrained joy the world's Saviour

Or at a party again in a densely crowded community hall, I put on a Santa Claus act and climbed in through windows thrown open to welcome me, and finally landed on the floor, explaining to believing little folk what an adventurous trip I had had coming from the North Pole, and finally having to make use of a Mission Ship skippered by a man named Greene.

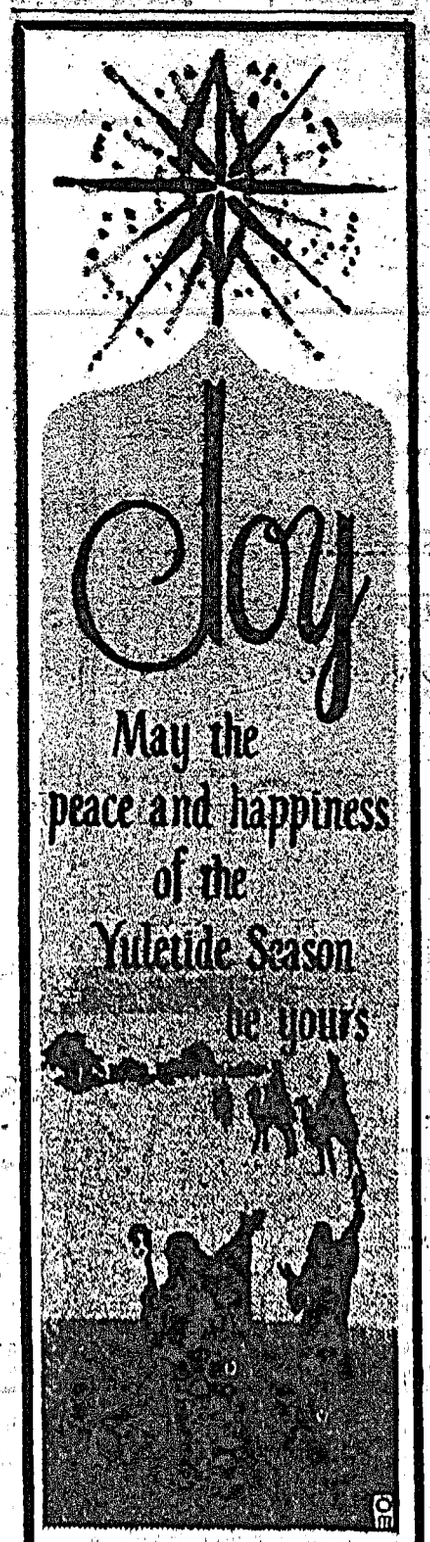
I would ask the little folk where this man Greene was, and they might even start down the road in search of him. I filled out my costume to the bursting point with balloons and on arrival would hug everybody, 'till all the balloons had burst, and then make a hurried adjustment to my deflated costume and the perilous downslipping of my pants. These were old gags of mine I used year after year.

Yes, they were great days. But everybody rose to the occasion, and kindliness and good cheer was the order of the day.

May we in these parts give ourselves without restraint to everything that lends itself to the true meaning and spirit of Christmas, but above all turn aside on Christmas Day perhaps in our homes or in a little church and lift our hearts and voices in praise of Him who came to earth to bring the great news of God's love for all mankind.

A Joyous Blessed Christmas to all.

Alan Greene.



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What's on in Sechelt

POPULAR movie with young and old alike, "Lady and The Tramp" is featured at the Sechelt Theatre for Christmas. New Year feature "Come Blow Your Horn" features Frank Sinatra, playboy son of Lee J. Cobb and Molly Pecon, an old-country couple, lives apart from his family in a luxurious penthouse. His younger brother, Tony Bill, wants to break away from the staid family life. When he does he joins Sinatra and immediately is swept into the whirl of a new existence. The mother and father are shocked by the developments.

The younger brother even takes over most of Sinatra's girl friends, all except Barbara Rush in whom Sinatra really appears to be deeply interested. Slowly, Sinatra begins to realize the futility of his life and that Tony is taking up where he wants to leave off. Although it appears that he has lost Barbara because of his apparent love for batchelorhood, he prevails upon her to marry him. This brings him back into the good graces of his father. But Tony prepares to continue to live it up without his brother.

Membership increase . . .

Very successful year enjoyed by Auxiliary

A PROFITABLE return, was reported by raffle convener, Mrs. E. Paetkau, at the December 10th meeting of the Sechelt Hospital Auxiliary, held in St. Hilda's Hall. In future meetings will be held there as the membership is increasing all the time and the larger hall is more suitable; 35 members attended this meeting.

Raffle winners were Mrs. D. Stockwell, Porpoise Bay, the Indian sweater and toque; Mrs. E. Black, Wilson Creek, the candelabra and candles; Mrs. Mary Hague, Wilson Creek, the doll and wardrobe.

The money raised through the memorial fund, went towards the purchase of a humidifier for the pediatrics ward. In lieu of sending Christmas cards locally, donation to the memorial fund would be greatly appreciated. Send it C/O Sechelt Hospital Auxiliary Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 193, Sechelt, B.C.

This auxiliary has made plans to place a small favor on each patient's tray, on a colorful dolly with serviette to match, for their Christmas dinner.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, followed by reports of the president, treasurer, publicity, memorial fund, sewing committee, gift box and sunshine committee. All reports proved the auxiliary had another very successful year and enjoyed doing so.

The new slate of officers for 1965 is as follows: Mrs. J. Redman, president; Mrs. O. Moscrip, vice-president; Mrs. J. Parker, secretary; Mrs. G. Reeves, treasurer; Mrs. A. Swan, publicity. Mrs. C. Cameron acted as chairman of the nominating committee.

Sechelt Hospital Auxiliary thanks everyone for their co-operation during the past year and extends compliments of the season to all.

Bank of Montreal . . .

President outlines dynamic expansion

CANADA'S dynamic growth prospects point up the importance of adopting many of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Banking and Finance, according to G. Arnold Hart, president and chief executive officer of the Bank of Montreal.

Hart told the bank's 147 annual meeting that the opportunities which the revisions of the Bank Act are likely to open up are now especially important.

Commenting on the possibility of removal of the present six per cent limit on interest rates and the restrictions against the banks' participation in the mortgage market, he said, "a more competitive, broader and more flexible range of lending rates and . . . of deposit rates as well," could be expected, the whole being more responsive to market influences.

