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Seek assistance . . .

Suggests new librarians despite poor book ratio

DISCUSSING a recommendation presented by education committee at last week's meeting of school trustees Superintendent Gordon Johnson stated that he had no quarrel with hiring a music teacher for Elphinstone Secondary School but not on a full-time basis.

The superintendent also appeared somewhat doubtful on the need to hire two librarians to service groups of schools with more than 500 students.

The third recommendation that the board advertise for a special counsellor in remedial type field evoked further comments from Mr. Johnson. It seems the board is not really sure what type of teacher is required. Mr. Johnson said a remedial reading teacher could be hired but to cover the whole school district such a person's services would be spread rather thinly. A psychologist could be hired to advise teachers and parents on how to help poor readers but such people are hard to come by. A qualified person at the master's degree level would be expensive, advised the superintendent.

Trustees approved a joint recommendation by personnel and policy committees to amend board policy on secretarial assistance to schools. As from January 1, Elphinstone, Gibsons Elementary and the district librarian will have full-time secretarial help, others will have full-time help as from September.

FILM RENTAL

School District Librarian Mr. J. C. Bell notified the board that the school district library has no 16mm film at present. Giving his views on purchasing $21,000 worth of film from Encyclopedia Britannica for an initial outlay of $3,000 on a rent to purchase plan, Mr. Bell recommended that film only be purchased if it was significant and would be used extensively by elementary and secondary schools. Films should be previewed by a committee of secondary and elementary school teachers.

POWELL RIVER REJECTS

A previous suggestion that Sechelt School District could perhaps share with Powell River on purchasing film was not possible as Powell River School Board had rejected the offer and will not be purchasing films under this plan.

Superintendent Gordon Johnson suggested that if the board did not go for film it should consider purchasing film strip under another Encyclopedia Britannica plan which offered $720.00 worth of film for an initial outlay of $152.64.

Recommended ratio of library books per student is 10-to-1, Sechelt School District is well under having 4-to-1 but Mr. Bell feels that perhaps the district should go more for extra librarians this year whereby better use may be made of the books.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Trustees will be calling two special meetings in the future, one to discuss integration of Indian students into the school system. Trustees agreed to invite Dr. Barbara Lane; Mr. Lawrence, Indian School inspector; Father Dunlop and principals of the larger elementary schools in the district and Mr. Clarence Joe. The other will discuss the situation at Elphinstone Secondary School; both meetings will not be open to the public as it is felt people speak more freely at a closed meeting.

New cabinet minister addresses ladies' club

BUSINESS and Professional Women's Club members are reminded that Mrs. Isabel Dawson, newly elected MLA and cabinet minister, will address the next club meeting to be held at Ole's Cove resort on January 3rd, 1967. The dinner meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m., please confirm attendance with Mrs. Jo Benjafield at 883-2336.

Any members of the public wishing to hear Mrs. Dawson's speech at 8:30 p.m. are welcome.

Weekend mishap

THIS AUTO driven by Walter John of Sechelt travelled some distance along the soft shoulder before coming to rest a few feet above a creek. Neither he or his companion were injured in the accident which occurred last Saturday night.

Police alerted . . .

Damaging of powerline nets substantial fine

WILLFUL damage to B.C. Hydro property is not confined to the Peninsula and those responsible for such vandalism would be well advised to heed sentences imposed upon such people when convicted recently at Prince George.

Two men convicted of damaging a powerline, 20 miles west of Prince George, have agreed to pay B.C. Hydro $450 to cover replacement and repair costs.

The two, both of Prince George, also were fined $200 and had their rifles confiscated when they pleaded guilty before Magistrate J. H. Kenney at Prince George to a charge under Section 372, sub-section 4, of the Criminal Code.

Police were alerted by witnesses who later received a reward of $250 from B.C. Hydro. The reward of up to $250 is a standing offer by Hydro for positive identification of persons causing wilful damage to powerlines.

The shooting incident resulted in a power interruption at Vanderhoof and Endako Mine while repairs were being made. Six insulators on two poles were shattered by rifle shots.

Full pack

ENROLMENT of 13 brownies into the 2nd Sechelt pack last week brought the total number to 24, ensuring a busy year ahead for Brown Owl Dolly Jonas and Tawny Owl Nonnie Rathbone. More advanced brownies are well on the way toward qualifying for golden bar and golden hand badges. Happy smiles result from the Christmas party which followed the enrolment, each little girl receiving Christmas goodies provided by the Girl Guide Association and Fairy Godmother Mildred Chambers.

Times takes a break next issue January 4

IN THE past, The Times has taken a well earned rest at this time and this year will be no exception. This week's issue will be the last publication of 1966 and we go to press again January 4, 1967.

Our office will be open as usual for business in order to keep up with usual enquiries, stationery requirements and office requisites.

Publishers and staff take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks to customers, readers, advertisers and contributors who among them make publication possible.

S.C. Power Squadron get official charter

MEMBERS and guests of Sunshine Coast Power Squadron enjoyed a gala evening with refreshments, dinner and dancing at Ole's Cove, Saturday, Dec. 10.

It was a special occasion for the SCPS, the official presentation of their charter by District Mainland Commander, Gavin Thompson. Six of the officers and their wives of District Mainland Power Squadron came from Vancouver for the ceremony.

They were: Commander and Mrs. Gavin Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Meadin (past commander), Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lea (Vancouver training officer), Mr. and Mrs. Garth Griffiths (Vancouver training officer), Mr. and Mrs. Bert Scott (public relations), Mr. and Mrs. Ton Lusk (district training officer).

Commander Gordon Hall accepted the charter on behalf of the SCPS from Commander Gavin Thompson. Mr. Thompson congratulated the members, and reminded them of their squadron pledge. Mr. Hall thanked the District Commander and other guests who had made the trip from Vancouver for the event.

The executive officers of the SCPS were installed: Squadron Commander Gordon Hall, and Executive Officer Clifford Salahub.

The campaign to beautify the school parking lot flopped. Turned out those unsightly wrecks were the teachers' cars.

Christmas wish

WISHES made on Santa Claus' knee surely must come true so five-year-old Danny Arundel and four-year-old brother Warren are wishing just as hard as they can. Santa arrived in Gibsons at the invitation of the Kinsmen Club and Gibsons merchants with temporary quarters in a trailer provided by I & S Transfer.

Forty-nine pioneers gain pioneer medals

TOTAL of forty-nine Peninsula Canadian Pioneers have applied for pioneer medals through the British Columbia Centennial Committees. One from Gibsons, 13 Gibsons Rural, 1 Pender Harbour, 7 Roberts Creek, 11 Sechelt, 4 Halfmoon Bay and 2 from Redrooffs Road.

There are 8,528 Canadian Pioneers now living in British Columbia.

This number of applications for pioneer medals has been recevied and approved by the British Columbia Centennial Committee. The medals will be presented at functions arranged by local Centennial Committees in the Canadian Confederation Centennial year 1967.

Applications closed November 19th. Local committees have now received order forms for medals, which will be supplied by our Provincial Committee."

Hon. George R. Pearkes . . .

Lieutenant-Governor's Christmas Message 1966

IT IS, I think, consistent for a Christmas Message in a Centennial Year to recall the labour of those who pioneered this Province and to acknowledge with gratitude the services they rendered. Their devotion to duty and adherence to the highest principles have set an example for all to follow. We are proud of their achievements and gratefully acknowledge all that the countless men and women accomplished in the past, and those who today are actively engaged in a great many ways carrying on the task of building our Nation.

We live in a land richly endowed by the providence of God. The natural resources available to us are almost unlimited, our people are industrious, kind and generous. For all these things at this season of the year we give our most hearty thanks, at the same time remembering that Almighty God gave to mankind the greatest gift of all, namely, His Son The Lord Jesus Christ, for our redemption and that of all mankind.

To all residents of British Columbia and visitors to our beautiful Province, Mrs. Pearkes and I extend our warmest greeting and best wishes for a happy Christmas. —George R. Pearkes, Lieutenant-Governor.

Centenary best seller available at The Times

THE official Provincial Centenary book British Columbia: Challenge in Abundance, now available at The Times office, already rates as a runaway best-seller, L. J. Wallace, general chairman of the British Columbia Centennial Committee, said today after an analysis of early sales figures.

"Purchase of over 30,000 copies is assured barely two weeks after publication date," he said.

In publishing circles, a best seller in Canada is a hard-cover book with sales of 10,000 or more copies. The "magic number" in the United States is 25,000.

A limited supply arrived last week so get your copy today at The Times, Sechelt.

Injured constable . . .

Returns to hospital for further checkup

FURTHER remand was granted in the trial of three Powell River men who were charged following an attack on a police officer who had been questioning the trio Oct. 21 near Secret Cove after their auto had encountered problems.

Two of the three, Gary William Ekland and Barry Gordon Wilson appeared to answer charges last December 14 but Alexander Taber, third member of the group, was unable to appear due to illness. They are now slated to appear before the magistrate early in January.

Cons. Keith Winch, injured in the truck us, was for a while in poor condition in hospital but was finally released. It is understood he has suffered further trouble since, as a result of his injuries, and was back in hospital last week where he is undergoing treatment.

IMPAIRED CHARGE

Peter Andreeff, 36, of Roberts Creek was fined $250 when he appeared before Magistrate Charles Mittlestead, charged with impaired driving. He pleaded guilty as charged. Incident arose following a road check by police, Nov. 27.

UNDER SUSPENSION

Kelvin Craigen, 21, of Sechelt, appeared in court Dec. 16 and was fined $100 when convicted of driving while under suspension. Charge arose following a routine check by the highway patrol.

LEFT HIGHWAY

Low record since seasonal increased highway patrols was dented a little with a slight mishap last Saturday night when an auto driven by Walter John left the highway at Wilson Creek and slithered down a bank.

Neither John nor his companion were injured but another foot or so and the vehicle would have overturned in a creek.

Police are investigating the incident which was not reported until early hours of the morning.

BREAKING AND ENTRY

Police of Gibsons detachment are investigating three break and entries in the area. It is not known the extent of damage of losses and no charges have yet been laid.

Sechelt Rod & Gun names new officers

NEW slate of officers for Sechelt Rod and Gun Club elected recently at the annual general meeting is as follows: president, Harry Batchelor; vice-president, Ron Spencer; recording secretary, Bob Janis; secretary treasurer, Dan Currie. Executive officers are George Flay, Dick Ranniger and Alan Woods.

2nd Sechelt Brownies accept 13 new members

LAST meeting of the 2nd Sechelt Brownie pack for 1966 was a very special occasion for 13 little girls repeated the Brownie Promise, Law and Motto before District Commissioner Hariett Newton and walked over three stepping stones into brownie-land.

New Brownies are: Helen Paul, Jenny Jones, Darlene Rivers, Jacqueline Paul, Fay Blainey, Lorna Hanuse, Julianna Leo, Normaleen, Galligas, Mona Pelle, Veronica Hackett, Edna Pielle, Dorothy Galligas, and Valerie Harry.

With the serious business of enrollment over, twenty-four brownies sang Christmas songs before enjoying a Christmas party with liberal helpings of cake, cookies and candies supplied by Sechelt Girl Guide Association.

Unable to attend the party this year due to sickness was Fairy Godmother Mrs. Mildred Chambers, but Brownies will all sign a Christmas card so that she will know they are thinking of her.

Seek access road . . .

Egmont Community Club asks school board help

EGMONT Community Club has requested board of school trustees to reconsider recent refusal to donate approximately 6,000 sq. ft. of school property to provide public access to Egmont Community Hall.

Only access to the hall at the moment is by using a private road belonging to Jack Bathgate, if this road is closed, we may have to stop using the hall said John West, one of the two delegates who travelled from Egmont to Gibsons to attend last week's board meeting.

Mr. West, also reminded the board that the Community Club originally donated the present school property to the board for the sum of $1.00 but unfortunately no provision for access roads was made at that time.

Jack Bathgate, the other delegate, stated that school vehicles are using his own private road at the present time as there is no other, access available for trucks delivering freight to the school. The community club is only asking the board to give up 6,000 sq. ft. out of an area of 60,000 sq. ft. to help provide public access to the hall.

Trustee Wm. Malcolm remarked that the piece of ground required was the only flat piece on the school property. Superintendent Gordon Johnson warned the board that the total school property at Egmont only amounts to 1½ acres which is already considered too small an area for a two-room school.

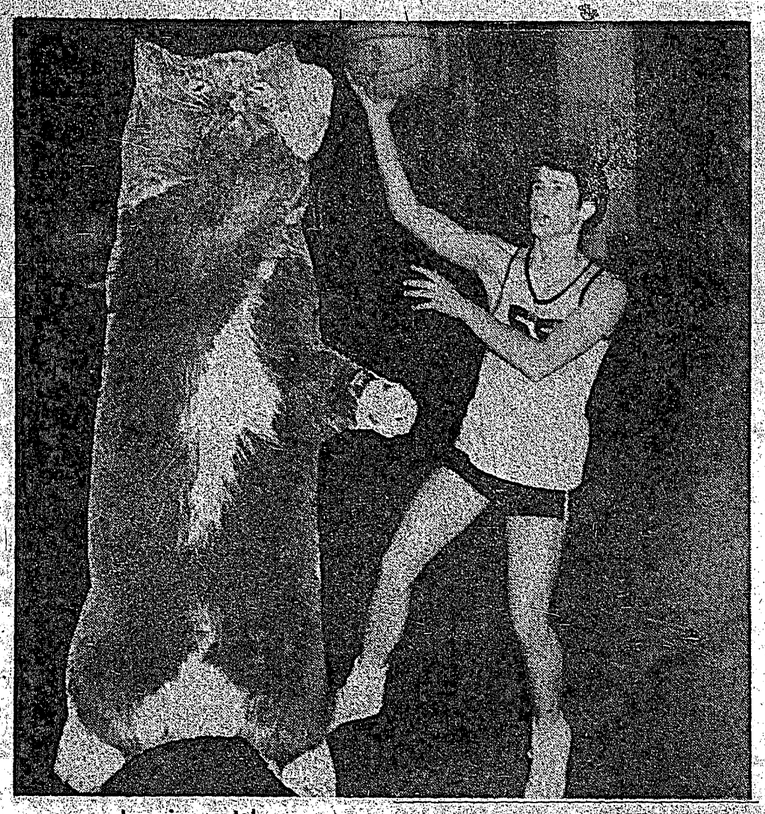
Trustee Don Douglas who chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr. Joe Horvath, stated that the landscape architect, building architect and maintenance supervisor are already studying the situation which will again be referred to the planning committee.

TRANSPORTATION

Following complaints by four parents living on Gower Point Road, trustees agreed to reinstate two bus stops which had recently been discontinued. This does not mean that any more students will be alowed to use the bus.

