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Visitors to Sechelt

PROMINENT Rebekah Lodge members who attended the important social occasion held in Sechelt recently included (front row, from left) Dist. Deputy President Eileen Smith, Sechelt; President of Rebekah Assembly Gertrude Holland, Vancouver; Noble Grand Gladys Brown (Sunshine Lodge) Madeira Park; Past Assembly Treasurer Bernice Hopkins, Powell River. Back row: Dist. Deputy Pres. Christine Ritchey, Gibsons; Dist. Deputy President Alice Beecham, Powell River; Past President Rebekah Assembly Evelyn Shaw, Vancouver and Inside Guardian Rebekah Assembly Hilda Schad, Powell River.

Active member . . .

Pender Harbour Trustee proving asset to area

TRANSPORTATION chairman Mr. W. P. Malcolm, at the last regular school board meeting, recommended that signs be posted on the wharf at Pender Harbour, reserving a space for the school ferry. He also observed that while the children wore life jackets there was a second set on the ferry.

Mrs. Leslie Jackson stated that some years ago the jackets supplied by the department of transport were too cumbersome for children to wear, which probably accounted for the second set. Peter Wilson agreed to contact the DOT regarding life jacket regulations, in the meantime the board ruled that life jackets should be worn at all times.

Mr. Porter was contacting the authorities responsible, regarding the condition of the road at the head of Whiskey Slough, which Mr. Malcolm said was almost impassable.

A parking space for the school bus was necessary on the Madeira Park School ground, said Mr. Malcolm. The bus now parks in the narrow lane while picking up and unloading children, which was not satisfactory.

Building chairman, Mrs. Celia Fisher, reported that plans had been drawn by H. J. White, for the new three-phase wiring for the whole of Pender Harbour Secondary, which would also remedy the deplorable existing system which had outlets in close proximity to water taps.

Although not committing themselves in any way, the board gave permission for Mr. Porter, school maintenance supervisor, to conduct a tentative discussion with the builders of the new apartment block who were requesting permission to use the existing sewage line. The 8" line was only adequate for present use but it was possible that an agreement may be reached.

Mr. Peter Wilson announced that Miss Doris Ward from Ganges had now replaced Mrs. Corley, who recently resigned from the school board office. Miss Ward was chosen from 25 applicants. Six applications had been received already for the assistant secretary position. More were expected and eventually a short list would be chosen; these applicants would be interviewed jointly by the chairman of the school board and the secretary.

School Superintendent Gordon Johnson stated that late registrations for kindergarten would not be accepted in future when the families of the children concerned were in the area at the official registration time. This also applied to families who moved into the area, but had failed to register their children in their previous place of residence. Newcomers to the

—see page 6.

Educator knocks drab classrooms

MONEY spent on creating an attractive, interesting teaching environment, is money well spent, observed Superintendent Gordon Johnson, addressing the school board at last week's meeting.

The ability of the teacher comes first and good teaching can be accomplished under poor working conditions, but reliable studies have proved that the teaching environment is important and has more effect than most of us realize. "In my own experience," said Johnson, "good teaching, neatness and orderliness, usually go together."

Most classrooms, in our district, are clean, neat and attractive with teachers making a good effort to create a pleasant learning environment. There are a few exceptions with classes conducted in a drab, uninteresting atmosphere, where children spend five or six hours a day, five days a week.

Mounties members guests at dinner

NOTABLE baseball personalities will be attending a dinner at Gibsons Saturday, Feb. 20 to speak to Peninsula Little League Baseball teams, their fathers, and members of the Sunshine Coast Lions Club, sponsors of the Little League teams.

Among guests arriving from Vancouver will be; Lew Martin, general manager of the Vancouver Mounties; Charlie White, ex-catcher for the Mounties; Ben Ford, scout for the Baltimore Oriols; Roy Sheward, director of Mounties, and Willie Sherwood Jr., Shaughnessy Little League.

The visitors will give talks on baseball, and a Peninsula Trophy, set up by Ray Sheward, will be presented to Sechelt, last season's winners of the Babe Ruth League on the Sunshine Coast.