$4.6 BILLION ASSETS

Shareholders also heard R. D. Mulholland, vice-president and chief general manager, report a record year's business for the bank to October 31, with assets at a new high of $4,668 million.

Hart said that with availability of mortgage security, "the banks will be able to broaden their lending activities to meet the requirements of borrowers who must now look elsewhere for their financing and who in many cases are at present paying rates, outside the banking system, significantly higher than they would conceivably pay within it."

If the scope of chartered bank services were widened, competition in banking would be stimulated, he observed, adding that the B of M's major lending activity would continue "the short-term borrowing needs of industry, agriculture and individuals."

REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Stressing the bank's increasing decentralization of responsibility, Mr. Hart said, the whole trend is to "the creation of what are, in effect, regional head offices in various geographical areas." As a result, he continued, more than 99 per cent of the bank's loans in Canada are being authorized by local managers or at the six regional hearquarters across the country.

On the nation's economy, Hart noted that the 1964 gross national product might well be six per cent more than in 1963 in real terms. This would be, "a very good rate of increase at any time, but even more remarkable in view of the length of the current advance."

The current business expansion has been "remarkably well-behaved" and although there has been a continued modest increase in consumer prices, wholesale prices on the average have shown little tendency to rise, he continued. However, Hart noted that unemployment is still a major problem in some parts of the country and that not much headway has been made in correcting the heavy imbalance in our international trading position.

For the future, he commented that "If we can keep our production costs competitive the indications are good that stronger than average growth will prevail at least until well in the 1970's."

Hart concluded, "All in all I find it very easy to get excited about Canada's growth prospects and there is certainly enough going on these days to indicate that many others share this feeling. In such an atmosphere . . . there will be unequalled opportunities in the years ahead for expansion and development."

NEW BANK RECORDS

Mulholland reported record year-end loans and deposits of $2,729 million and $4,340 million, respectively. Personal savings deposits showed an increase of $93 million over the 1963 figure, passing $2 billion for the first time.

Net earnings of $17,854,883, after provision of $18,211,471 for income taxes, were also at a new record.

Mulholland noted record activity in the bank's international business during the year, and that Barclays Bank D.C.O. had become a third equal partner, with the B of M and the Bank of London and South America, in the Bank of London and Montreal, operating in the Caribbean and Latin America.

He added that the B of M's international organization now numbers 50 offices, 18 of which are the bank's own and the remainder branches of BOLAM.

Reporting on the progress and development of the B of M's electronic date processing facilities, Mulholland recalled that "Genie centres" had been opened in Toronto and Vancouver this year, following the opening of the original installation in Montreal in 1963.

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World we create for our youth

IT IS not new for the grey-headed to shake their heads at the young with concern, but the statistics that have caused the recent concern are most certainly new.

Children are not now born different to those born a hundred years ago, but the world we have given them is drastically different. We have given them a world of war, confusion and fear. One of bad examples and bad entertainment, with too little loving companionship and too much idle time. Our machines have taken from them most opportunities to create and left a vacuum to be filled with the desire to destroy.

We have taken from them the fine moral standard and principles as found in the Holy Bible by our disbelief and neglect and in their place given philosophies, traditions and theories of men. True, not all create this world for youth, but how many of us stand before our young condemned?

Jehovah's Witnesses,
Sechelt.

At a greyhound race in Amado, Arizona, a dog named Classy Cindy decided she had done enough futile running without catching the mechanical rabbit. She reversed her field and caught the rabbit head on.

By Rev. J. B. Fergusson . . .

That Christmas feeling something to be shared

I HOPE as you read this that you are in good spirits and getting ready to celebrate, for Christmas is nearly here—and Christmas is celebration!

In our gifts and in our feasts, in decorating the Christmas tree and in the happy laughter of Christmas visits to others, with the warm wishes of our Christmas cards, with the messages of good will to one another, we sound the praises of the Christmas season.

Decade after decade, century after century, in happy years and in threatening years, the vital message first delivered to the shepherds has given a real lift to men's spirits each Christmas:

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Our good spirits, and our celebrations at Christmas can make memories that we store up and cherish long into the future. All the traditions, and friendliness and warmth that surrounds Christmas for us suddenly springs alive, and becomes really meaningful when we realize that Jesus is the secret ingredient in the whole celebration. After all, we got the idea of giving gifts to others at Christmas from God himself, who gave his Son Jesus to us that first Christmas. Deep inside us, our own hearts long to respond to God's gift and express faith, hope and love ourselves.

This warm, happy season of Christmas is the time to practise faith, hope and love. The Christmas spirit in the air gives us an excellent springboard.

This Christmas: patch up a quarrel; greet some tense, unhappy person with a contagious smile; develop the gift of understanding; tell someone you love them; forgive an old grudge. Laugh a bit, then laugh some more. When you appreciate something, take the effort to say so.

Be interested. Show sympathy. Be fun to be with. Shun discontent—be considerate to someone else first. Take time to make a youngster happy. Go to church. Be courteous to a stranger and start a chain reaction. Take a fresh look at those you cherish. Realize how very much they mean to you. Then tell them so. Tell them again. Never let your love become an unstated assumption.

This is only a sample of the way you can make Christmas a celebration that touches your heart as well as your pocketbook, for a Christmas without Christ at the centre leaves memories only of the tinsel and the empty wallet.

It is when our hearts are touched; when we give the gifts that cannot be bought or traded, gifts of faith, hope and love, that we make the rich, joyful memories of Christmas we love to remember.

To all Sechelt Times readers a Merry and Meaningful Christmas!

Sincerely,
Rev. J. B. Fergusson,
Anglican Church.

Think small. Big ideas upset nearly everyone.

Sechelt Bowling Alleys

—by Eve Moscrip

IN THE Men's Tenpin League, Ray Benoit scored a double, rolling high three of 580 and high single 224.

League Scores:

Buckskins — Mike Johnson, Johnson, 651; Carol August, 425.

Ladies—Rita Higgs, 263; Dorothy Smith, 253; Rose Rodway, 643.

Pender—Mark Myer, 651; Joe Graf, 608; Bill Cameron, 675; Brende Scoular, 528.