Welcome visitor

SURPRISE visit to the RCMP home of Corporal Norm Kenny was made last weekend by his brother Garnet, wife Beverly and daughter Adonna. Garnet has just returned to Canada after a tour of three years in Germany as a sergeant with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Sgt. Kenny has been previously stationed in Korea and Japan and has also served previously in Germany. He hopes to retire to B.C. in about five years' time.



Jumping cats!
MERRY Christmas to everyone, especially those who end up seeing things like this!

Girl Guide Association hold Christmas party

COMBINED annual Christmas party and meeting of Sechelt Girl Guide Association, held recently at the home of Mrs. C. Jackson, was attended by 16 members and 10 guests.

Special guests were Mrs. Agnes Labonte from Gibsons and Girl Guide and Brownie leaders from the district.

As usual, a lovely smorgasbord was enjoyed by all, thanks to hostess Mrs. C. Jackson who planned the dinner and association members who contributed to it.

After dinner the monthly meeting was held; this is the one meeting a year when leaders are invited to present any problems they may have but this year there just did not seem to be any, thanks to a group of very good leaders.

This year the Girl Guides were fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Vancouver to see the Ice Capades. Ticket money was raised by holding a rummage sale in the spring and the association chartered a bus. Accompanying the Guides on the trip which was made on Saturday, December 3 were District Commissioner Mrs. F. Newton, Mrs. H. Stockwell, Mrs. P. Mullen and Mrs. C. Jackson, Godmother to the Guides, with Mr. Herb Stockwell as driver.

The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the Guides sent a very nice thank you letter to the association for chartering the bus.

Girl Guides and Brownies have been holding Christmas parties which included several enrolments and badge presentations.

Travelling baskets started earlier in the spring are doing very well. Two new projects are underway, one is saving old rags to be prepared for garages in the area. The other is saving used stamps to be sent to Vancouver and Nabob coupons are still being collected. Anyone wishing to save stamps or coupons could contact one of the members.

Next monthly meeting will be held at Mrs. B. Fearnley's residence in West Sechelt on January 4.

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Gibsons bowling

LADIES took honors for the high score last week with a nice 783 by Mavis Stanley. High for the men was by Freeman Reynolds with 744 at the E & M Bowlerdrome.

Ladies Coffee: Iva Peterson 585 (295), Phyllis Hoops 646 (281), Hazel Wright 616, Vi Peterson 511 (241), Jan Rowland 528, Marg Peterson 611 (248), Lorraine Werning 502.

Gibsons A: Mavis Stanley 783 ((326), Freeman Reynolds 744 (244, 295), Ray Whiting 649 (285), Frank Nevens 634 (295), Ken Herman 635, Art Holden 670 (260), Eleanor Fisher 689, Red Day 276.

Ladies Wed.: Doreen Crosby 512, Kay Marshall 520 (230), Marion Lee 592.

Teachers' Hi.: Joan Quarry 624, Bob Blakeman 262, Darlene Maxfield 684 (243, 249), Art Holden 730 (314), Joan Whieldon 647 (285), Freeman Reynolds 627.

Commercials: Jean Jorgenson 260, Marybelle Holland 649 (270), Jack Clement 655 (305), Joe Macey 302, Frank Nevens 600 (240).

Port Mellon: Gordon Taylor 730 (293), Kay Taylor 241, Art Holden 718 (292), Don McCauley 273, Ed Wiome 244, Taffy Greig 614.

Mens: Freeman Reynolds 706 (261, 251), Dick Bullis 605, Dorcy Lefler 626 (252), Taffy Greig 606 (251), Herb August 609, Melvin Jay 626 (250).

Juniors: Linda McIntosh 284 (147), Martin Kiewitz 227, Wayne Wright 344 (178), Brian McKenzie 266 Winnifred Skellet 217, Jim Green 309 (156), Karen Brignall 262 (161), Colleen Husby 305 (188), Ian McKenzie 229, Robert Solnik 268 (154).

Elphie's after thought happening

—by Herman

JUST THINK, only two whole days to go before the holidays start. But then, for some kids those two days are filled with exams of one kind or another.

The last couple of weeks have been rather busy around school. Take last weekend for instance. There was a basketball tournament in which Elphie didn't do too well. But then we have faith. Haven't we?

Last Monday was Division 2's turn to put on the skit for our assembly. They got together a play called "Birds of a feather." It was very well performed. Although I understand there was a few doubts about people successfully receiving their cues, but, nevertheless it went off very well.

As for raffles, there's two of them on, now. The Red Cross has its raffle, and then there's the Centennial Pool raffle, sponsored by the Elphie Students' Council. The prize is a color television set, so, in order to make any money on the raffle, lots of tickets have to be sold. So come on kids, let's move it!

Friday night was the Christmas dance. It was different this year as there was no band; it was both junior and senior, and was closed to the public. The gym was decorated very nicely with candy canes, holly, snowmen, mistletoe (?), and of course, Santa and his reindeer. The evening was planned by the junior and senior social affairs ministers, who got everyone out dancing; with bingo dances, Charlie McCarthy and other games. Everyone seemed to enjoy himself, which all goes to prove that you can have a successful dance without a band.

This coming Thursday, there's going to be an assembly (so the rumor goes), and Div. 4 will be putting on a skit. I wonder what it will be like.

On Friday afternoon, Grade 10 and 11 saw "Lord of the Flies" at the Twilight Theatre. It was a good show for those who have strong stomachs.

Well here's hoping on your exams. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Poor Mom. Sis said she had a date with a fastback and Mom thought she was going out with a football player.

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At last

ARRIVAL of Father Christmas in Gibsons delighted hundreds of children who patiently waited to chat with the white whiskered friend of all youngsters. He should have been on his way home at 5 p.m. but with so many still waiting to talk to him he stayed until 6 p.m. By that time he had talked to 700 children.

700 youngsters greet much travelled Santa

ARRIVAL of Santa Claus in Gibsons last Saturday delighted 700 youngsters many waited patiently in the dreary weather to talk with the jovial gentleman who was escorted by Cpl. Norm Kenny of Gibsons RCMP detachment.

I & S Transfer provided a mobile palace which had been transformed by the Kinsmen Club into a cozy and colorful fireside corner. Four girls, Pat Clement, Janet Plows, Brenda Weinhandl and Sandra Wood devoted the day to being Santa's helpers.

Local photographer Dennis Gray was on hand to take colored photographs of happy youngsters on Santa's knee and throughout the day children from all over the district gazed in awe at the handsomely-dressed visitor from the North.

Ken Goddard and Don Elson of the Kinsmen Club hosted Santa, his helpers and Cpl. Kenny for lunch at the Welcome Cafe and it a very tired Father Christmas who made his departure at 6 p.m.

Eight students approve Expo 67 Safari project

EIGHT students from Elphinstone and Pender Harbour Secondary Schools have indicated a desire to participate in Expo 67 Safari, this coming summer, reported Elphinstone Principal W. S. Potter, at last week's board meeting.

The Safari organized by a school district in Ontario, is dependent on some 10,000 students from across Canada being available in Montreal each week during the summer.

A large campsite some 16 miles from the Expo site will provide tents, commissary, cooking facilities, medical and dental facilities and transportation to and from the fair will be provided. Students from grade 8 up and adult sponsors will camp at the site, draw food from the commissary and prepare it themselves. Cost for food, accommodation and bus travel to and from the site will be $35 per student for the week. Transportation to Montreal will probably be by chartered CN coach costing $58 return fare per student.

This district has made application for either the last week in June or last week in August.

Trustees expressed interest in the arrangement feeling that it will be a wonderful experience for participating students.

ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS

Principal of Sechelt Elementary School, Mr. W. L. Reid reported that 80 percent of the parents participated in parent-teacher interviews this term to discuss students' progress. The new type anecdotal report cards were given to the parents at the interview. Cards were mailed to those who did not attend. Parents and teachers seemed to like the new report cards.

Mr. George Cooper of Gibsons Elementary School reported a 79 percent attendance at parent-teacher interviews but there was a 100 percent attendance in the grade 1 classes.

Sechelt Bowling

—by Eve Moscrip

REG THOMAS of the Commercial came up with another 800 series bowling 828 (296, 290). Pat Porter in the Ladies' Matinee was high lady with 725 (265).

LEAGUE SCORES

Buckskins: Ted Joe 722 (291), Doreen Joe 483 (174).

Ladies: Joan Janiewick 686, Lil McCourt 281, 251, Rose Rodway 261.

Ladies Wednesday: Pat Porter 725 (265).

Pender: Dennis Gamble 611, Isabel Gooldrup 274, Ron Pockrant 280.

Commercial: Reg Thomas 828 (296, 290), Dennis Gamble 756 (296), Dick Clayton 763 (296), Gladys Jones 252, Bruce Redman 279, Frank Newton 720.

Sports Club: Red Robinson 680 (259), Jay Eldred 669 (261), Jean Eldred 674 (242).

Ball & Chain: J. Goeson 725 (309), Kathy Hall 616 (269).

TEN PINS

Mixed: Ena Armstrong 410 (166), Bill Ellis 175, Leo Johnson 475.

SCHOOL LEAGUES

Seniors: Pat John 368 (230), Alan Hemstreet 402 (216), Heather Hall 319 (173).

Juniors: Brad Allan 288 (165), Susan Jorgensen 228 (134). Winners of First Half Thunderbirds (Capt. Billy Nestman).

A girl is a person who will scream at a mouse but smile at a wolf.

Sechelt Socials

—With Your Neighbours

ANOTHER pioneer of this area passed on. Mr. Hector McDonald died in St. Mary's Hospital last week. He was a native of Dresden, Ontario. Born July 12, 1888, he came to Gibsons, B.C. in 1906 where he logged on various properties in the vicinity. He pre-empted land in Sechelt and had a forty acre block on the Mason Road.

He and his wife Jennie raised four children on this property; they were Dewie, Laura, Glen and Howard.

Mac, as everyone called him, built a log house on this property which still stands, with some improvements. He was an expert at log building and built the log home for Major and Mrs. Sutherland which later on became Wakefield. This also is a monument to good log building.

He leaves his son Glen at Wilson Creek, daughter Laura, Vancouver and son Howard, Vancouver. The older son, Donald passed on several years ago.

REBEKAHS

A very wonderful time was held in St. Hilda's Parish Hall when Rebekah Lodge 82 entertained Sunshine Coast Lodge 76, their wives and Arbutus Lodge 76 and husbands. After a lovely dinner, served smorgasbord style, the evening was spent with bingo and whist. Winning prizes were A. E. Ritchey, Mrs. A. Campbell, Art Hauka. Mrs. Hauka and Mrs. Tyson tied for consolation prize. Mrs. Josie Reid was presented with a cup and saucer bearing the Oddfellow emblem and Mrs. Olive Porte was general convener.

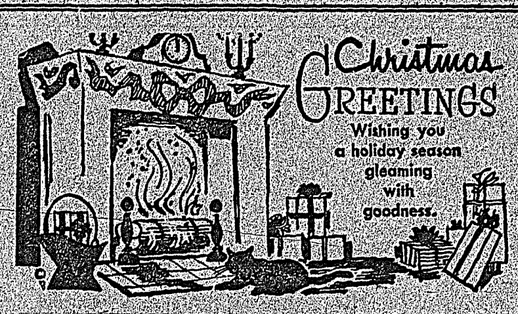
CHANGES

Some changes in property in the New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Turner having sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Hall of the Sechelt Taxi. Mrs. A. J. Lidstone has sold her home on Mermaid Street to Mr. and Mrs. Hansen.

VISITORS

Sqd. Leader Roy Pearson has been visiting his aunt Mrs. Olive Porte, Sechelt, and his mother Mrs. Ann Pearson, Davis Bay. Coming here from Portage La Prairie, Man.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton and family visiting Mr. Clayton's mother Mrs. E. S. Clayton. Here from Woodfibre, B.C.