Officer of Court appointed locally

MAGISTRATE Andrew Johnston of Sechelt announces this week he has appointed Mr. Earl Dawe to the position of Officer of Court.

This enables Mr. Dawe to take care of small debts court and also to serve a summons issued by the Magistrate. He will work from his office at Wilson Creek.

Magistrate Johnston has been working under considerable pressure for some months due to demands upon his services in the Vancouver courts. The appointment of Mr. Dawe will to some extent relieve the pressure.

30 days jail . . .

Convicted of assault following drink bout

DESCRIBED as a logger, Cecil Bernard Nickerson of West Sechelt appeared before Magistrate Andrew Johnston Saturday, Februaray 13 on a charge of assault. Charge arose following a drinking bout during which Nickerson slapped his wife.

For the prosecution, Corporal Nelson of the RCMP told the Magistrate he had received a call Feb. 10 from a resident complaining of a disturbance in the Nickerson home.

As the accused had left the home during the phone call, the police advised the neighbour check with Mrs. Nickerson who subsequently lodged a complaint with the police.

For his defence, Nickerson claimed he had been struck himself but his wife told the court he had hit her on other occasions after he had been drinking.

The family had been on social assistance on and off for a period of about six years. This the court was told, was due to the inability of the accused to keep a job. Cpl. Nelson said, "It appears any money he earns goes on drink until he is broke. He has also been known to borrow money for drink, whether he repays it or not, I do not know."

Mrs. Nickerson, who has four youngsters at home, was stated by the Corporal to be doing a good job of bringing them up under the circumstances. She told the court her husband received the social assistance cheque from which he took out money for drink. She had to pay family bills and feed her children on what remained.

In finding him guilty, the magistrate told Nickerson, it would be ridiculous to fine you, at the same time you deserve punishment. Asked if he had anything to say, he replied "no".

He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and put on the interdict list for an indefinite period.

NOISY MUFFLER

John Alexander Thompson of Sechelt received a dressing down when found guilty of operating a motor vehicle which was excessively noisy. He contested the charge claiming a number of garages had told him there was little more he could do to silence the car.

Magistrate Johnston after listening attentively to Thompson's arguments, said "I won't listen to any more—at first I thought you felt you were being victimized by the police. Now it is obvious they have done their best to co-operate with you.

"It is time you tried co-operating yourself. The public has a right to be protected from you and other hot-rodders who drive around making excessive noise. Fellows like you should go down to Indianapolis where your cars might be appreciated."

Thompson was fined $20, and given two weeks to pay.

Grand prize drawn . . .

Lucky winner announced of series five contest

MANY hundreds of entries were received from readers during the course of The Times Know Your Advertisers Contest and in most cases the correct solutions were submitted.

In order to select winners, it was therefore necessary to take into consideration such factors as neatness, originality and number of entries enclosed.

An occasional typographical error such as in contest number four in which the letter S was missing from one of the anagrams, was evidently quite obvious, for a hundred or so correct answers came pouring in. We did however receive a call from one Gibsons person who appeared considerably disturbed over the error, to the extent she dropped the hint she would write letters to both papers. However, in the event of any such error, all entries were considered as eligible and judged on merit.

SERIES 5 WINNERS

All entries received were eligible for the Grand Prize, a beautiful automatic clothes dryer. Entry forms were all emptied into the dryer in Parkers Hardware Store, shaken up and winning entry drawn by the Rev. James Fergusson. Lucky winner was Mrs. W. J. Henderson of Boulevard Lane, Sechelt. Other winners were:

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Solution: Halfmoon Bay Shell Service; Standard Motors of Sechelt Ltd.; Howe Sound 5-10-15c Store; Kruse Drug Stores Ltd.

Many dignitaries . . .

Centennial Directors meeting with council

SPECIAL meeting of council last week at Sechelt made arrangements for the arrival in the district of a number of centennial directors and others, who are slated to meet with council and centennial committees, prior to a public meeting, Monday, February 22.

Directors include Mrs. E. C. Wood, better known as Mayor Beth Wood of New Westminster; Mr. W. E. Ireland, Provincial Librarian; Mr. E. F. Cox; Mr. G. C. Hacker; and Mr. F. E. Hughes.