Sechelt Commercial — Dick Gray, 777 (285, 276); Frank Newton, 770 (331); Sam MacKenzie, 760 (279); Lola Caldwell, 681 (258); Frank Nevens, 771 (283); Orv Moscrip, 276.

Sports Club — Dorothy Smith, 640 (270); Red Robinson, 720 (297); Dick Gray, 729.

School Leagues:

Seniors — Ted Johnson, 367 (209); James Duffy, 458 (218, 240); Wayne John, 341 (249); Rita Ono, 356 (197).

Juniors—Sharon Lawson, 269 (163); Earl John, 286 (198); Kenny Akeson, 298 (206).

Ten Pins:

Ray Benoit, 580 (224); Dick Clayton, 515; Roger Hocknell, 532; Randy Wiren, 527; Marvin Skyette, 525; Terry Rodway, 513; Pat Mullins, 522; Don Caldwell, 546 (203).

Merry Christmas and good bowling in the New Year.

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Notes from Pender

THE PENDER Harbour Volunteer Fire Brigade held its annual dinner and dance in the banquet room of the Pender Harbour Hotel. A most delicious Chinese dinner was served to the brigade executive and active firemen and their wives, who were guests of the brigade.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Love, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rae, Mr. and Mrs. Nichol Bortnick, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dusenberry, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mair;

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Scoular, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Harling, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crichton, Mr. and Mrs. Vince Hernandez, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clay, Capt. and Mrs. Bill Thompson. Corporal Nelson, district fire marshall and several local members of the brigade were unable to attend.

Mr. H. Clay, brigade president, informed members of the latest developments in the forming of the proposed Fire Protection District. Recognition is expected from insurance underwriters once the Fire Protection District is formed. At present, the brigade is engaded in indexing district lots and owners.

Also announced was the new fire emergency telephone number, which is 883-2525.

Mr. Dennis Harling, fire brigade chief, urged that practice sessions be held in the daytime on weekends. Early darkness makes evening practices difficult, particularly for the new members of the brigade.

A suggestion by Mrs. R. Mair that a ladies auxiliary be formed was well received. Ladies interested in taking part telephone Mrs. Mair.

Daneing followed the dinner, and a social evening was enjoyed by all.

COMMUNITY CLUB

The Community Club announces that there will be no show in the community hall on December 26. The next film will be a Disney feature, scheduled for January 2.

The club executive wishes to publicly commend the young lads who work unseen, and often unknown, the volunteer projectionists.

Films sponsored by the community club would not be possible without them. Today, as in past years, the projector is operated by teen-age boys who give freely of their time and services, and who show an admirable degree of responsibility and reliability in their attendance and efficiency.

For the past three years, until June, 1964, Howard White was senior projectionist, assisted by Raimo Savolainen and Don McLeod. This summer, when his work schedule compelled Howard to turn the work over to someone else, he found a faultless successor in the person of Boyd Bennett.

Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Widman, capably took over after one hour's training. For several weeks, until transportation problems arose, Barrie Fenn assisted. During the past few months Roi Kilborn has shared duties with Boyd. The projectionists job is a very tedious and lonely one, and a sincere "thank you" is extended to these young lads whose only reward is the satisfaction of a job well done.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Aided by Mrs. Gladys Jones, friends from Vancouver, Sechelt and Pender Harbour gathered to surprise her husband, Chuck Jones, on the occasion of his birthday. Guests from Sechelt were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brenner; Mr. Morgan; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stephanson.

Local guests were Mr. and Mrs. Don Scoular, Mr. and Mrs. W. Higgins; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stickland and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kiborn. From Vancouver came Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson, who were weekend guests at the Jones home, and Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Baune.

TIMES COMMENDED

A number of Harbour residents spent long, cold hours waiting out the Squamish wind at the Horeshoe Bay ferry terminal on the night of Tuesday, Dec. 15. Some early arrivals for the 5:30 ferry waited five hours for the ferry to arrive from Langdale where it had waited out the gale-force winds.

While waiting, we tuned in on the Hot Line, just in time to hear the highly favorable comments made by Pat Burns regarding the editor of the Sechelt Peninsula Times, and the mast-head of the Times. That's something we would have missed if the ferry had been on time!

TEA CANCELLED

Cold and snow forced cancellation of the Christmas Tea, planned for pensioners on Sunday, Dec. 20. Instead members of the Business and Professional Club, will make calls on the Mission houses at Garden Bay, and on other older folk, known to them.

After hearing strange noises in the front of his car, a Utica, New York, man took it to a garage for a check-up. A mechanic worked on the engine all morning but the noise continued. Finally, listening closely, the owner and the mechanic decided the noises came from underneath a front fender. A check revealed that a pigeon had built a nest inside and the offspring were squawking their heads off.

Pender Tabernacle . . .

Those discarded cards help children in India

DON'T THROW away those Christmas cards! Gather them up and give them to the Ladies Missionary Group of the Pender Harbour Tabnernacle. The cards are made into picture book for children in India.

Among other projects undertaken by this energetic group are the gathering of good used clothing for the needy in Asia; the collecting of used plastic medicine bottles, which are sent to the Mission to the lepers. Old sheets are needed too, to be made into bandages used in leprosariums; and those white shirts with worn collars which you no longer want, will be made into hospital gowns. The Mission to the lepers is international and inter-denominational. If you wish to assist by donating articles, or by your presence, telephone Rev. Ackroyd or Mrs. Ackroyd at 883-2374.

Sewing projects completed this year included five quilts for orphanages, and the making of ditty bags to hold the bedside needs of patients in leprosariums. Missionary offerings this year made possible donations of fifty dollars to each of the following: The Mission to the Lepers; The British and Foreign Bible Society; and a Chinese missionary family in Victoria. The Ladies Missionary Sewing Group meets in the church the last Wednesday of each month.

The congregation of the Pender Harbour Tabernacle has been served for 12 years by Rev. Walter Ackroyd and Mrs. Ackroyd, who came here in 1952 to establish this church. Originally services were held in the Community Hall, and Rev. Ackroyd furnished boat transportation for parishioners who came from all parts of the Harbour. The present building in Madeira Park was commended in 1954.

Sunday school classes were held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., followed by church services. The young group and Men's Fellowship group meet every second Friday. Services will be held in the Tabernacle on Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.