Christmas Greetings
Wishing you a holiday season gleaming with goodness.
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CHRISTMAS WISHES
Laughter of children, greetings of friends, make a Merry Christmas! Best wishes.
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The Christmas message is a source of everlasting joy and hope. May it bring you deep fulfillment.
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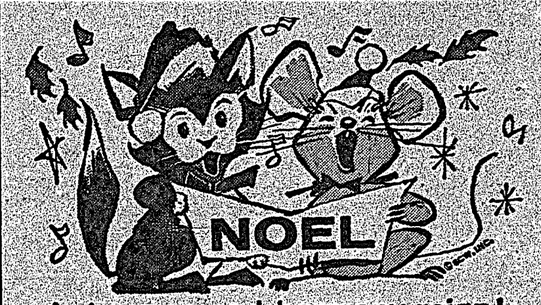
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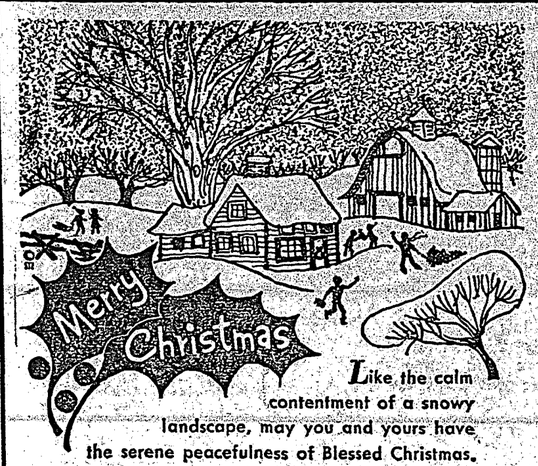
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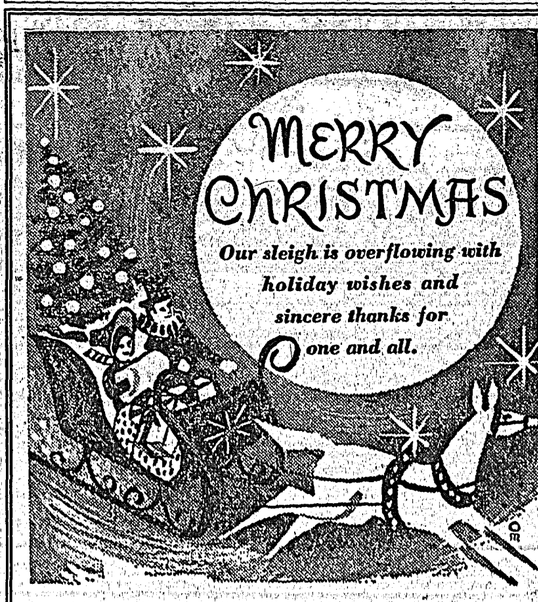
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Our sleigh is overflowing with holiday wishes and sincere thanks for one and all.
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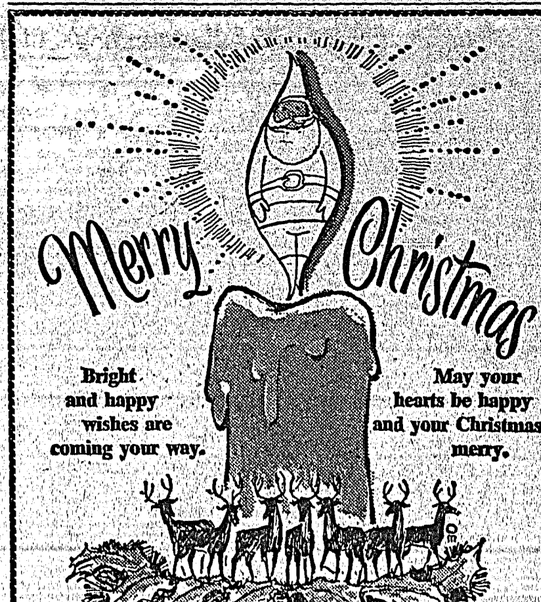
Merry Christmas
Bright and happy wishes are coming your way.
May your hearts be happy and your Christmas merry.
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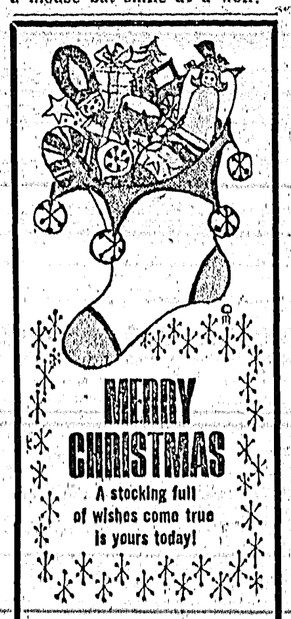
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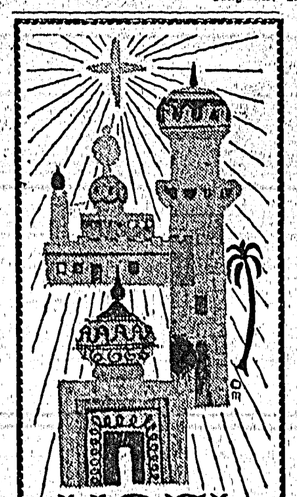
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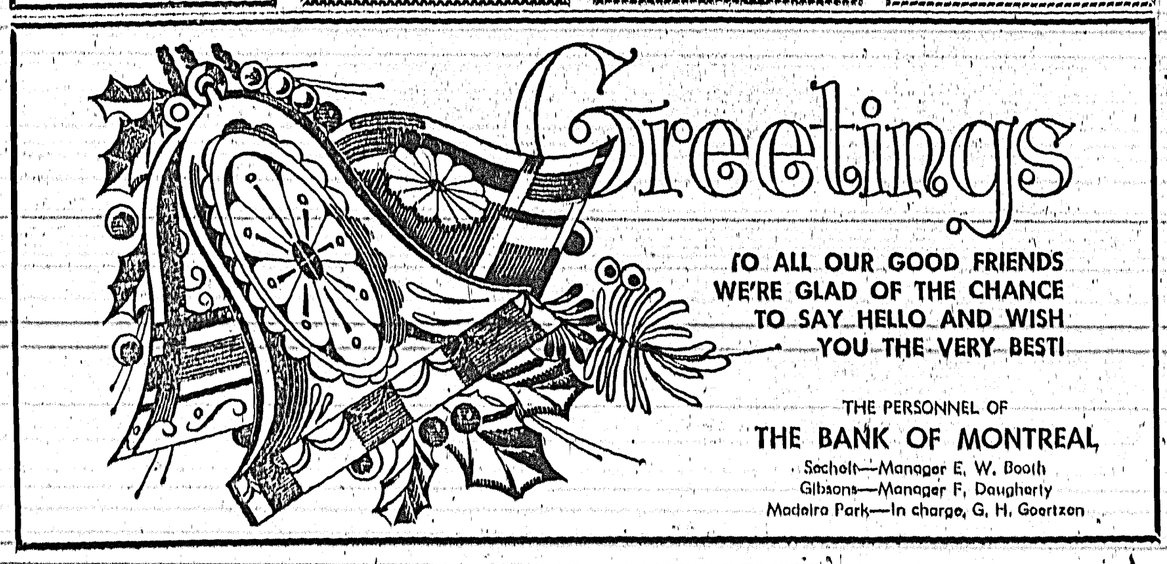
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TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS WE'RE GLAD OF THE CHANCE TO SAY HELLO AND WISH YOU THE VERY BEST!
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Holiday time is a house filled with gladness, the happy lilt of welcoming voices. May this be yours on Christmas.
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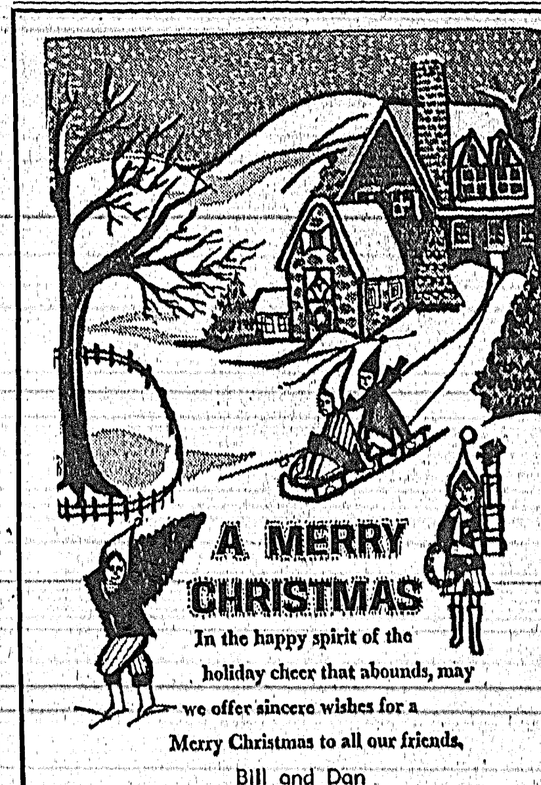
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
In the happy spirit of the holiday cheer that abounds, may we offer sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas to all our friends.
Bill and Dan
at
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Sechelt, B.C.

Follow simple rules for happy Christmas

THE PUBLISHERS and staff of The Times wish to remind all of their readers that a Merry Christmas is a Safe Christmas.

Do not spoil the holiday by the careless or thoughtless selection and handling of the Christmas tree and its trimmings.

We ask you to follow these ten simple rules:

1. Select a fresh green tree. Avoid trees that have become dry through storage. Keep your tree outdoors until you are ready to put it up.

2. Keep the butt of the tree immersed in water.

3. Do not stand the tree near windows, doors or other exits or near a radiator or other source of heat.

4. Use fire-proof ornaments such as metal and tinsel.

5. Check old tree lights for frayed wires and defects. Try them on the floor before putting them on the tree. If in any doubt get new lights.

6. When purchasing new lights look for the CSA label, the mark of approval of the Canadian Standards Association, your assurance that they are safe from fire and shock hazard.

7. It is vital that indoor lights be used only indoors and outdoor lights only outdoors.

8. Christmas gift wrappings are a source of greatest danger. They should be disposed of immediately after presents have been opened.

9. Do not leave children unattended, even for a moment. A Christmas tree can become a raging inferno and reduced to ashes in 18 seconds.

10. Dispose of the tree as soon as possible.

Features west coast artist

IT IS well known that the west coast has produced many artists of international repute. One of the most talented is J. Fenwick Lansdowne, whose colorful pictures of Canadian bird life have given pleasure to so many people in this country and indeed around the world. For a number of years now, Carling Breweries have commissioned a new work from Mr. Lansdowne for use on their annual Christmas card. This year the subject is the beautiful ring-neck pheasant. The picture will now join the other Lansdowne works in the Carling Conservation Club Collection.

Health Tips

Canadian Medical Assoc.

ONE PROBLEM common to every household, and especially to those where children are concerned, is that of incidental cuts and bruises, the Canadian Medical Association reports.

A bruise results when extensive haemorrhage from tiny blood vessels occurs beneath the skin following a blow to the surface of the body. The skin may or may not be broken. This ordinary bruise is best treated immediately by the application of cold compresses or ice wrapped in cotton. If the bruise is extensive or associated with pain and apparent inability to move parts of the arms or legs, medical attention should be sought.

A wound or cut is a break in the skin which allows the escape of blood from the cut surface and also the possible entrance of bacteria germs into the body. The wound may vary from a simple cut caused by a sharp instrument such as a razor blade or knife, to a large, irregular cut with jagged edges.

The most important consideration in the treatment of cuts is the amount of haemorrhage or bleeding that occurs. If the cut is small with minimal bleeding, the application of an ordinary antiseptic such as mercurochrome or methiolate and a small dressing will usually suffice. The bleeding stops and no infection develops.

If the cut is more extensive, and particularly if bleeding is quite free, the bleeding should be kept under control by the application of direct pressure to the wound, over a pad if available, and a doctor should be summoned or the patient taken to the nearest hospital, the CMA advises.

B of M Review . . .

International trade barriers have strong bearing on growth

CURRENT talks aimed at liberalizing international trade barriers may have a strong bearing on the growth of the Canadian manufacturing industry, according to the Bank of Montreal's Business Review for November, just released.

To take advantage of any opportunities which do arise through freer international trade, the entire Canadian manufacturing industry must remain fully competitive, the B of M says.

The recent record in this respect has been good, "but the ability of manufacturers to maintain or improve their competitive position in the future will be determined to a great extent by the behavior of prices and costs in the economy as a whole."

STRONG GROWTH

One of the most significant aspects of Canadian economic development in recent years has been the strong growth which has taken place in the manufacturing sector. Between 1961 and 1965, the volume of manufacturing output, as measured by the Industrial Production Index, increased by about 50 per cent compared with an increase of 35 per cent in the total output of the economy.

Yet, this development is a comparatively recent phenomenon.

"For a period of several years prior to the current business expansion—in fact, as far back as the end of the Korean War—manufacturing, while growing steadily failed to keep pace with the rise in total output."

TRADE IMBALANCE

During the past decade, Canadian exports of manufactured goods have accounted for a progressively smaller share of the total exported from the major industrialized countries.

"Although Canadian exports of manufactured goods have expanded rapidly in the past five years, they have barely kept pace with the growth of the market, which has been particularly buoyant during the period since the European countries began to reduce the barriers to trade within the Common Market and Free Trade area."

And imports, which spurted ahead recently, have consistently exceeded exports by a wide margin during the past decade.

With an imbalance of a large magnitude between imports and exports of manufactured goods, "the gap cannot be narrowed in a period when both are rising unless the rate of growth of exports exceeds the rate of growth of imports by a wide margin.

"This underscores the importance of achieving further gains in exports and of remaining fully competitive in world markets," the B of M says.

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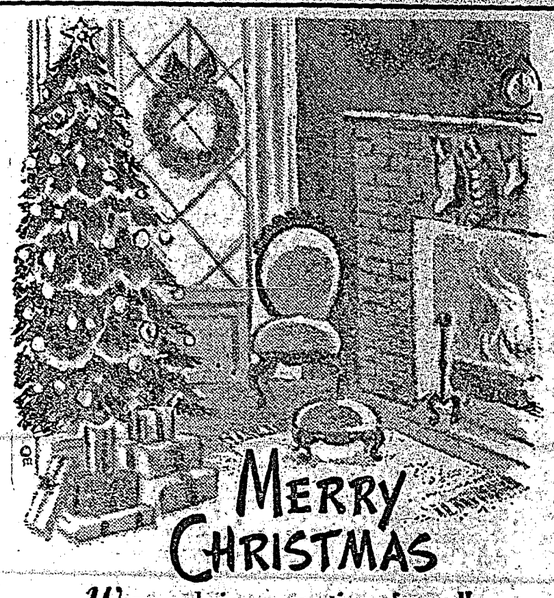

Warm and sincere greetings, from all of us to all of you, and many thanks, too.
MAC and DOT
DOGWOOD CAFE
Gibsons, B.C.

With fond hopes that all your holiday dreams come true, we send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.
AL and STELLA,
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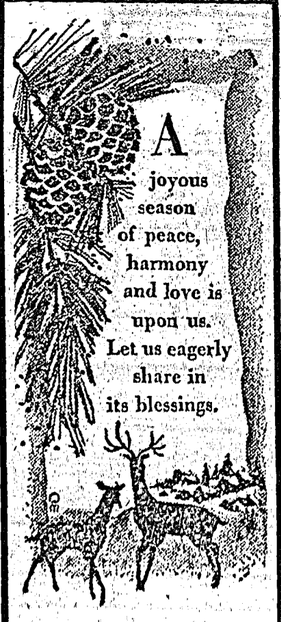
A joyous season of peace, harmony and love is upon us. Let us eagerly share in its blessings.
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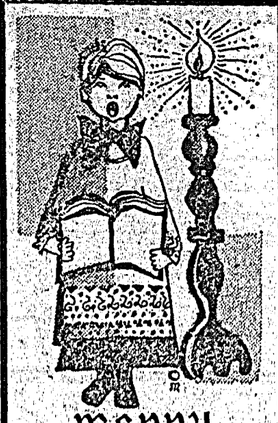
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Let the spirit of the season brighten your life and open your heart to joy.
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May your Christmas "stocking" be filled with every good thing you wish for . . . we'd like to add a note of thanks for the nice gift you gave our store — a fine customer!
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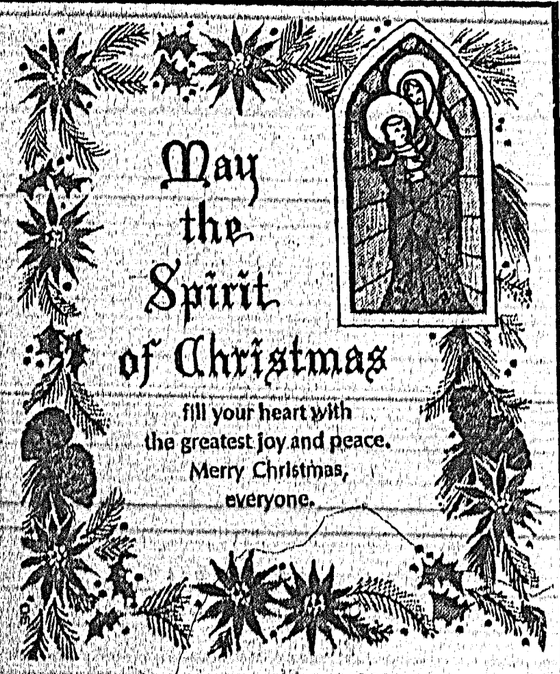
May the Spirit of Christmas
fill your heart with the greatest joy and peace. Merry Christmas, everyone.
ELMA and ALEX GILMORE
GILMORE'S VARIETY SHOP
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A Joyous Christmas
May all the blessings and happiness of this holy season be bestowed on you and your family. Have a Joyous Holiday.
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NORM and FRANK

The Great Race

STAR of a big comedy "The Great Race," Natalie Wood, seen in a coy moment from this popular movie to be seen next week at the Twilight Theatre, Gibsons.