General Chairman of the Canadian Federation Centennial Committee of B.C., will be present, accompanied by Mr. T. F. Orr, vice chairman and possibly the Hon. W. D. Black. Others will include Mr. G. Root, public relations; Mr. C. J. Cox, secretary and Mr. R. H. Gillespie, former assistant to Mr. Wallace.

A meeting in camera will be held in the afternoon at 3:30 p.m. between the group, centennial chairmen and council. Later on the visitors will be entertained by council with a dinner at Ole's Cove. Local guests to include councillors and wives, the chairman and his wife of the Gibsons municipal council; Chief Alfred August and his wife and members of the press.

The public meeting will be held in St. Hilda's church hall at 8 p.m., followed with light refreshments.

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Tender forms and specifications may be obtained after Monday, February 15, 1965, at the office of the Purchasing Department, 6th Floor, 970 Burrard Street, Vancouver 1, B.C. Telephone MU 3-8711, Local 2579.

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Pender social notes

RATEPAYERS—Remember to attend the next school board meeting which will be held in the Madeira Park School. As reported after the Sechelt meeting, if attendance is not sufficient to indicate interest in school board affairs, future meetings will revert to the school board offices in Gibsons. The board decided to hold meetings in the different areas for the convenience of ratepayers who wished to attend. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 22, in the elementary school.

FIREMEN MEET

General meeting of the Pender Harbour Fire Brigade will be hld in the Community Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. The public is urged to attend.

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(Signed)
SOUTH PENDER HARBOUR WATERWORKS DISTRICT
per E. Stuart Johnston
Trustee and Secretary
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Another step forward

FOUR NEW guides recently enrolled into the 1st Sechelt Co. are pictured here in the front row, (from left) Janice Jaeger, Wendy Bystedt, Cathy Scott, and Elfrieda Muldowan. Attending color party, Penny Caldwell, Dianne Ono, Rita Ono, Sharon Lawson, Linda Hansen and Jackie Chambers.

Smile of achievement

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Reader's Right

Letters to the Editor

Goal in sight

Editor, The Times:

Sir—On behalf of the recent Mothers' March Appeal I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your generous support in publicizing the campaign.

Returns being tabulated at this time are very encouraging, and we hope to reach the provincial goal of $275,000.

Once again, thanks for your very valuable assistance from all of us here at the foundation, and the many disabled we can now help through our extensive program of services in 1965.

—DAVID M. CARTER,
President.

Vote of thanks

Editor, The Times:

Sir—On behalf of Vancouver-Coast Region, Boy Scouts of Canada, I take pleasure in putting in writing the hearty vote of thanks accorded to you at our Annual Dinner Meeting on February 1, 1965, for your very fine support throughout the past year.

Every section, group and council of the Boy Scouts of Canada fully realizes the value of good publicity and public relations. The kind consideration with which you accepted the many press releases from local groups, district public relations officers and our regional public relations committee has been very much appreciated.

We sincerely trust that we may continue to receive your support in our work of assisting boys to become good citizens. Thank you again for your continued interest and support.

—Seiriol Ll. Williams,
—Seiriol Ll. Willams, M.D.,
Regional President.

Marching mothers

Editor, The Times:

Sir—Through the medium of your paper the Kinsmen Club of Sechelt would like to thank all the "mothers" who helped to make the Mother's March such a success. It is only with the time and effort given by these women that makes the Mother's March possible.

We would also like to thank the many people who contributed to this worthy cause and helped us realize a total of $575.55 that is to be sent to the Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation Foundation of B.C.

—GLENN PHILLIPS,
President, Kinsmen
Club of Sechelt.

THE OLD AND NEW

Last year Canadian junked 230,000 old cars and bought more, than 557,000 new ones. The old cars are a large source of core parts used by rebuilders, and replacement parts used in body repair shops.

In The Legislature

—by Tony Gargrave, M.L.A.

BRITISH Columbia is growing at a fantastic rate. The announcement of new industrial expansion at Powell River is part of the picture. Obviously the provincial government expects this growth to continue. Last year our provincial population grew by 50,000 people. California faces a growth of 600,000 a year. The whole Pacific Northwest is expanding economically.