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Comes to lead . . .

Christ-idea still light of the world

"IT'S CHRISTMAS!" one happy voice calls to another. What a flood of bright memories these words bring to many people the world over! To the writer, Christmas has always been a time of joy bordering on a glory that is hard to describe.

In childhood, it was not just the gifts received or the good times with the family or the sacrifices involved in the giving of gifts and the pleasure derived therefrom, but the thought of the wonderous gift of God's love to men—the gift of "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Christians love to think of how the angels came to the shepherds to tell them of the birth of the Saviour and of how the wisemen were led by the star that guided them to where the infant Jesus lay—the human exponent of the Christ, Truth. God still sends angels, or pure thoughts, to those who are receptive of truth and leads them to the light of the Christ.

The Christ-idea is still the light of the world and it comes today to lead men out of the darkness of false beliefs in evil to the light of the understanding that God, good, is All-in-all. This is the peace and goodwill of which the angels sang and which will unite nations as the individual gains peace in his own heart.

As the real glory of Christmas dawns on men, they see that it is not merely a season of joyousness that is soon passed, but that one can have an eternal Christmas in his heart, a sense of peace and joy in sharing his good with others.

Christlikeness is the demand made on all true Christians. Christ leads us from darkness to light, from discord to harmony, from sickness to health, from sorrow to joy. The Christ does not come in a blare of trumpets and drums, but in quietness of heart, while we are watching and praying for the answer to our deepest spiritual desires, our earnest longings. As Phillips Brooks' loved Christmas carol reads (Christian Science Hymnal, No. 222):

Where charity stands watching
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wanes, the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

—The Christian Science Monitor.

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New Year's Eve

Round about the town

—By Ed Green

THE ELECTORATE of Sechelt has expressed its opinion at the polls. That is its right and there can be no quibbling about them if we are to lay any claim to being a democracy. Only time will tell whether the choices made were good or otherwise.

That there can be a question of who elected who and for what, might be found in the fact that on election day I was in one of our supermarkets when a very large woman saw another one equally large and trilled, "Yoo hoo, I thought you were in Kamloops. Did you get back?"

A little further on in the conversation that followed this meeting the first large woman said, "I've been voting today and I helped to make sure that plebiscite, whoever it is, doesn't get elected because our taxes would be doubled."

A lot more evidently didn't want Mr. Plebiscite elected either. What with truths, untruths and downright imagination there is still some doubt as to whether the people were too sure about that issue or if it was an issue.

"There isn't an ounce of sand in Porpoise Bay," said one. "It is a polluted area. Besides you might get killed by an airplane falling on you there."

"I am dead against the Porpoise Bay proposal," said another. "I just don't see how we can afford it. Anyway, why can't they spend that money on fixing up the waterfront by the picture show? But I do wish it had passed and then we would have had two waterfronts."

"As a businessman," said another, "I voted against the park plan but I wish it had passed. It could be developed into a big attraction for us. If private money buys the place we're going to lose out and I don't want to see that happen."

"Vancouver voters elected Rathie but they turned down his money bylaws," said another. "They were afraid of a tax jump and the taxes are too high already. No, that didn't influence me. I voted against the park plan because I don't think any council we elect would know how to go about developing it. It would be the same as the Town Planning Report; ignored and pushed in a drawer and forgotten."

"Forgotten?"

"Certainly. We paid a big fee to expert town planners who did a survey of the village and what could be done to the best advantage. They turned in a report. Why was it never used? Why was it never discussed? Why isn't any big problem properly debated here?"

The speaker was an important business man. What he did say was eloquent, but what he left unsaid spoke louder.

There is one thing that all holders of public office should clearly understand, and that includes town clerks too; they are the servants, not the masters of the people. There is another point that they should consider; there are no big men—only big events that make some men look smaller than others.

Now to a happier subject—the weather.

We have been enjoying the much-advertised but seldom proven balmy weather of the alleged Sunshine Coast for the past few days. I telephoned a genteel old lady to see how she was faring. In answer to my inquiry she answered like a true Sechelt logger: "Awful, ruddy awful," she said. "My so-and-so stove sooted up and then the blankety-blank water pipes froze and then the hot water tank started so I let all the water go; a good thing, too, I was told, or it would have blown up."

Our own case wasn't much happier. We have a hi-fi oil burner in the kitchen range that can almost melt the stove top in a few minutes at any time. But this was one of the times it chose not to do it. We had been watching TV and it kept getting colder and colder in the house despite, what we thought, was the best efforts of the blower burner and a heater. My wife, profiting by long experience of Winnipeg winters, went first to the bathroom and turned on the water taps to help prevent freezing and then went to the kitchen. It was then that she learned the fire was dead out.

Though it was 10 o'clock at night we called an oil heater service man and were lucky enough to have him at the house in 15 minutes. He found the oil line and filters tight with frozen water and rust and after cleaning them out he got the fires going again.

By 12 o'clock both fires were dying down and it was obvious the oil lines were freezing once more. We rushed out with a kettle of boiling water and poured it over the filter. The oil began to flow again but the mercury fell lower.

At five o'clock in the morning the kitchen range fire was out once more. Thanks to my wife's foresight the water hadn't frozen so I drew a kettle of hot water again and poured it over the filter. Once again the oil began to flow and I got the ranges tarted once more. There was no more sleep that night. Every time the oil flow lessened, about every two hours, we poured more hot water on the filter and by 10 o'clock in the morning we had another oil service man there who took the filter out and we haven't had any trouble since.

But the alleged car sits out front, a wretched, forlorn thing with a dead battery. With the weather forecasts being what they are it can stay there.

All in all we are lucky compared to many whose burners failed and then had their power cut off with fallen trees across their lines. There are many whose water pipes were frozen and burst while still others had serious damage done to their cars. We always seem to grumble when the rains come but this is one time we'll all be glad to see them again.

Women not only drive as well as men, but they can do it on either side of the road.

Man forgets . . .

God of all creation provider of entirety

"—THERE was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7.

Do these few words from the Holy Scriptures awaken in us any thoughts, such as, with all the people from different walks of life going up to register at the inn, there was no room for a poor woman, who was in greater need of shelter than others, for she was not only an expectant mother, but also to be the mother of Israels' Messiah and the Saviour of man.