Reader's Right

Letters to the Editor must carry a signature and address, although a pen-name may be used for publication.

Improvement sought

Editor, The Times:

Sir—For some time past we have had elections galore. So much so that, especially where changes in administration have taken place, the voter will be looking for improvement. Nowhere more so than in this riding.

We were chastised, chided and ridiculed for not having better sense than supporting an opposition member in the house for 14 years. However, the extraordinary campaign work of Mrs. Isabel Dawson between the last two provincial elections won her the honor of not only being elected but a seat in the cabinet.

Having travelled over the whole riding our member will probably be more familiar than anyone with things deliberately neglected.

Our dynamic premier can no longer neglect to give the riding attention now that we have a member in the fold. Of necessity there are oodles of things that need attention. A short distance on either side of Gibsons there are two things that not only affect Gibsonites but everyone travelling to and from the ferries to Vancouver.

I refer to what passes for a bridge near Granthams and on the other side the semi-circular roadway. Neither of these projects involves any engineering difficulties, but simply the will to do.

Furthermore, we cannot expect a ferry system that could handily cope with the tremendous flow of traffic on holiday weekends. Hence I suggest to our member that she press for an outlet to Squamish. In this way the car owners, though having to travel extra milage, would be able to get to Vancouver and wayside points without agonizing delay.

—DAVE ROOS.

Ottawa Report

—The News' Ottawa Bureau

CANADIAN government has received two stiff diplomatic notes from the United States government, protesting the proposed restrictions that are to be imposed on the future growth of the Mercantile Bank in this country.

The Mercantile Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of the First National City Bank of New York.

Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp's predecessor in the finance portfolio, Walter Gordon, was opposed to American ownership of Canadian enterprises. He was determined to prevent American investors from increasing their hold on business in Canada.

Mr. Gordon, in proposed amendments to the Bank Act, for its decennial revision, introduced changes that would curtail the expansion of the American-owned bank. Mr. Sharp, when he took over as finance minister, examined Mr. Gordon's proposals, with respect to the Mercantile Bank and decided to incorporate the Gordon amendments into his bill to amend the Bank Act.

When Mr. Sharp made it clear that he was not going to alter the proposed Gordon amendments the United States government last July dispatched a note of protest to Canada. Now the amending bill is before the Commons Committee on finance, trade and economic affairs.

Once again, late in November, the United States government sent a stiff diplomatic note of protest to the Canadian authorities. But while Finance Minister Sharp informed the Commons that he had given serious attention to the representations from Washington, he made it clear at the same time, that he had no intention of backing away *from his proposed* Bank Act changes.

The Bank Act amendment that is applicable to the Mercantile Bank, limits its growth, or the growth of any foreign-owned bank to assets of a ratio 20 times its share capital. Mercantile is already well over that limit with more than $225,000,000 in assets.

Questioned in the Commons as to whether he would be bowing before the pressure from Washington, Mr. Sharp told the opposition questioner, "I do not think he has seen any evidence of any proposed changes in the Bank Act or any announcement of any proposed changes."

Now the finance minister has to stand fast. He cannot alter his position or he will be immediately accused of having "caved in" as Washington increased the pressure. Consequently Mr. Sharp cannot adopt a flexible position. It would be political suicide for him to do so, because Opposition Leader John Diefenbaker would immediately denounce the finance minister.

Meantime the U.S. government is very concerned over the proposed amendments to the banking legislation. The Americans contend it is unfair legislation because not only is it "restrictionist" in its scope but it is also retroactive. It is discrimination against an existing American corporate subsidiary in Canada.

Washington is not happy over seeing the door opened by the Canadian action to such legislative steps being taken against American corporate interests in other parts of the world. There have been strong hints dropped in banking cirlces that the U.S. government might contemplate taking "retaliatory" steps if Canada persists in passing the amendments to the Bank Act.

This is only one more field in which Canadian-American relations are becoming somewhat strained.

The Canadian government's position with regard to the war in Vietnam is not calculated to arouse any degree of warmth in Washington. Canada has been standoffish in respect to the U.S. struggle there to contain Communism. At the same time Canada has criticized the Americans for their handling of the conflict.

Any suggestions from the Americans that Canada might want to emulate the Australians and take a more active role in the fighting in Vietnam brings stunned surprise from Ottawa. The Canadian government points out that it is a member of the International Control Commission and therefore must remain neutral.

Canada's recent change of policy with respect to the recognition of Communist China and the Canadian manoeuvres to try and get a seat in the United Nations for the Peking administration, have not endeared Canada to Washington. The Canadian Government has been carrying on a campaign for some months to persuade many of her allies and friends, that the U.N. must open its doors to Communist China.

However in its latest vote on the question the U.N. General Assembly made it clear that the world body was just not interested at this time in any such Canadian proposal. The Canadian manoeuvres were far from successful.

In a major policy change Canada abstained on an Albanian resolution that called for the admission of Peking and the expulsion of Taiwan (Nationalist China). In the past Canada has voted "no" on such a resolution, arguing that Nationalist China should not be expelled from the U.N.

Canada still favors keeping Nationalist China in the U.N. However, in its abstention Canada demonstrated that Ottawa is now putting more emphasis on bringing Communist China into the World Organization.

Having failed to get Communist China into the U.N., or at least to have the U.N. start such a process in motion, the Canadian government will turn its attention to possibly recognizing the communist government of China at Peking, in the near future. There are some reports that Canada might grant such recognition before the end of January. But External Affairs Minister Paul Martin has refused to confirm them. Nor does he deny them.

Canada's changed attitude with regard to Communist China has only strained still more the relationships between Ottawa and Washington. The Americans have looked for such a move taking place, however, since Canada made its first major sale of wheat to the Communist Chinese. There is some resentment among Americans that while they are sacrificing the lives of their young men to fight to contain communism and prevent the communists taking over South Vietnam, Canada is selling for the best price it can get, huge quantities of Canadian wheat to the Peking government.

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Best of Barkerville Gibsons January 10

"BEST OF Barkerville" show, smash hit of the British Columbia Centennial Year 1966, will go on the road again in 1967 as part of the province's contributions to Confederation Centennial celebrations.

The high-stepping, hilarious revue will tour 19 locations under the auspices of the Provincial Centennial Committee in co-operation with local centennial committees.

The show features 10 members of the original cast of "ghost town" Barkerville's renowned revue in songs, dances and patter, looking back to gold rush days when the Cariboo country was bursting with adventure.

During the 1966 tour, "The Best of Barkerville" played to capacity audiences on a British Columbia tour, with a widely-acclaimed side trip to Alaska centres.

Schedule for the 1967 tour follows:

January 9, Squamish; Jan. 10, Gibsons Landing; Jan. 11 and 12, Powell River; Jan. 13, 14, Campbell River; Jan. 16, 17, Courtenay; Jan. 18, Parksville; Jan. 19, Ucluelet; Jan. 20, 21, The Albernis; Jan. 23, 24, Nanaimo; Jan. 25, Ladysmith; Jan. 26, Salt Spring Island; Jan. 27, Duncan; Jan. 28, Sooke; Jan. 30, Langford; Jan. 31, Sidney.

Feb. 1, 2 Victoria; Feb. 3, 4, Ladner; Feb. 6, 7 White Rock; Feb. 8, 9, Cloverdale; Feb. 10, 11, Langley; Feb. 13, 14, Abbotsford; Feb. 15, Hope; Feb. 16, Cawston; Feb. 17, Oliver; Feb. 18, Summerland.

Feb. 20, 21, Penticton; Feb. 22, 23, Kelowna; Feb. 24, 25, Vernon; Feb. 27, Salmon Arm; Feb. 28, Revelstoke; March 1, Golden; March 2, 3, Kimberley; March 4, Cranbrook; March 6, Fernie; March 7, Creston; March 8, 9, Nelson; March 10, 11, Trail; March 13, Castlegar; March 14, Grand Forks; March 15, Osoyoos; March 17, 18, Burnaby.

Thousands of projects . . . *. . . from "Industry"*

Centennial celebration; Canadians are working

The thousand acres of mighty Expo 67 in Montreal, quite naturally, will be the star attraction for the hundreds of thousands of guests crossing our border with the United States and from dozens of countries overseas, not to mention the hordes of Canadians who will visit this greatest of World Exhibitions, but all across the land —in great cities, small towns and even crossroads hamlets—something special is on the books to mark this historic occasion.

Listing the Centennial projects of all Canadian communities would require reams of paper and the chief provincial plans alone, if spelled out in any detail at all, would require many a lengthy paragraph. Even the barest of reviews makes impressive reading.

Prince Edward Island, where it all began, has led the way provincially with the $5 million Fathers of Confederation Memorial Buildings opened by the Queen in 1964. Newfoundland is spending some $6 million on a cultural centre in the historic port city of St. John's. Nova Scotia's project for 1967 is a medical centre for Dalhousie University in Halifax, while New Brunswick is working on a special Centennial building in the provincial capital of Fredericton.

Quebec's plan is an $8 million conservatory in Quebec City, while Ontario is concentrating on a $10 million science and technology centre in Toronto.

Travelling west, Manitoba has slated a performing arts centre for Winnipeg, while Saskatchewan is erecting no less than two cultural buildings, one in Regina and one in Saskatoon.

Alberta and British Columbia have structures designed for provincial archives and museums on the go, while a special building to honour Confederation is on the Yukon's drawing boards.

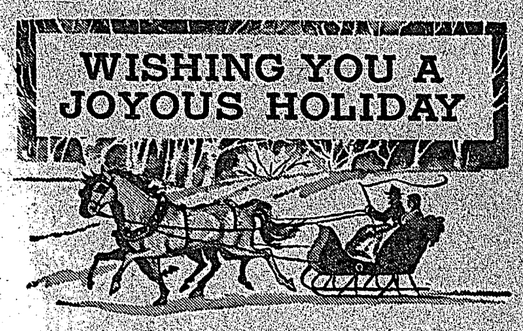
Imagine, if you can, over and above all buildings of every conceivable description which are in the process of rising in hundreds upon hundreds of communities across this, the lengthy list of special memorial ross the prosperous girth of Canada and the national performance begins to assume the trappings of magnificence.

Supplementing this massive civic program, of course, are the corporate projects of Canadian industry and commerce. Apart altogether from manufacturing industry's participation in Expo 67, many companies are either sponsoring or contributing to Centennial projects within their own community.

Two notable examples of companies going even further than this are Dow Brewery Limited and Salada Foods Ltd. Each is giving a major Canadian city a spectacular million-dollar-plus space age planetarium. Montreal is the fortunate recipient in the first case, Hamilton in the second.

Ponder a moment on such new edifices and on the pools and recreation centres, skating rinks and parks, libraries and renovated castles, theatres and museums, curling rinks and conservatories, scholarships and commissioned paintings and it then becomes easier to understand that, for all their apparent unconcern at the unfolding of a great page in their history, Canadians are working like beavers at marking their century of progress in the most fitting of manners.

Add to this compendium of community development and building boom the birthday hoopla—the bands, the bonfires, the races, the parades, the parties, the dancing and singing—that will prevail for a solid twelve months and the national canvas becomes more and more exciting.



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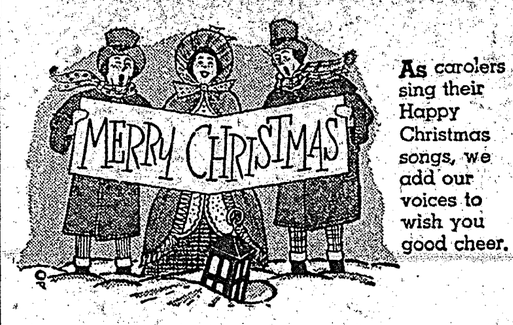

As carolers sing their Happy Christmas songs, we add our voices to wish you good cheer.
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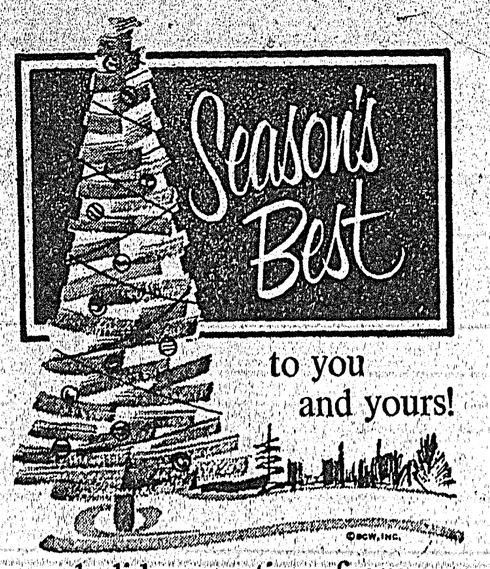

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AT Christmas
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Alcohol Information Week . . .

Letter from a father to his son points out pitfalls of drinking

The following, a letter from a father to his 17-year-old son, originally appeared in a national publication.

"Dear Son:

"If you must drink . . .

"For the past hour or so, left alone here in my den, I've been thinking of the talk we had in which you said that most of your friends had been smoking since they were 14 and that some might begin at least token drinking any time now.

"No doubt you're right. Your generation seems to arrive at these milestones a lot sooner than mine did. But before you make your own decision, I wish you'd consider the things I'm going to say in this letter. You may not agree with my conclusions, but as you know, I'm a reporter and I'm usually pretty accurate with my facts.

"Please understand, to begin with I'm not going to lay down the law. When boys reach your age, parents can only advise. In any case, I think most teenagers resent arbitrary rules handed down without explanation, and go out of their way to break them.

"Nor do I intend to preach to you. I don't think alcohol is either moral or immoral, any more than an automobile is. It's the way you handle it that counts.

"Well then, you might ask yourself, why does my father—who's not an abstainer himself—feel it necessary to write me a solemn letter about it?

"A fair question, and I'll try to give you a fair answer. I'm writing this letter because I believe that any intelligent person about to take a gamble ought to know the odds. I think it unlikely that you and your friends have any such knowledge. I know I didn't at your age.