Another thought could liken the world to the Inn, that amidst all its pomp and gaiety, amidst the rush of business, amidst its gigantic buildings of triumph, amidst all its enterprises and even amidst the crowds and pressure of the neediest inhabitants, there was no room for the Saviour of mankind.

A further thought could be, that, that Inn, in respect to its hustle and bustle, is like the world, in that man crowds around man, giving himself up unreservably, whether to vicious indulgence, selfish enjoyments, or in schemes of advancement, till he is so full of his worldly achievements, that he gives no thought that his food and raiment, his gifts and faculities, his hopes, and propects, in fact everything he has, even to his very being, came down to him from the God of all creation.

In all this, he fails to give thanks, and praise, even to rejecting the goodness of God in sending a Saviour into the world, to pardon man from all these sins and shortcomings.

Rev. Walter Ackroyd,
Pender Harbour Tabernacle.

Christmas Greetings to all our friends

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Rezoning application questioned by Council

APPLICATION for rezoning from residential to commercial of a property on North Fletcher Road, gained little support from council of Gibsons at last regular meeting.

The application was from Mrs. L. MacKay of North Fletcher Road who failed to indicate her reasons for rezoning request.

Coun. Sam Fladagar warned, "this has been tried before. It is a strictly residential area."

Pointing out that nearby properties were commercial, Coun. Fred Feeney was told a line has to be drawn and that most of the homes in the area were nice homes, it would be a pity to spoil them.

Coun. Drummond agreed with Chairman R. Ritchey who suggested Mrs. MacKay be asked to state her intent. A motion was then made to this effect.

POOL HALL REQUEST

Request was read to council from the proprietor of the Gibsons Pool Hall asking for lowering of the age limit of boys and girls from 18 to 16.

It was pointed out that the provincial law is laid down limiting age to 18 for those allowed in a pool hall. It was explained by the clerk, Mr. C. Goodings that municipalities have the right to alter as they saw fit but would necessitate changing the by-law.

Councillor Feeney was of the opinion there was nothing harmful in the game and that players were in full view of the public, he therefore favored lowering the age limit.

Councillor Drummond said he had discussed the situation with the police who had no opposition to the proposals. He also felt council should comply.

It was unanimously agreed an amendment be made to the bylaw.

ANNUAL $25 GRANT

Formal application was received from the Salvation Army for the annual donation from council to assist in institutional and social services to the needy. The request outlined the fact that the large amount of voluntary work carried out by the army, helped to some extent in taking a load off the taxpayer.

Unanimous approval was given to a motion the usual amount of $25 be granted.

AIRORT REPORT

Reporting on activity at the airport, Coun. Drummond announced new windsocks had finally be acquired. "It has taken about six months to get them," he said, "but we have finally made it."

HOTEL PLANS

Tentative approval was sought for rezoning with a view to constructing a combined hotel and marina by Mr. E. Cartwright on property in the bay area.

Mr. Cartwright was told a hotel was permisable but rezoning would be necessary for a marina. General opinion seemed to be that a hotel would be an asset to the district.

Many of us would be delighted to pay as we go if we could catch up on paying as we have already gone.

MORE ABOUT . . .

Council meet

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commission of $500 to the chairman and $200 to each commissioner be restored to the original sum of $100 each for the five members."

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker, Commissioner Swain was absent and Commissioner Dawe voted against. Chairman Mrs. A. Johnston agreed it is only a small village and certainly not properous.

SWAN SONG

What he described as a Swan Song proved little more than a tiresome tirade by Commissioner Dawe which in effect suggested too much attention had been given to roads south of Cowrie Street and not enough to roads of Cowrie St.

It was suggested another commissioner had been given too much limelight in the press, the gentleman in question played to an audience and was responsible for vulgar humor. A whispering campaign was conducted during the last election directed at one of the candidates and in general he (Commissioner Dawe) had not found his tenure in office during the last couple of years, a happy one.

On which happy note, council adjourned.

Greetings

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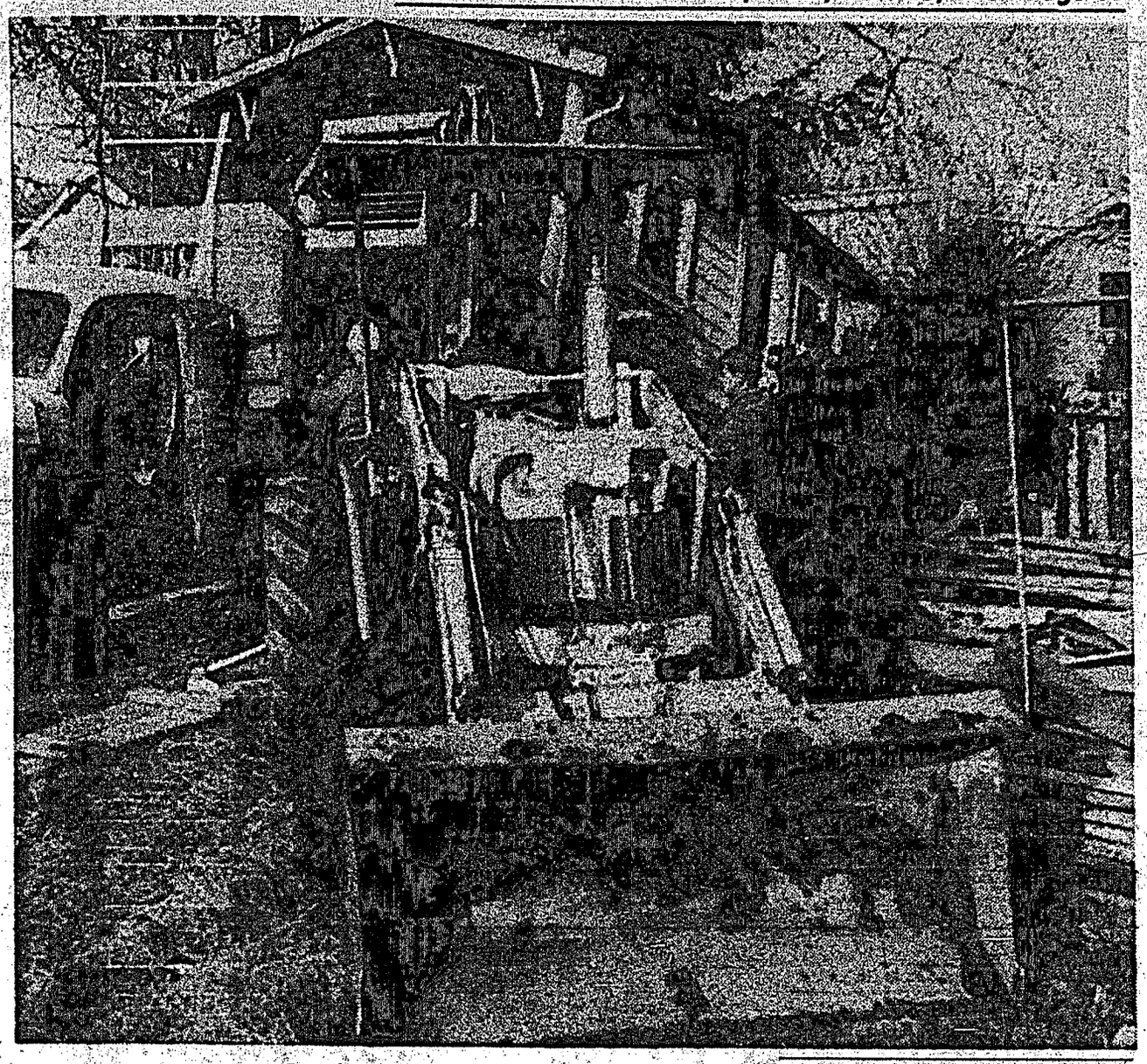


Sunday project

SCOUTS officers and supporters gathered together last Sunday in a combined effort, and removed old buildings from the rear of the Hospital Cottage, Sechelt, and deposited them on the Scout site at Porpoise Bay.

Busy year . . . .

Auxiliary to St. Mary's annual report for 1964

MAGISTRATE Andrew Johnston, installed the following officers, for 1964: Mrs. J. Redman, president; Mrs. O. Moscrip, vice-president; Mrs. G. Reeves, treasurer; Mrs. A. Redman, secretary; Mrs. B. Fearnley, publicity. There are 59 active members and 14 associate members. Ten meetings were held with an average attendance of 27.

FUNDS

Fund raising efforts and sources of income for the year were: gift and home baking table at regular meetings, tea money, when served at regular meetings, memorial fund, which is specifically for the pediatric ward. Membership fees; smorgasbords, one held April 4 (Italian theme) the other November 21 (Hawaiian theme); cafeteria style business luncheon, held June 26; May Day booths, a collection bottle in the Sechelt Government Liquor Store. Raffles; a radio and table mats; a bride doll; a demi tasse set; and Indian sweater and toque, candle stick set and doll with complete wardrobe. A cheque for $51.00 from the Secehlt Catholic Women's League. Full details will be published in the treasurer's report.

ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bullentin board donated by Mr. Jack Clements, hung outside Hospital Cottage. Gavel, presented to the auxiliary by Mr. John Jackson of the Sechelt Indian Band. Second coffee urn purchased with Nabob coupons. Copies of the auxiliary's Constitutional Bylaws, printed by Mrs. Orv. Moscrip, and distributed to members. On April 24, 12 members attended the regional meeting, lower mainland, at Burnaby General Hospital.

May Day Parade Float won first prize. May 22, in St. Hilda's Church Hall, hosted all auxiliaries on the peninsula; Mrs. Ottowell, regional representative, lower mainland spoke on volunteer work in the hospital. June 17, Joint Auxiliaries, social tea. Auxiliary purchased 12 metal folding chairs. Auxiliary volunteered to sew draps and cubicle curtains for the new hospital. Mrs. Maureen Hall and Mrs. Allen Redman attended the annual convention of the BCHA Division in the Georgia Hotel. Name tags made for each member.

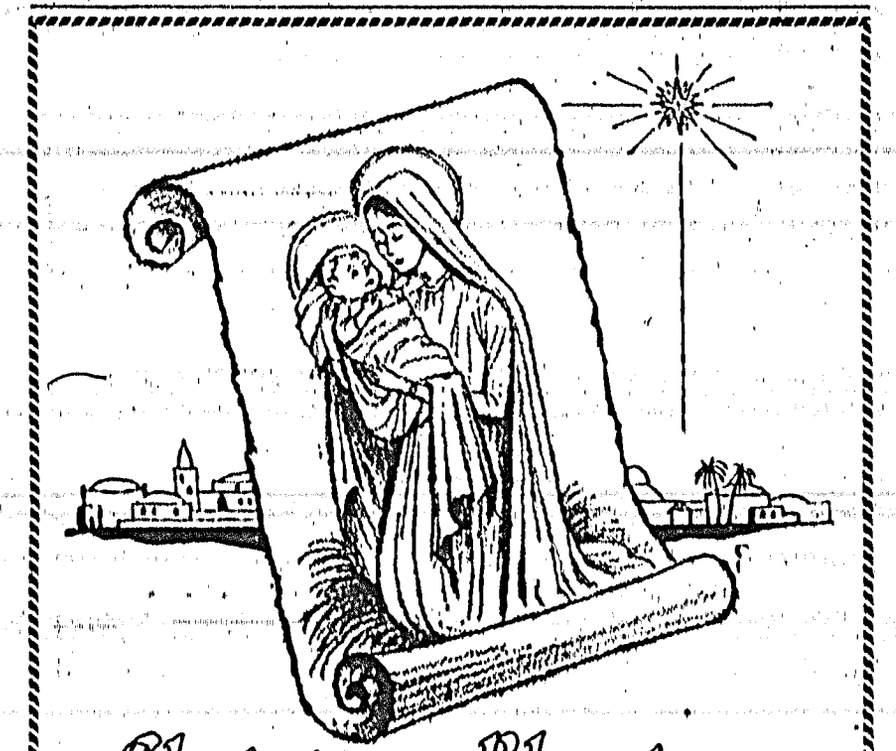
Sum of $10.00 deposited in the Bank of Montreal, Sechelt Auxiliary's share towards the $50 bond for the first baby, born in the new hospital. Cook book being compiled in conjunction with five other auxiliaries on the Peninsula, should be ready for sale in 1965. Lab. technician Mrs. K. LeQuime spoke at the October meeting, on X-ray and lab. equipment. Announcement made at the November meeting, that the new hospital would open on November 29, Mr. Norm Buckley, administrator and Mrs. Egan, director of nurses. At the opening of the hospital, several members assisted the staff in the cafeteria.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From this report, I think you will agree that we have had a very busy, interesting and highly successful year. I want to thank, most sincerely, the executive, the chairman of committees, the conveners of our various projects, and all of you who have helped in any way. It has been most gratifying to me, to have such enthusiastic support and wonderful co-operation, from all of you.