"The gamble, of course, is that once you begin drinking, you might wander from the ranks of the "controlled" drinkers. Most young people, of course, are convinced that they hold their destinies firmly in their own hands, so you probably think this matter is largely up to you. But evidence is steadily mounting that certain people, where alcohol is concerned, have no command over themselves. And the crucial question is, **how do you know you aren't one of these people?**

"Drink has taken five million men and women in the United States, taken them as masters take slaves, and new acquisitions are going on at the rate of 200,000 a year. Does this sound like a quotation from some temperance tract? It's from the Journal of the American Medical Association, a publication not given to sensationalism.

"All right, you might say a bit uncomfortably, five million slaves is a lot of slaves. I don't envy them and I certainly don't want to join them. But surely the great majority of people who drink never become alcoholics. If I decide to drink, the odds are heavily in my favor, aren't they?

"Yes, they are. Statistics on the consumption of alcohol indicate that about 75 million Americans drink in some way at some time. This is well over half the adult population. Three out of four men drink. More than half of all American women drink, at least occasionally. So, numerically speaking, your chances of becoming an alcoholic if you drink are roughly one in 15.

"Actually, the odds don't favor you quite so much as that. The figures above include people who might have only a sip of champagne once a year at a wedding. This, as you well know, isn't the only type of social drinking you'll encounter. It might be fairer to peg the odds, in your case, at one chance in 10.

"These are still pretty good odds. But in any sort of gambling you have to keep a sharp eye on what you stand to lose as well as on your chances of losing it. I might be willing to risk, say, a hundred dollars on a wildcat stock where I have one chance in six of losing it all. But no one could persuade me, for any inducement, to play Russian roulette with a revolver loaded in one of its six chambers. The odds would be the same, but I'd be risking, not money, but my life.

"And that, very often, is exactly what the alcoholic loses: his life. Not necessarily in the biological sense of the word, but in the social sense: job, friends, marriage, family, children. And, if you like, in the religious sense: self-control, self-respect, any sort of worthwhile relationship with God or man.

"I've seen this happen to friends of mine. It's happening to some of them right now. Three-quarters of all alcoholics or problem drinkers are between the ages of 35 and 55. I see it, and I assure you it's a terrifying thing. Not just for the victim, but for those close to him or dependent on him. It has been estimated that each alcoholic adversely affects the lives of from seven to 10 people. If so, then it can be argued that alcoholism is really our greatest health problem, because it's throwing a quarter of our population out of balance emotionally, economically or spiritually.

"By now you probably think I'm building a grim and relentless case against any sort of drinking. That is not my purpose. What I'm trying to do is give you a few facts on which to base a decision, one of the most important decisions of your life. As in most complex problems, some of the facts seem to point in one direction, some in another. There are good things as well as bad to be said about the custom of controlled drinking.

"What are the good things? Well, aside from the pleasure to be derived from the taste of good beer or fine wines or even stronger drinks, there isn't much doubt that, taken in moderation, alcohol cushions the harsh impact of reality, reduces tension and anxiety, and even promotes friendliness and good will among people. I know one psychiatrist who maintains quite seriously that in many cases alcohol performs a valuable function by preventing strain and worry from building up into a full-scale neuroses. And a wise physician, Dr. Kenneth Walker, has written that if he were a millionaire he would endow the United Nations with a sidewalk cafe where the diplomats could sit, sip sherry, make amicable compromises instead of the usual strident speeches.

"These are benefits that are lost if you decide on total abstinence. Whether the loss outweighs the hazards involved is precisely the question you're faced with.

"I'm trying to be honest with you and present as much of the picture as I can, but this is difficult because it isn't a simple problem, and where alcohol is concerned emotionalism often tends to cloud the issue. The whole subject is full of prejudices and uncertainties.

"Most people, for example, think that alcohol is a stimulant. Actually, it's a depressant. As it begins to affect the central nervous system—especially the brain—inhibitions are dulled and restraints relaxed. So the drinker becomes more animated. But this isn't being stimulated; he's being drugged.

"Also, many people are convinced that you can become addicted to alcohol the way you can become addicted to morphine—simply by repeated exposure. But recent research indicates that this is not so. Some people apparently cannot become alcoholics no matter how much they drink.

"Can a susceptibility to alcohol be inherited?

"Certainly in some families there seems to be a pattern of heavy drinking. But this may be the result of example and environment, nothing more.

"What makes a drinker lose his tolerance for alcohol? Again, there's no final answer. We know that in general it takes from seven to 17 years for a drinker to become a compulsive alcoholic. But science is still struggling with the basic question: Why this person and not that one?

"Some experts feel that the answer may be hidden deep in the secrets of body chemistry. Others believe that the basic causes are psychological, not physiological; they point out that the problem drinker's resistance to strain or tension is always low. Still others believe that alcoholism is the product of so many complex factors—mental, physical, and sociological—that we'll never be able to pinpoint a single cause.

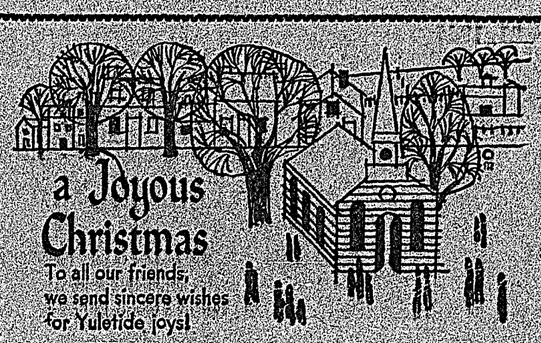
"In any case, the disease is still with us, five million cases of it, and nobody can tell who the next five million victims will be. Some day tests might be able to single out those people who, if they drink at all, will reach the point where they can't handle alcohol. This will be a great day. But it isn't here yet. And until it is, everyone who starts to drink is playing Russian roulette with a deadly disease.

"So think it over carefully. They say that many youngsters drink because they're great conformists, afraid not to do what their contemporaries do. They also say that drinking is often a gesture of defiance. One study, in fact, indicates that problem drinkers are most often found among individuals who grew up in homes where liquor was equated with sin and therefore rigidly prohibited.

"Well, maybe so. But I know you're not afraid to be different, and I'm pretty sure you don't belong in that second category at all. So for you, it's a gamble, and a big one. That's what I want you to realize."

Love, Dad.

They use so much machinery in school now, Junior doesn't know whether to take an apple or an oil can.



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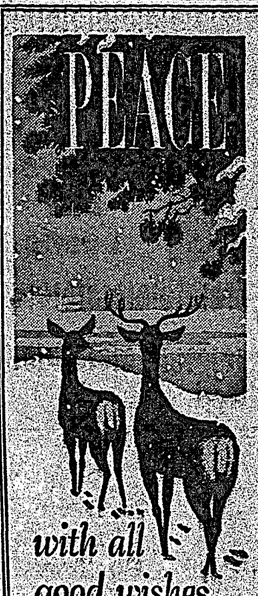

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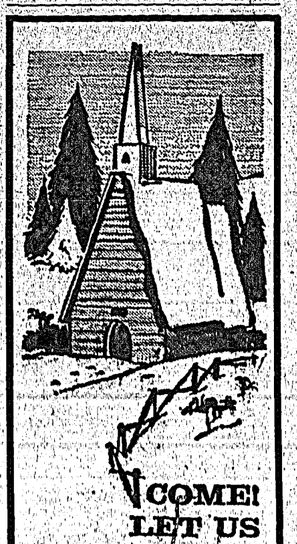

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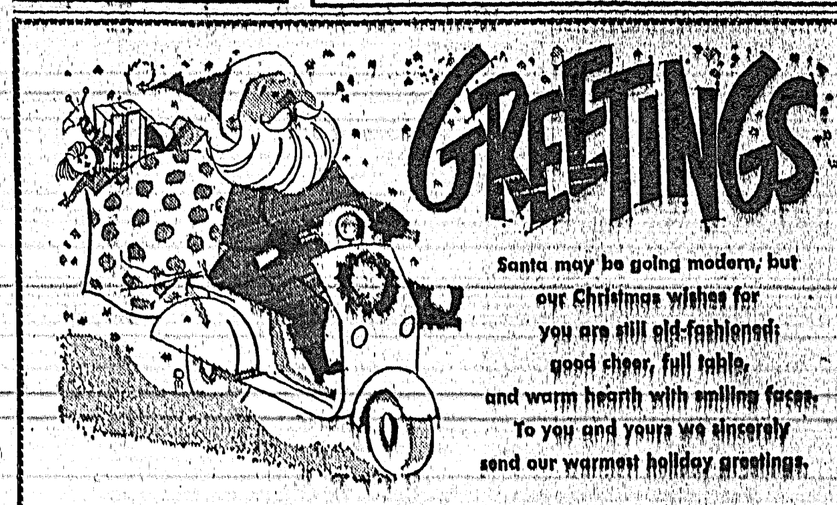

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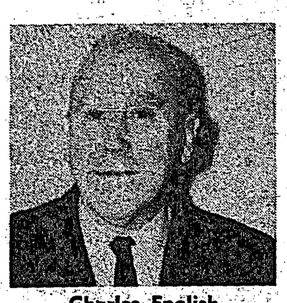

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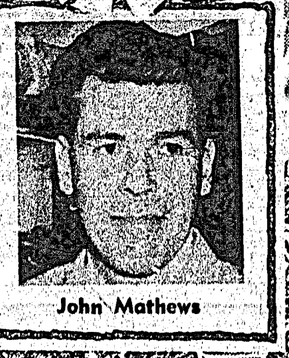

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Big business

"Did you hear about . . . "? was the topic of this conversation during skit performed at Sechelt Branch OAPO social, last week. Members were delighted with performance of Mrs. B. McCaul, Mrs. Guy Clear, Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. G. C. Tinkley, Mrs. Ralph McCrady and Mrs. Ralph Lynds in a parody of a P-TA meeting written by Mrs. Allen.

Christmas goodies

TRADITIONAL visit of Santa Claus to Christmas social of Sechelt OAPO is part of the entertainment and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Campbell investigate the mysterious little packages. Members are fortunate to have an experienced Santa, for Mr. Tommy Marstin played Father Christmas for 30 years in Melville, Saskatchewan and still has the knack of portraying the jovial old gentleman.

Starting January 18th . . .

Sechelt Branch 96 OAPO changes meeting location

BRANCH 96 OAPO social at the Wilson Creek Hall on December 14th was gay with fun and music. A quartette, consisting of Mrs. E. Biggs, Mrs. C. M. Postlewaite, Mr. Bill Coffey and Mr. Tommy Marstin sang "Whispering Hope", "Church in the Wildwood" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".

Mrs. D. Stockwell, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Evans at the piano, put all the joy of Christmas into her singing of "Night of Night" and "The Holy City". Two guitar duets, "Kilama-Wailana" and "Kuu Pe-Pe Hula)" were played by Mrs. R. McCrady and Bob, Keeley. Charlie Brookman recited "The Green Eye of the Yellow God" and described his 1915 Christmas spent in the trenches in France.

The Halfmooners presented an amusing skit entitled "Big Business", with Mrs. Ralph Lynds, Mrs. Ralph McCrady, Mrs. G. C. Tinkley, Mrs. Janet Allen, Mrs. G. Clear and Mrs. B. McCaul in the cast. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker supplied the music for the singing of Christmas carols which were interrupted by the sound of sleigh bells and the arrival of old Santa himself —none other than the genial Tommy Marstin.

In the raffle draw, the turkey was won by Mrs. Les Husband of Powell River, a granddaughter of Mrs. Bill Baker. Bill Perkins won a Christmas cake and Mrs. C. E. Higginson a box of chocolates.

One member who was not present was Mrs. Elizabeth Weaver and members heard with regret of the accident which had befallen her. She had fallen on the steps of her home at Wilson Creek resulting in a compound fracture of the ankle. She managed to drag herself into the house where she lay helpless for three days before she was discovered. She is now being nursed back to health in St. Mary's Hospital.

Attention of members is drawn to the change of meeting place. Commencing January 18, monthly meetings of Branch 96 will be held in the Legion Hall, Sechelt.

The way we understand Red China's foreign policy, the rest of the world has just 24 hours to get out.

Christmas season has many meanings

"I WILL honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." (Dickens). When so many of us are caught up in an exhausting round of holiday activities, plunging through mobs of department store shoppers, wrapping gifts, mailing Christmas cards, planning parties, buying a tree, putting up decorations—we might do well to pause and consider these words. Are we so busy with the outward signs and symbols of the season that we forget their meaning?

For Christmas is more than a time for feasts and merriment. It is a time to open our hearts as well as our purses. It is a time to remember in honour of one born in a stable, those in bleak hospital rooms, those cut off from family and friends, those facing loneliness and despair.

Perhaps you have wanted to, but wondered where to go or how to help. One way that is available to all of us, however limited our time or resources, is to give to The Salvation Army. For over one hundred years, this fine organization has been bringing the comfort and joy of Christmas to many who would otherwise have known only abandonment and suffering. The invalid, the Skid Row alcoholic, the prisoner alone in his cell, the girl about to become an unwed mother, the unwanted child—these are not forgotten by The Salvation Army.

When you prepare your shopping list for Christmas, include a gift to The Salvation Army's Annual Christmas Appeal. Through your generosity, many less fortunate people will enjoy a happy Christmas this year—perhaps for the first time.

Halfmoon Bay Happenings

HALFMOON Bay Improvement Association annual Christmas dinner held on Dec. 16 in the tastefully decorated dining room of the Winning Post at Ole's Cove was a most successful event.

Guests were welcomed by Mrs. John Charleton, the convenor, who gave a special welcome to a visitor from Australia, Mrs. Irene Kutt of Sidney and to "part-time resident" Patrick Murphy who recently returned from the top of the world.

The evening started with refreshments and wine was served with the excellent dinner of turkey and plum pudding. After dinner, there was dancing until midnight when the guests sang Auld Lang Syne.

A vote of thanks was tendered to John and Brucie Charleton for organizing such a happy evening. With the weary guests returning home, the night owls adjourned to the Tag Nygards to continue the party until the wee small hours.

ROUND ABOUT

Following surgery at Vancouver General Hospital, Mrs. G. B. Simpson is resting at the home of her son George Simpson in West Vancouver. Harry McLean is home from St. Mary's Hospital and feeling much better.

Jim Helmer's son, Buster Helmer with his wife, Muriel and daughter Debbie, have arrived from Waterways, Alta. and plan to spend the winter in the Bay. They are living in one of Grave's cottages.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Church of His Presence on Christmas morning at 10:30 a.m.

Weather conditions upsets local soccer

IN DIV. 5 Local 297 beat the Residential Tigers by a score of 2-0 at Gibsons. The game was played under poor conditions, with the result that neither team could play up to their ability. Robert Solnik and Mike Musgrove tallied one goal each to give the 'Locals' the victory.