I find it most difficult to put into words, my true feelings, since your response to all my requests was most generous and done in the true spirit needed, to carry on the work of a hospital auxiliary, and so to all of you, once again, I say, thank you.

Mrs. Allena M. Redman,
president.



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Christmas story

SOFTLY falling snowflakes completed the Nativity scene outside the Holy Family Catholic Church, Sechelt. Busy shoppers paused to listen to the carols, which played throughout the day.

A troubled world . . .

A Christmas message by Rev. J. H. Kelly

AS I WRITE these lines, news continues to reach us from the Congo and other troubled areas of the world, and as we learn more and more of the malady in these areas of the world, the more readily we realize that we are still living in a world of toil and among men whose wild behavior is dangerously out of control.

Day by day we learn of new attempts to achieve an understanding with our fellowmen and there are repeated attempts to bring peace and security in a troubled world. However, it would appear that we are still along way from convincing mankind of the central trust of our creation, and the very purpose for which this was ordained.

At this time of the year and for almost the past two thousand years, man has paused—even for a brief time—to consider certain attributes which go to make up the existance of man on this earth, peace, goodwill, fellowship and love. All these have their relationship in and around what we call Christmas—the Feast of the Nativity, but each year we ask ourselves, "How many will consider this a holiday and very little of a "Holy Day?"

We continually find ourselves surrounded by every attempt of man to provide himself with some form of security—be it in sickness or in health and to many, without an attempt to provide such security, then we are in no way showing progress or providing for a society. These actions and many of like manner, are of extreme value and most desirable in society, but only aids to modern living.

The Feast of the Nativity has much to teach us of the relationship of God to man, and man to God, and man to man. What is summed up in the phrase—"The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man?" Let us attempt the realization of the Christ Child—the true meaning of Christmas. For He was truly God and truly man. Let us really mean "Peace on Earth and to men goodwill," which can only come through our realization of Christmas. Christ is all, through all—for we must never forget—"God is not mocked."

In our immediate circle, goodwill abounds at this time of the year, but as soon as we are called to look upon it all as a memory, how much have we learned? Today's events are tomorrow's history, and more often than not forgotten history, and yet in spite of all this, the Feast of the Nativity is still that which is remembered by all—in one way or another—and why?

Is this Christmastide to be another festive event or a festival? It is our choice and it is our price! In Christmas we see many things—but above all—we see Christ.

Rev. J. H. Kelly,
Vicar St. Bartholomew's
Anglican Church,
Gibsons, B.C.

Choice is ours . . .

Christmas a farce when commercialised

"CHRISTMAS again, how glad I shall be when it is over!" "How commercialized it has become!" Christmas cards, what a racket!"

These and similar remarks will be said and heard again this Christmas time, and the sighs, weary looks and sharpened nerves will bear out the fact that for many, Christmas is something to be endured.

There will be the numerous Santa Clauses, crowded stores, milling weary shoppers and the ads, proclaiming that it just cannot be a real Christmas unless your loved one receives a piece of their merchandise.

But in the midst of all this, there will be those who love this season of the year, for they are still "lost in wonder, love and praise" in a God who has given to all so wonderously in His Son. So there will be those who read the story of the shepherds and Wisemen, and are thrilled again by the angels song and the star;

There will be the singing of the beautiful hymns expressing the joy of the Word which became flesh and dwelt among us; there will be the giving and receiving of gifts, precious because given in genuine love; there will be the extra gift for the needy and lonely, given in the Name of Him Who said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, ye have done it unto Me.'

There will be those who refuse to have their preparations moulded by commercialism and refuse to use this season of the year as a time for self indulgence and freedom to do as one pleases. There will be those who look beyond Christmas and perceive what God's gift to us in His Son cost Him—the cross, and knowing this will humbly kneel in their homes and Houses of Worship to give thanks to God for His unspeakable Gift in the One Who came to give us life.

"Christmas commercialized!" "A farce!" You and I have the choice and the answer to the kind of Christmas it shall be in our hearts and homes, and it may be the answer for others too.

Miss H. E. Campbell,
St. John's United
Church, Wilson Creek.

A bachelor is a cowardly, cruel, selfish male who is cheating some deserving woman out of a man to reform.

MORE ABOUT . . .

Combined meeting

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the Lower Mainland Rover Scouts. The gift, a beautiful hand-carved wooden replica of the scout badge was in recognition of the special services, conducted by Canon Greene, last summer in the Church Of His Presence, Redroofs.

Following the presentation, films were shown of the World Scout Jamboree, held in Greece and Mr. Snellgrove's film of a Rover Scout Moot held in Squamish Valley.

A Grand Rapids, Michigan, policeman bent to read the sign on a monkey cage in a pet shop and a monkey snatched his glasses right off his nose. The sign read: "Watch your eyeglasses."

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Rare visitor

SATURDAY morning and lots of snow, brought snowmen popping up all over the place. Janet, Dennis and Jimmy Bateman of Selma Park, get busy making the biggest snowman ever. Snow before Christmas is most unusual on the Sunshine Coast.

Candidate calls election recount

NUMBER of events leading up to the last election in Sechelt, Dec. 12, 1964 are apparently not yet finished, for not satisfied with the results, candidate Joe Benner, defeated by one vote, has called for a recount.

Ballet boxes were resealed and shipped to Vancouver where recount will take place this morning, Wednesday, Dec. 23 in the presence of a county court judge.

It will be recalled, in the count for two seats on village commission, Ben Lang topped the poll with 130 votes. L. P. Hanson was second with 60, followed by J. Benner with 59. Mr. Benner received three additional ballets considered spoiled on a split hair decision by E. Raynor, returning officer. It is understood on the question of a spoilt vote, decision rests with the returning officer.

It is also noted that prior to the election, a Gibsons publication drew attention to the fact that rumors circulating to the effect that Mr. Hanson was not a Canadian citizen, were indeed untrue. Under the circumstances, it is assumed such reported rumors were checked out by the returning officer.

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Funds raised . . .

Madeira Elementary provides for others

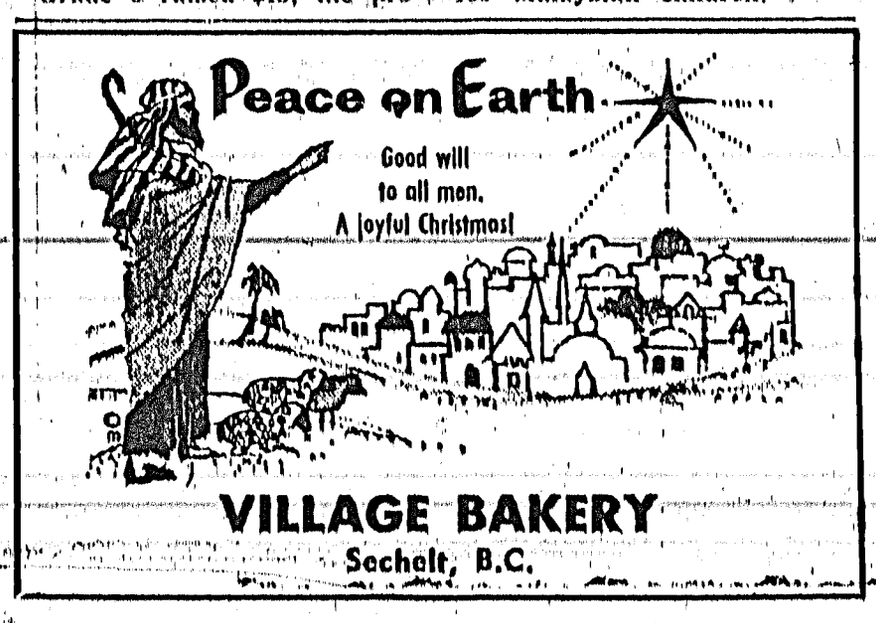
WHILE looking forward to their own Christmas, children of Madeira Park Elementary School, gave thought to others. Recently, Pat Bathgate, from grade seven wrote to Sun Columnist, Mamie Malone, requesting suggestions for helping less fortunate people in other lands. Perhaps you have read Mamie's glowing praise of Pat and her letter.

Pat's letter was sent on to the Unitarian Service Committee, in Ottawa. Information, on current needs was received and for its first project, grade seven decided on a pin drive. The pins accompany layettes, which the USC send to needy countries. Grades 3 to 7 competed in a collection for the most pins, the winner to be awarded gym privileges at recess, for one week. Grade 7 was responsible for 297 pins out of the total 575 collected.

In the new year, Grade 7 intends to hold a clothing drive, as Pat says, "We want to keep going on this." Pat gives full credit to the Junior Red Cross group in Grade 6 for the inspiration provided by their example.

Grade 6 raised $15, the proceeds of a candy sale, held at the school. They also sent $5 to the milk for India fund and $5 to the Junior Red Cross, together with stuffed toys made by the Grade 6 students. In the new year they will make up health kits for distribution by the Red Cross. The kits consist of soap, face cloth and tooth brush, in a draw string bag and are donated by the children who make them up.

Last year, the Junior Red Cross group, guided by their teacher Mrs. Clara Lee, adopted a school in Malayasia. From various fund raising efforts, they raised $38. At the price of $1 for three pairs, running shoes were provided for over 100 Malaysian children.



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The Reader's Right

—Opinions by our Readers

Good effort

Editor, The Times

Sir—Here, we have a man, Roy Bolderson, who, under very adverse weather conditions gives his greatest effort, to keep roads and sidewalks, in the best possible shape.

He takes pride in his work, for, as I understand, very little reimbursement, considering his foresight in obtaining suitable equipment, at his own expense, to do the most efficient work.

It is very much appreciated Roy!

V. RICHTER

Lucky readers

Editor, The Times

Sir—I do not know the cost of your paper, but enclosed is ten cents. I would like a copy of your December 2nd issue as I am interested in the editorial about Burns and his program.

It is too bad that we do not have editors like you. The people in your area do not realize how lucky they are. Keep up the good work.

(Mrs.) K. J. COPIAK
Vancouver, B.C.

Appreciation

Editor, The Times:

Sir—During the past year we have been constantly reminded of the valuable assistance you have given our society. We would like to thank you most sincerely for all you have done to help us with our many projects and our education program during 1964.

Without sympathetic understanding from the news media, information regarding the services of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society could not be brought so widely to the many arthritis sufferers and families. Even today, despite widespread information, many people still do not know where to turn for help when arthritis strikes.

Today there is much that can be done for the person with arthritis. Some forms of this disease can be successfully overcome, and effective treatment is available to all upon the referral of a physician. The sooner correct treatment is commenced the better the chances for recovery. Each year arthritis research provides more information, treatment is constantly improving. Eventually the cause of this disease will be discovered, and then the cure will be found. Meanwhile, there is still much that must be done.

Your generous support makes the work of this society just that much easier. We thank you again for your public-spirited efforts on our behalf, and wish you the very best for 1965.

—Mrs. Ray Talbot,
Information Officer.

Brownie Pack Help Cup of Milk Fund

FIRST Sechelt Brownie Pack held their Christmas party on December 14. Songs, games and, of course, cookies, cake and candy were enjoyed by all. Brown Owl Mrs. R. M. Breese and Tawny Owl Mrs. E. J. Fitz-Gerald wish to thank all the mothers for supplying delightful cakes and cookies, which always ensure the success of Brownie parties.

Santa Claus handed out gifts from under the Christmas tree. The Brownies did not forget the less fortunate children and donations will be sent to the "Cup of Milk Fund" for children in India. Their pop bottle money is for the infants ward in St. Mary's Hospital.

Second Sechelt Brownie Pack was unable to meet last Wednesday, so Tawny Owl Mrs. Dolly Jonas, went to the Residential School on Friday, to give her Brownies their Christmas treats. They were also shown the new little owl that was bought with money sent from a Powell River Brownie Pack.

Brownies will resume in the new year, when the children return to school.

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