In the other Div. 5 game at Hackett Park, Residential Totems overpowered Roberts Creek to the tune of 10-0. The Roberts Creek kids started out well enough but wilted with each goal, making it that much easier for the Totems to score the next one. John Dick potted 4, Bernie August 3, Laurie Gabriel 2 and Robert Hartle 1.

In Div. 7 Res. Braves beat the plucky little Sechelt Canfor team 3-0. And Sechelt Legion fell to Gibsons Legion but the exact score was not available at press time.

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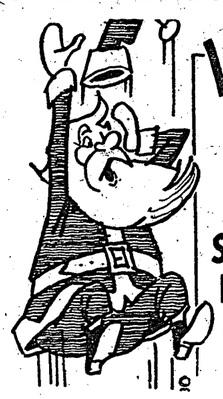
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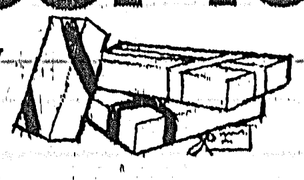
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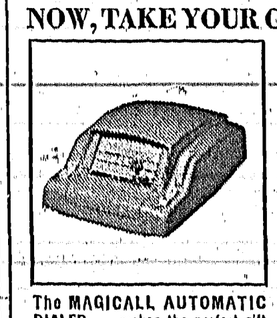
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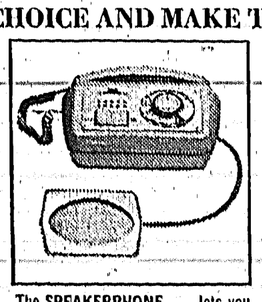
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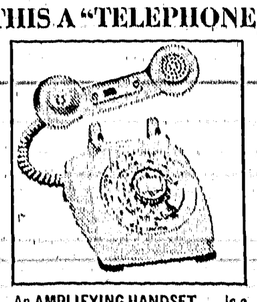
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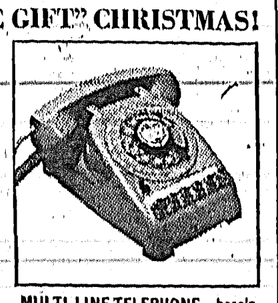
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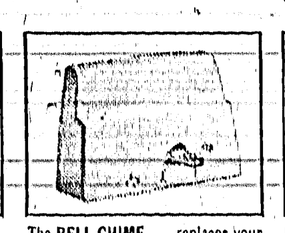
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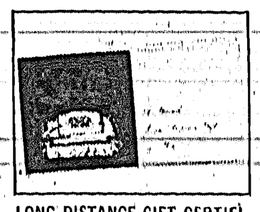
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By Gunnar Hansen . . .

Destination Mexico country of sunshine

TWO LOCAL men, Jack McNutt and Gunnar Hansen, together with a well-equipped camper truck set forth last October for a holiday in Mexico. Mr. Hansen returned recently and put on paper his story of the trip which we feel is of sufficient interest to warrant publication.

For some time a vacation in Mexico had been lingering in my mind. The excitement of going to a land of sunshine in the fall could never have been greater and after a quick decision all was arranged and it was to come about.

On Oct. 17 two happy travellers left Sechelt, destination—Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, some 3,000 miles away. It was a nice morning but rather cold. To avoid heavy traffic the inland route was chosen. We travelled through the Fraser Valley on the north side of the river with the color of the fall lending its beauty to the landscape, the land was green and the lush corn in the fields ready for the silos.

There is something about this great land of ours, with mountain, forest and valleys that touches one's heart. A panoramic view from the Agassiz Mountain contains much of the beauty we find all around but so common to us that many times we let it go by unnoticed. Going east over the Hope-Princeton highway at the summit we saw the first snow along the side of the road and a few light flakes danced merrily in the air, so as to say playing tag with one another.

After camping overnight at Stemwinder we found the morning cold and dull, but within an hour we were at the U.S. border at Osoyoos. A few polite questions were asked and we were now tourists crossing the United States on our way to Mexico.

Highway 97 south of the border takes you through country of great variations, splendid fruit orchards fringe the roadside wherever there is water available, green fields of alfalfa and the familiar stands of poplar dotted here and there where moisture gives them a chance to grow. In the distance are the barren hills with gentle, rolling slopes—the domain of cattle ranchers and sheep herders.

The highway took us through many little towns and villages sparkling clean and many of them like an oasis in the desert. At Bewster we followed the mighty Columbia River, where dwarf Sumac grows in abundance, the bright red color sharply contrasting the otherwise barren countryside. Leaving the river we drove through a high mountain pass, a breathtaking view confronted us as the highway descended towards Chelan, a city of beautiful homes on the shore of Lake Chelan, centre of a rich fruit-growing district.

Crossing the hills south of Chelan we again follow the Columbia, the quiet river sparkles in the bright sunshine—truly a sight to behold.

Below the Rocky Reach dam the country transforms to a fruit-growing district, the Columbia River supplying the water necessary for irrigation. Three miles north of Wenatchee, we turned and followed a prosperous-looking valley, passing the spotless towns of Monitor and Cashmere—both of them great assets to the beauty of the land. At Dryden we turned south towards Blewett Pass, gradually climbing on a flawless highway alongside crystal clear streams, places where mother nature has supplied the vegetation with all the water needed. Here we saw the full splendor of autumn slowly changing to a winter landscape as we approached the summit—the black pavement cleared but the snow lay heavy on the evergreens.

It is almost unbelievable how fast the scenery changes. Descending from the summit of Blewett Pass and the densely forested hills, it took us less than a half-hour travelling to where the hills were barren with no vegetation except for a few clumps of trees in an almost dry creek bed. Getting closed to Ellensburg we saw grazing cattle and rich, irrigated farmland

Driving along Yakima River the sharply-carved canyons and strange rock formations could readily be observed Amazing new vistas appeared to every turn during this 30-mile stretch of road.

Soon after crossing the Columbia River at Maryhill Toll Bridge the third evening closed in, but we continued through the dry semi-desert country to Bend, Oregon, where we camped overnight.

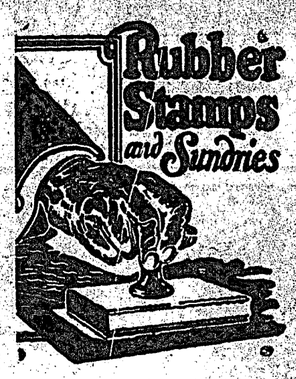
Turning east on highway 20 toward Burns we travelled through the bleak, barren, dry lands with small groups of juniper, otherwise not a tree in sight. In the middle of this desolation we find a big plywood manufacturing centre, Edward Hines Lumber Co. Millions of feet of timber, under sprinkling system, ready for processing. Good highways and communication lines connect these centres in southeast Oregon and by Highway 78 we entered Nevada at McDermit.

Following the majestic mountain ranges of Santa Rosa and Old Lang Syne, towering to a height of eight to nine thousand feet above sea level, the absence of trees and vegetation dominated the trip all day. Yet, where a little water is found, a few poplars may fringe a farm house or a gas station. Going through all this dry land, desert, semi-desert, etc., noticing what a world of difference water can make we consider the question of "Continental Water Suply." Perhaps what surplus we have should be diverted to areas of need, but do we have the right to sign binding agreements for all time to come? That's a question well worth thinking over.

Getting further south the heat has become noticeable, and in Las Vegas it was very hot. A freeway takes us to Boulder City and Hoover Dam. Crossing the Colorado River we entered Arizona, going through Burrow Canyon, awesome in shape and architecture, cactus and thorny plants growing everywhere and boulders in heaps by the billions. Where water is available the desert stands out in a rio of color, from lush green to orange, yellow and red. The uniformity of the shrubbery on the hillside would make a landscape gardener envious. There we entered a standstone rock formation called The Natural Corrals having vertical sides 50 to 60 feet high, some with square tops, others with roofs amazingly like that of a house.

Coming closer to Phoenix we entered a highly cultivated area which continued day down towards Tuson, all depending on irrigation and the supply of water. Beautiful palms grow along the highway and throughout the cities. After enjoying two days of good rest with friends in Mesa, Arizona, we entered Mexico through Nogales. After a routine check at the border we were cleared without any difficulties.

Second part of Mr. Hansen's travels will be included in the next edition of The Times, Jan. 4.



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By Doug Wheeler . . .

Industrious local girl becomes world traveller

INTERESTING sidelight in the story of a local girl bent on seeing the world involves her visit to British Columbia House, London, England. There on the counter was a copy of the Sechelt Peninsula Times, better still, the front page picture was of her cousin, Ron Coldwell of West Sechelt beside a cougar he and a companion had shot.

Linda Yates of Selma Park, still in England, now makes a regular visit to B.C. House in order to keep up with Peninsula news, for a copy of The Times arrives each week.

Linda graduated from Elphinstone High School in 1965 with all intentions of going to university. However, she worked instead for a year in a Vancouver bank, during which time she saved sufficient funds to start her off as a world traveller.

Leaving Vancouver August 22, she arrived first at Southampton, England and after a brief stay continued her journey to the continent, where in Amsterdam, Holland, she met up Elaine Gibb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibb of Roberts Creek area. Elaine was accompanied by B.C. girls Dianne and Karen Unruh who were also on a travel tour.

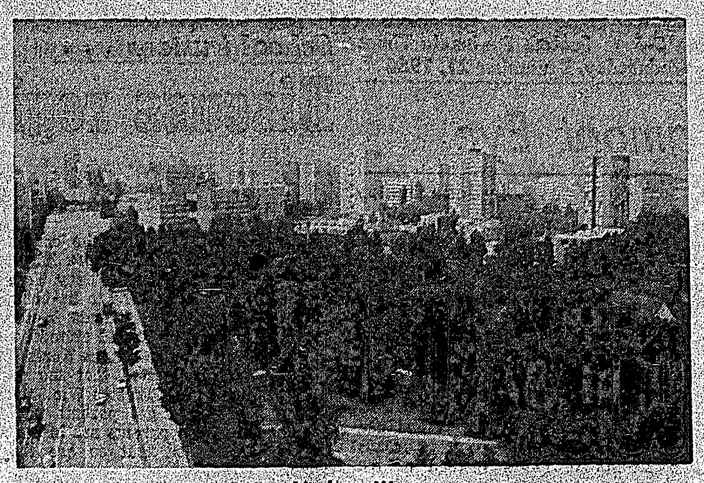
With her friends, Linda travelled extensively through the continent and found her school lessons in French and German helped overcome the language barrier. This plus a certain amount of gesticulating saw them through Germany, Italy, Spain and Switzerland as well as Holland.

An outstanding experience included a visit to the Munich Beer Festival. Here some 10,000 people resided in tents for duration of the celebration. Another visit of note was to Salzburg near Vienna, location of the popular movie, Sound of Music.

In Germany, she had a close brush with East German guards when she took pictures of graves of those shot by East German troops as they attempted to escape into civilized Western Germany. Pictures of East and West Berlin vividly portray the direct contrast of the two sectors. West Berlin bustling with vitaliy and comparative luxury, East Berlin, cold, dismal and squalid looking. At present, Linda is back in London where she actually has three jobs. Her full time occupation is with the Portland Cement Company's head office. At night she works as an usherette in a theatre and at weekends fills in as a dish washer in a restaurant.

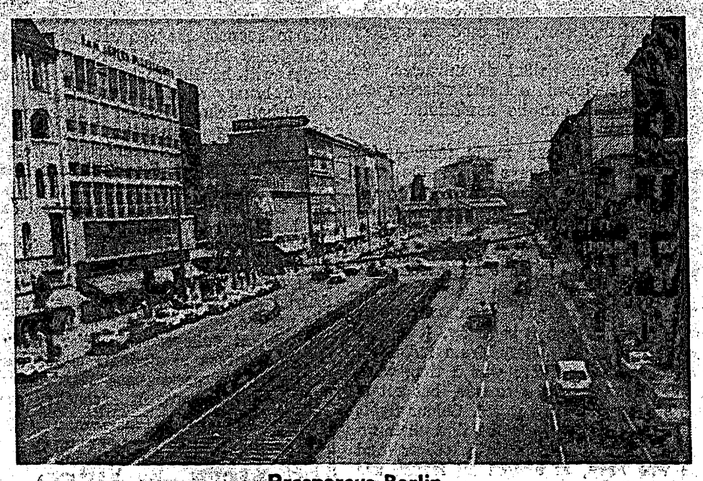
With her savings, she next plans a visit to Greece from where she will continue to Hawaii where she hopes to meet her elder sister Wendy who resides there with her husband Ken Green, an employee of CPA.

For a young girl, Linda has seen more of the world in a few months than the average person sees in a lifetime. She has financed her trip unassisted by means of hard work, determination and lots of pluck. The world is indeed an oyster, available to all who have sufficient initiative and the courage to put it to good use.



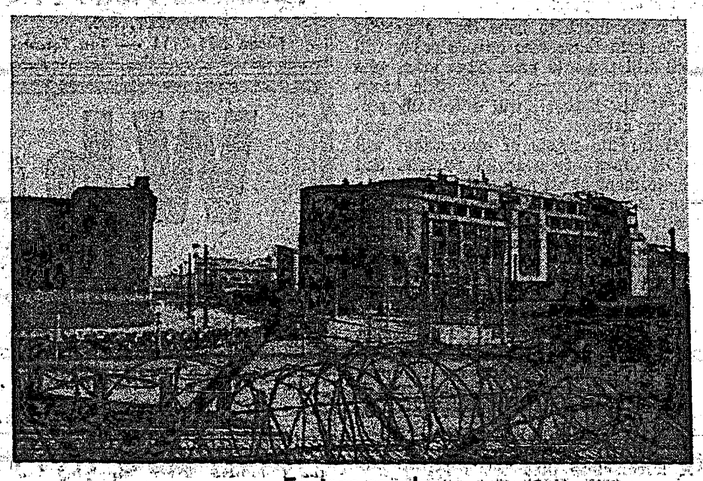
Modern West

SKYSCRAPERS tower above West Berlin emphasizing the air of prosperity which has made the west a mecca for tourists. Linda Yates of Selma Park recently visited the city and says it is a thriving modern city.



Prosperous Berlin

TROLLEY tracks separate the main street through West Berlin, and, says Linda Yates, they stop for no one. Prosperity is obvious and in keeping with other large West German cities.



Eastern squalor

VIVIDLY contrasting with the western sector, East Berlin under Russian domination presents a sorry picture of dilapidated buildings, barbed wire and bare streets. Linda Yates, who spent a short time in the area, says it was extremely depressing.

Escape failure

LINDA Yates took this picture of the grave of an escapee from East Germany who was shot and buried just as he reached freedom. She faced a similar fate herself in taking the picture for Russian troops filled the woods. In her own words, "It was a fearful moment."

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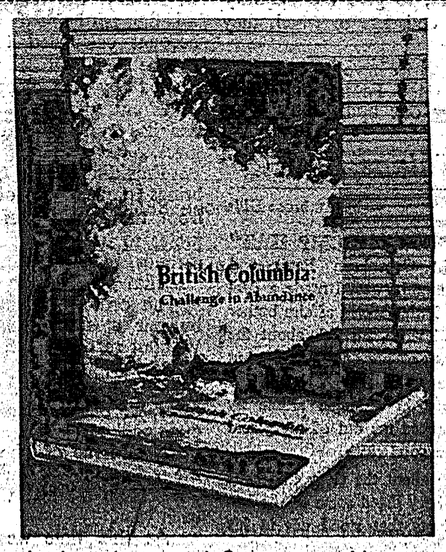

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EDITORIALS

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

Hazards of the Highway

NORMALLY hazardous at the best of times, the highways, during the coming festive season become increasingly dangerous, not only to drivers but to pedestrians and particularly to elderly people.

Hot-rodders, crazy drivers and drunks create problems the year 'round but this does not represent the prime total, for weather conditions, too, play a part, creating difficulties which put a burden upon the most careful and experienced drivers.

Where many pedestrians, both young and old, make a mistake is in taking for granted the fact that because they are caught in the blinding headlights of an auto, they are clearly visible to the driver.

Generally speaking, this is a reasonable assumption and under normal conditions, such would be the case. However, on a wet, dark night the centre white line becomes obliterated, the soft shoulders blend in with the wet road and unless a pedestrian happens to be wearing light clothing, chances of being seen are very remote.

Greatest danger to a pedestrian occurs when two vehicles approach each other in a rain storm and with dipped headlights. Visibility is down to a minimum and while concentrating on keeping to the highway, the possibilities of a driver spotting a person wearing dark clothes is a matter of extreme luck.

One of the problems is the fact that there are so many stretches of highway upon which those walking have no alternative but to walk on the road. On these occasions a wise precaution is the carrying of a lighted flashlight and at least partial if not complete light clothing. A white or flourescent arm band offers some protection.

These safety measures will only offer slight added protection and it should be borne in mind, in no way do they guarantee any certainty that accidents will not occur. Most important is the need to allow no margin for error, do not expect the motorist to take all the precautions and remember that however experienced a driver might be, night and winter conditions create so many problems that he cannot devote his time to simply keeping his eyes open for possible pedestrians.

Sensationalism or Facts

WIDE ACCLAIM with which The Times is accepted as it enters its fourth year of publication is extremely gratifying to publishers and staff, for the first few years of any business are naturally critical and balance the scales between failure and success.

It was following requests by some of the merchants on the Peninsula that The Times actually came into being, for it appeared, the need was felt for a newspaper capable of providing comprehensive coverage of Peninsula events.

Naturally, it is impossible to give news coverage to everything, but the superior circulation now enjoyed is ample indication we have succeeded, in no small measure, to give the majority of residents the coverage to which they are entitled.

We are pleased to have brought picture coverage to the Peninsula and in this respect offer our apologies to the organizations and groups inevitably left out. Quite obviously, it is impossible to attend every function, others of course fail for various reasons to notify us. However, providing we are notified and if possible, as many events as possible get fair coverage.

By news coverage and editorial columns, toes are invariably trodden upon but this too is inevitable, unless of course we elect to play the part of a fence-sitting apology for a newspaper.

When it is necessary to speak out, we speak; we do not hide behind subterfuge, snide remarks and pomposity. In covering council meetings, school board meetings and other meetings, not held in secrecy, the reading public is given all the pertinent facts, not a garbled account calculated to keep the editor in the good graces of public groups elected by the people. When public funds and affairs are involved each citizen has every right to know just what gives.

Providing this type of coverage brings pious cries of "sensationalism" from the fence sitters and those who prefer to have their actions kept under shrouds, but respect from the multitude.

That we have succeeded in establishing an orthodox publication is obvious by our steadily expanding circulation. Without readers we have no advertisers; conversely, the larger circulation the greater number of advertisers. In both cases, we merely comment "proof of the pudding," etc.

Next issue of The Times will be in the New Year for, as usual, we cease publication for one week at the end of each year.

At this time we pledge our continued efforts to producing bigger and better coverage to the best of our ability during the coming year. We thank readers for their wonderful support and sincerely wish one and all a very Happy Christmas and a pleasant new year.

Of Many Things . . .

—by Ambrose Hills

"PUNK WEARING AN RCMP HAT"

When I bought Greenhorn Farm and moved here a few months ago, I made a deal with myself to stop letting world affairs bother me, and to talk and write, instead, about the pleasures and miseries of life on the farm; but a couple of brief paragraphs in the Vancouver Sun, when combined in a single article by Keith Bradbury, shocked me out of my placid contemplation of the good earth.

In a vivid article about the Grey Cup riots in Vancouver, Bradbury listed some of the impressions and incidents that stood out in his mind after a night filled with almost unbelievable events.

Item: "A punk wearing an RCMP hat, and a paddy wagon with a smashed windshield." Item: "A cry of 'police brutality' from the crowd."

The punk had stolen an RCMP hat and was parading around with it defiantly. When he was being hauled to the paddy wagon, the crowd made its silly jibe of "police brutality." They were all on the side of the punk, or at least the vocal ones were.

This recent riot follows close on the heels of a Hallowe'en ruckus in North Vancouver and general Hallowe'en vandalism throughout the lower mainland of B.C. In each case, on open line broadcasts and elsewhere, the punks had a surprisingly large backing of supporters who thought it was all mere "animal good spirits"" and "a release of energy" and the like. They thought more community clubs, swimming pools, and other expensive entertainment should be provided to end these sad affairs.

This vandalism and disrespect for authority was bound to occur in a society which increasingly rewards the punks, bums and ne'er-do-wells while taxing the heart out of more solid citizens and jeering at them for their success.

If society continues to overlook the increasing violence and vandalism on Hallowe'en and almost every other festival or celebration, we will develop such a hard core of habitually criminal types that even our marvelous R.C.M.P. men will be unable to control them.

This malicious group of bums will then need only a single leader of the Stalin, Hitler or Mussolini type to take us straight into a society ruled from the top down by toughs and criminals. It will have some fancy slogans, and capitalize on some good causes, but its real goal will be total regimentation and an end to the freedoms we enjoy under the law.

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Egmont Eye

—by John Dunlop

WE CAN always dream—Christmas 1966 A.D. Let us take a brief look at some of accomplishments over the past 2,000 years.

We find ourselves in a rapidly changing world, a world in which science and technology have brought about changes that were inconceivable to the human mind a few short years ago. We have an immense capacity for great industrial output. We can fly in the air above us and can travel under the sea. We can cross oceans and continents in hours instead of the days and months required in former times. We can put men in space and reach out to far off celestial bodies with man-made vehicles and instruments. In communications we have the wonders of radio and television. We have made great strides in the field of medicine, and modern surgery performs daily cures that at one time would have been hailed as miracles. We have also developed methods whereby entire populations can be annihilated in a matter of minutes.

Yes, mankind has made unbelievable progress in many ways since the first Christmas almost 2,000 years ago, but the ability to live in peace and harmony with one another cannot be accounted as one of our achievements. Indeed, in this respect we appear to have regressed rather an progressed.

'Man's inhumanity to man' was never more prevalent than it is today. It permeates all phases of society, from individual to national levels. There was a time when ignorance could be the excuse, but not in today's more educated world. Colour fights colour, nations are insistant that their ideologists must be adopted by others, and those who have, at almost all levels, are loathe to share with those who have not. Many nations, and individuals, aided by technological advancement, have become powerful, and power brings greed and the lust for more power.

Is it too much to hope that a greater miracle than those who have already witnessed will come to pass. That man, with all the vast resources of scientific knowledge at his disposal, will eventually provide the catalyst of brotherly love and regard for the rights of others that will turn his efforts to peaceful pursuits and the betterment of all mankind.

When that day comes there will be meaning to the Christmas wish and we can then truly say, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

EGMONT EYEDROPS

Would you believe a citrus grove in Egmont? Well, how about a dwarf lemon tree that has produced an annual crop of six to eight perfect lemons for the past sixteen years. Sounds fantastic but it is a fact, as a visit to the Egmont home of Lela and Bill Griffith will prove.

Rooted from a cutting taken from a dwarf lemon tree that Lela's father has purchased from a Chicago nursery in 1916, this 3 to 4 foot tree situated in a sunny corner of the Griffith living room has five lemons hanging from its branches at the present time, one of them over six inches in length and measuring 16½ inches in circumference, believe it or not. The parent tree, still baring fruit after fifty years, is now the property of Lela's sister, Dr. Kay Beamish of Vancouver. And readers have laughed at our claim to being the banana (better change that to lemon) belt of the Peninsula.

Congratulations to Karen Vaughan, daughter of Ben and Dorothy Vaughan, on her double-barrelled victory in the recently held Sunshine Coast Recreation Commission's safety-poster contest. Not only did this nine year old Egmont Miss win first prize in the Pender Harbour area, she was also overall winner for the entire School District. Nice going, Karen, an excellent performance.

Still with the Vaughan family, we have a new Fuller-Brush (man) in Egmont, or to be more explicit—a Fullerette. Local representation for the organization has been taken over by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughan. Now to replace some of those worn out deck-brushes on our local boats, Dot.

Got a bit of a shock the other day when Lily came home with a clipping from a recent issue of a Vancouver daily, given to her by an unnamed joker from the Garden Bay district, and demanded to know if I was leading a double life. The news item, under the heading of 'Cheque Fraud Leads to Jail', was as follows: "John Dunlop, 39, of no fixed address, who admitted 29 convictions since 1951, was sentenced Wednesday to four years in prison for cashing $375 in worthless cheques. He pleaded guilty to five counts of false pretences." Honestly, Mort, it weren't me.

Santa Claus paid an early visit to our Egmont gals last week. Seems that Mrs. Katy Phillips found a winning ticket in a pack of cigarettes recently and the tobacco company's cash giveaway provided the wherewithal to, at least, purchase another carton of smokes. You gotta think big, Katy, and next time you may hit the jackpot.

And all this talk about cigarettes reminds me of the new club called Cigarettes Anonymous. When you feel you've got to smoke you call another member and he comes over and gets drunk with you.

Continuing the custom we started last year, Lily and I have donated our Christmas fund to the Crippled Children's Society where we feel that our small contribution will be used to greater advantage. To all our good friends on the Sunshine Coast and elsewhere may we say, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL.

Poet's Corner

THE DIAMOND RATTLER

—by Vee Lobb

Voluptuous creature
Sunwarmed to somnolence;
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Scourge of the Everglades State.

Unblinking deathstare eyes
Congeal the blood with fear.
His convolent six-foot length
Is sculptured steel-fluid strength.

The silken supple skin
Glittering in the sun,
Is geometric design
Of diamonds strung in line.

His tail's extremity
Of rattling bony rings
Sounds warning to all alike,
Preceding his lightning strike.

The hypodermic fangs
Inject a venom-death.
His glide is grace symphonic,
Deceptively laconic.

Captured alive by man, —
Writhing malevolence
Pinned down with a two-pronged stick,
By one thrust rapier-quick.

His venom, caught, is made
Into an antidote;
Strict, by medical dictums;
Serum for future victims.

His rattle and his skull
Make trifling souvenirs.
That beautiful skin, so svelte,
Is fashioned to shoe and belt.

Meat of the rattlesnake
Is valued as gourmet fare.
Studied, dead or otherwise,
He's herpetology's prize.

Fate gave him evil power
And undisputed strength;
Yet, by fate's ironic trick,
He's defeated, with a stick.

School trustees . . .

Discuss regional college at next education meeting

THIS SEEMS like putting the cart before the horse and will do more harm than good, commented trustee Peggy Volen referring to a questionnaire to be completed by grades 11 and 12 students in the district on whether they would attend the proposed regional college on the North Shore.

Mrs. Volen suggested that the parents should be asked but Trustee Wm. Malcolm said it is hard to get parents out to a meeting and many parents are in the dark. Mrs. Volen replied that so are the students.

Secretary-treasurer Peter Wilson commented that the questionnaire is being sent out centrally not from this district alone. He agreed there should be a meeting to discuss regional colleges first but the questionnaires are needed as soon as possible to support the request for a regional college on the North Shore. Regional colleges will be the topic for discussion at the February education meeting.

Sechelt School District is represented on the steering committee together with trustees from North Vancouver, West Vancouver and Howe Sound School Districts and is endeavoring to persuade Victoria that there is a need for a regional college on the North Shore.

Sechelt School Board felt that by participating in establishment of a regional college on the North Shore, students in this district would be assured of entrance to the college.

Regional colleges will offer many advanced courses to students either qualifying them for occupations requiring more education than present secondary schools offer, or provide courses equivalent to first two years' university.

Trustee Wm. Malcolm, a member of the steering committee, told the board that it is a good time to press for the college as the Okanagan one seems to have been rejected.

TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS

Temporary classrooms in use at Elphinstone and Gibsons Elementary Schools are requiring a lot of maintenance, two are leaking badly which led Mrs. Volen to suggest that the board investigate what it would cost for maintenance department to build the district's own portable classrooms. Rental of the ones presently in use is quite high and the board will have to budget for such units again next year due to Victoria witholding funds for classroom construction approved by taxpayers in referendum No. 8.

TRAFFIC AND DOGS

Principal of Gibsons Elementary School, George Cooper, told the board that lack of parking space in the vicinity of the school was creating a hazard as children were inclined to dart across school road from between cars parked alongside the road. Also some drivers were using the school entrance as a short cut to avoid the stop sign at the intersection of School Road and the highway.

Untagged dogs are also becoming a nuisance in the playground but as there is no dog pound there it is not much to be done about it. Mrs. Volen suggested that a letter be sent to the village council as dog packs were becoming pests.

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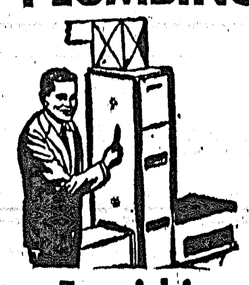
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Squaringly Yours

—by Maurice Hemstreet

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was square dancing, not even a mouse.
So into my pyjamas as quickly as could be,
For a good night's rest I had planned, you see.
When out of the night, there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to the window to see what was the matter.
Into the yard six cars had pulled up,
Square dancers jumped out dressed in night clothes from the night caps on their heads to the slippers on their toes,
I knew right away what was in store,
To the basement square room I went,
The PA system turned on,
A hoedown I had going,
When into the room they stormed,
Their sets they did form and square danced till early morn.
Then away they did go,
With a ho, ho, ho,
For their idiots badges they had earned.
As for me, I was tired and headed for bed,
To dream of St. Nicholas but he wouldn't enter hy head,
With all those square dance calls still buzzing around,
Idiots indeed, those badges well named,
Was my last thought as dreamland came.

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Sechelt Jr. Squares topped off the last square dance of the first half of the season with a Christmas party which was a real whopper of a success. A thank you goes out to Mrs. Terry Rodway and Mrs. Chuck Rodway for sending up cookies and cake. The kids and I were very proud to have Mr. and Mrs. John DeKleer as guest parents for the evening and it is hoped that more will turn out for the final square dance in late spring.

Last Saturday night members of Sechelt Promenaders joined Gibsons Squarenaders at Hopkins Hall for their Christmas square dance party and with over three sets present another terrific night in square dance activities has passed by.

Gibsons Squarenaders Club presented its caller, Harry Robertson, with a beautiful white square dance shirt which rendered him speechless. His taw, Deanna, received a beautiful potted plant in full bloom, which goes to prove that square dancing is not only fun, but the friends you meet and make are real without a doubt.

Well, with the finish of this half of the square dance season, and on behalf of my family Peg, Peter, Alan, Sandra, Ann, Tony and the Sechelt Promenaders we wish all square dancers wherever they may be a very Merry Christmas.

Wilson Creek

—by Mabel Wagman

THREE pre-Christmas visitors to Dorothy Erickson and other relatives here were Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jackson from Nanaimo and Mr. and Mrs. Reg Jackson from Vancouver. Mrs. Charlotte Jackson entertained the visitors for lunch, later a hot buffet supper was taken over to Dorothy Erickson, which was enjoyed by all.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The smell of Christmas goodies filled the air at the Davis Bay school last Wednesday where a hot dog sale was held. Popcorn, cakes and candy were also sold by the school children who enjoyed the excitement of the season.

Money was raised to establish educational facilities in less favored areas. Possibilities: Construction of teacher training facilities in an undeveloped country and mobile teaching units. That is "School on Wheels".

CUBS AND SCOUT NEWS

At the Tuesday meeting of Cubs, Constable George Humphreys of Sechelt gave a talk on safety. Some of the safety advice given were:

1. Use the crosswalks.
2. Do not hitch on to a moving vehicle with your bicycle.
3. Know your bicycle signals.
4. Do not run after a ball when it is going across the road.

Danny Rathbone from Wilson Creek has earned his Black Star.

IN HOSPITAL

A patient at the St. Mary's Hospital, Sechelt, is Mrs. Weaver from Wilson Creek. The best of recovery.

Sechelt Hydro branch annual festive event

SECHELT B.C. Hydro and Power Authority held its annual employee children's Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 10 at St. Hilda's Hall.

The party got off to a good start by having seven professional young entertainers from Vancouver perform for the group. They were under the direction and accompanied on the piano by Geneva Calangis, who is the sister of Helen Sinclair, Sechelt employee. The program, emceed, by Mr. F. H. Norminton, consisted of a variety of songs and dances performed by the three Webb Sisters, Pam and Kenny Burtnik, Dianne Szigety and Valerie Easton. The 45-minute program was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Two comedy films were shown after the variety show, followed by little Johnny Branca who played a couple of Christmas tunes on his accordion. Carol singing was lead by Eric Hensch who also sang "Joy to the World" as a solo.

The highlight of the afternoon for the children was the arrival of Santa Claus who presented them all with a gift, candy and oranges.

Little Jimmie Smith won the huge Panda that was given as a draw prize and Dick Branca, Bill Billingsley and Tora Maranas won the other three draw prizes. In attendance were 28 adults and 22 children. Refreshments were later served and another wonderful party came to an end.

Poor businessman . . .

Transferred valuable land relinquished for taxation

BISHOP George Hills is often recalled as the father of the Anglican Church in British Columbia—but as a far-seeing businessman, he made no claim to fame.

In 1867 an Anglican clergyman in New Westminster, Rev. John Sheepshanks transferred to Bishop Hills for the church "a good piece of land" on Burrard Inlet, because he felt a great city one day would rise there. In 1894 in England, where he was now Bishop of Norwich, Sheepshanks asked Bishop Hills what became of the land. The red-faced Bishop Hills blushingly admitted that the land was now indeed in the heart of a great city and had great value. But Bishop Hills years before, had let it go for taxes.

Bishop Hills was born at Egthorne, near Dover, in 1816. He was ordained in 1840 and was for 11 years vicar of Greater Yarmouth. He was consecrated Bishop of Columbia in 1859 and came to Victoria in 1860. He walked from Esquimalt to Victoria in knee-deep mud on his arrival and moved into a small wooden house. There was also a small wooden church awaiting, erected by the Hudson's Bay Company. Bishop Hills obtained help in England where the Baroness Burdett-Coutts had a quantity of corrugated iron shipped out to erect a new and larger structure which became known as the "iron church." He built a girls' school and then a beautiful cathedral, but it burned. He built another, the forerunner of the present beautiful Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria.

When he wasn't preaching to the Indians or living among them, he built other new churches in outlaying areas of Victoria.

There was one Anglican clergyman here when he arrived. There were 25 in his diocese when he departed in 1892 after 33 years in his office. Bishop Hills returned to England on his retirement and died there in 1895.

Bishop George Hills

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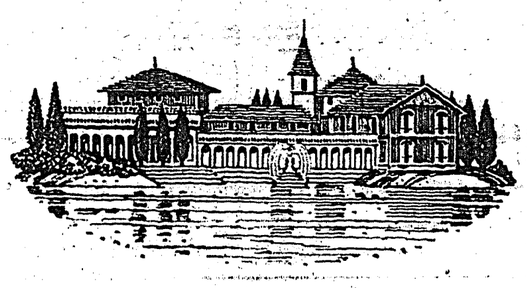

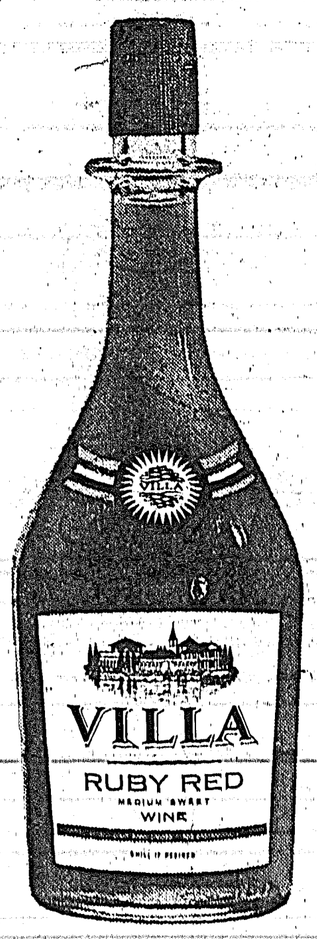

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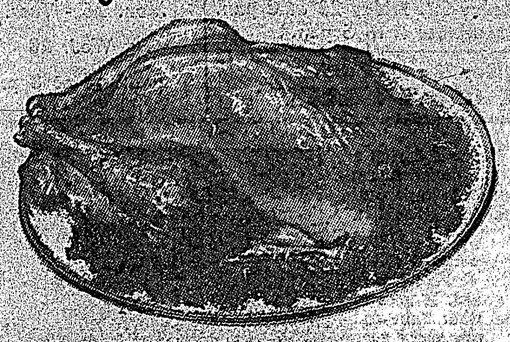
MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Fins and Tails

—By Tom Porter

LOOKING over the past year, many events took place in, around and dealing with the outdoors, so this week the first annual Fins and Tails' awards are to be made. The categories may not be orthodox but I hope you will find a reason for each one.

Most disastrous blunder of the year—I'm afraid the Hon. Ray Williston, minister of lands and forests walks off with this award for his mishandling of the Stellako Log Drive. Minister of Recreation and Conservation Ken Kiernan, lost out on a re-count for his Strathcona Park "sellout." Tough luck, Ken, but judging by past performances you should be right in the thick of things next year.

Most unexpected and pleasing event of the year—The tremendous run of coho and spring salmon on the Pacific coast and the Peninsula in particular. This was the best run in years and very few persons will deny that restrictions of herring seining in the Gulf was not a definite contributing factor.

Most wasteful and childish group of the year—The group of divers that held a convention, dive-in, or whatever you wish to call it, at the Jolly Rodger Inn. Hundreds of pounds of large Ling Cod were taken out of Secret Cove by these chaps and left on the wharf. The fish that were left could have and should have been given to anyone of the many missions in Vancouver or right here on the Peninsula for that matter.

Keenest fisherman of the year—This award will have to be shared this year between Kenny Nelson and Chuck Ayers. These two were the ones who hooked a 25-lb. spring in Porpoise Bay one evening last summer. Eight hours later at four in the morning they finally landed it. Runner-up in the balloting was Chuck Jones. He was out mooching in Bargain Harbour during a thunder, lightning, hail and snow storm this winter. I know because I was about 50 feet from him. (P.S. We hooked a spring too).

Most unsportsmanlike sportsman of the year—Much to my personal dislike, I have to make this a multiple award. It goes to all you so-called sportsmen who: Take and keep undersized grilse; go over your limits; leave dead or wounded game in the bush; refuse to give a fellow angler a break when he is playing a fish by getting out of his way; misuse rental boats and equipment; "forget" to drop a buck in the honor box when taking your herring; and all those who try to make the outdoors miserable for the rest of us. I hope that next year will find your number reduced in size.

Most sportsmanlike sportsman of the year—Again this is a multiple award but I am very pleased to say on the plus side. It goes to all you sportsmen who do not do the items mentioned in the previous award and who enjoy and respect the outdoors. To this majority of persons I offer my congratulations.

Best fishing tip of the year—This award goes to Harold Nelson who passed this tip along while he was accepting the Sechelt Rod & Gun fishing trophy. "The main thing is to have a line in the water."

Worst fishing tip of the year—This award goes to that "nice old gentleman" up at Secret Cove who told me that if I spat on my herring the dogfish would stay away. I took 13 that day—Thanks buddy.

Well, those are the awards for this year. I would like to take a few lines now to extend sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all readers of Fins and Tails.

Keep that line in the water, take it easy on the turkey and I'll see you next week.

If everyone took tranquilizers, who'd need them?

The new TV sets will offer ultrahigh frequency, especially in the payments.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brookman

Profile

—by Mary Tinkley

ON DECEMBER 23, Mrs. Louisa Brookman of Davis Bay will celebrate her 82nd birthday. Born in Dublin, she moved to Liverpool with her family at an early age.

Mr. Charles Brookman, also 82 years old, was born in Liverpool and emigrated to Canada in 1903. He farmed for a time in Ontario and by 1907 he was prospecting for gold in the Yukon. While living in a tent in Whitehorse, he had the poet Robert Service for his next door neighbor. On one occasion, he took to his heals carrying a piece of moosemeat and with Indian arrows speeding after him. The episode arose because of the Indians' impression that their meat was being stolen.

Charlie explains that he had taken an old chief and his squaw down the Yukon River to their encampment at Little Salmon and in return had been promised some meat. The young chief who handed over the meat apparently did not understand the terms of the contract and wanted to charge a dollar a pound for it. However, Mr. Brookman survived to join the merchant navy and to sail twice around the world in a full-masted barque, The Crown of India.

He recalls that they sailed for 99 days on one trip without sighting another ship. Once, after experiencing heavy seas rounding Cape Horn, saltwater got into some of their fresh water and each man's ration was cut from the usual two quarts a day to one quart. This ration had to serve for drinking, cooking and washing.

By 1915, Mr. Brookman was in Belgium serving with the Canadian Army. After being wounded, he was transferred to the Canadian 2nd Division Concert Party, where he worked under such accomplished actors as Seymour Hicks and Leslie Henson. With this unit, he entertained the troops in London, Paris, San Francisco and New York.

While on leave in England, he married his old friend and neighbor and returned to Canada with his bride in 1918. The next 15 years he spent working as car inspector for the CNR and as a school janitor. In Burnaby, the Brookman's had for neighbors Laurence and Alice Davis who owned the property extending from Mission Point to the Selma Hotel, and it was because of this contact that they started coming to Davis Bay in 1920.

The Second World War took from them their only child, Stanley, a fine, promising young man. Serving with the Royal Canadian Navy, he went down with his ship, the St. Croix, during the battle of the Atlantic. Mr. and Mrs. Brookman both have been active members of the Legion for many years. Charles Brookman is one of the two surviving charter members of Branch 83 (Burnaby) and Mrs. Brookman was president of the Burnaby Branch LA for four years. Since a car accident a few years ago, her sight is affected and she is not able to get around very well.

Mr. Brookman is an ardent fisherman and spends much of his time during the summer months fishing from the Davis Bay wharf. He landed eight nice salmon last summer, including a 12-pounder. He is in great demand at Legion and OAPO socials for his fine recitations. His clear diction, his expressive voice and easy gestures still bear witness to his association with some of the theatre's great masters.

Wouldn't it be nice if every struggle for world supremacy could be settled by winning four ball games out of seven?

Around Gibsons

ST. MARY'S Roman Catholic Sunday School Christmas party held on December 17th in Gibsons Elementary School Activity Room was convened by CCD and CWL this year.

Each Sunday School class presented a program of entertainment in the form of a play or carol singing. Individual performers were Ray, Valerie, Patricia, Lorraine and Teresa Johnson who played a combination of piano solos, duets and even a trio. These young pianists are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson. Sharon Fromager also played a piano solo and Teresa Labonte played an accordion solo.

Mrs. J. C. Gilker was accompanist for the carol singing.

Gibsons Fire Protection District has finally received letters patent signed by the Lieutenant Governor. It is believed that MLA Isabel Dawson was instrumental in expediting official procedure after the matter had been brought to her attention.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGivern on the birth of a son, a brother for Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Andrews are happy over the arrival of their daughter, a sister for David and James.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Bertin L. Broughton has been in hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benner
Orv and Eve Moscrip
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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Youngson
Billie Steele and Julie
Eric and Bonnie Paetkou and family
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bligh
Walter and Irene Burtnik
Cliff and Peggy Connor and Mary
Alan and Rosa Swan and family
Phil and Elsie Nicholson and Heather
Sonny and Audrey Benner and boys
Bill and Wilma Thompson and family
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Mr. and Mrs. C. Salahub
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Vern and Ann Richter
Gordon and Maureen Hall and girls
Bill and Margaret De Hart and family
Mr. and Mrs. Syd Patrick, Sandspit
Sam and Ada Dawe
Leo and Elsie Johnson and family
Dick and Vona Clayton and family
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THE BRASS BOTTLE
Tony Randall, Burl Ives, Barbara Eden
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Cartoon John Wayne, Kirk Douglas **Out 10:40 p.m.**