The 1965-66 provincial budget at $447 million is the largest ever for British Columbia. However, a growing society cannot be projected merely by developing larger budgets without giving detailed and thoughtful consideration to two important aspects of any particular budget.

First, where do we get the money? Secondly, where does this tax revenue go, for as these funds are directed so we will determine the course of our society. Either we move to a materialistic blacktop jungle or toward a society wherein the keynote will be human development.

Increased public spending in the fields of health, education and recreation will ensure better health for all, and will ensure proper facilities to educate our students and train or retrain our present work force. Expenditures of this kind will assure us that recreational needs, in their best sense, will be available to fill the leisure hours that are developing in the automatic age.

A study of the source of the $447 million shows some startling facts. Of this sum we will collect from the per cent sales tax alone $122 million, but only $86 million in direct tax returns from natural resources such as land sales, timber, minerals and natural gas. The direct consumer taxes on fuel, gasoline and liquor raise equally large amounts of revenue.

Certainly something must be out of balance when our natural resources produce such a small proportion of our income at a time when the profits contained in the annual financial reports of the forest, mineral and pipeline industries have hit all-time records.

The 1965-66 budget may be large but policies adopted in planning for both revenue income & expenditure are not in balance with the possible income and needed expenditures of this province.

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Feb. 22—8 p.m. Selma Park Club Room. General meeting of Cnd. Legion Branch 140.

March 6—6:30 p.m. Sechelt and District Boy Scouts Assn., 1st annual dinner, Legion Hall, Sechelt.

March 10—Annual meeting Roberts Creek community association.

March 11—8 p.m. Elphinstone High School, panel discussion, Effects of Curriculum Change on Community Life. Public welcome.

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The Sechelt Peninsula Times

EDITORIALS

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

Wednesday, February 17, 1965

Dog Problem Solved

DRASTIC action by the Indians appears to have effectively eliminated the dog problem within the Indian Village, and to no small extent, has removed a number of stray useless canines from the streets of Sechelt.

Whether the end result justified the means is, of course, a matter of opinion. Certainly the mass slaughter of all dogs running at large would not seem a particular happy situation. At the same time councils of both Gibsons and Sechelt have been plagued with the same problem for years, and have yet to come up with a really satisfactory solution.

Hardly a week passes without complaints to councillors from enraged residents regarding dogs. Elderly folk struck down, youngsters hit from bicycles, garbage cans rolled over, gardens ruined, streets fouled, the list is endless.

Naturally many dog lovers are appalled at the way the Indians disposed of their problem, simple and decisive though it might be, nevertheless, it should be borne in mind, the onus lay with the owners.

Announcement by the Indians that a war on dogs was to be carried out, was reported in The Times some weeks ago. Very few genuine dog lovers let their pets roam the streets at random, which does not necessarily mean they have to be continually tied up. It would therefore follow, most of the animals shot were either unwanted or strays, in which case most animal lovers would prefer to see them destroyed rather than have to fend for themselves, probably starving in the process.

The sad fact is that the majority of these discarded dogs were acquired as puppies to satisfy the whim of children who quickly tire of their latest plaything and throw it out with the rest of their discarded toys. They consequently join the multitude of mutts already a nuisance in the community. Complaints increase and join the received and filed section, until action of some sort becomes imperative. Unfortunately any action taken by our councils has so far proved of little avail.

It would therefor appear, it has taken our Indian neighbours to point the way. Drastic but effective and certainly no worse than some of the carnage and mutilation carried out among deer during the hunting season.

Support A Vital Service

FINANCIAL problems, which from time to time assail almost all organizations, have recently proved a source of concern to our fire department. Considering this is undoubtedly one of our most esential services, the fact that firemen have to canvas for funds in order that the service continues to exist, is indeed a reflection on society.

That the firemen give freely of their time at all hours of the day and night when called, often under extremely adverse conditions, would appear to be more than sufficient to ask of them. Unfortunately, such is not the case for they have to actually seek ways and means of raising capital in order to maintain the facility, without which the district could be in sorry straits.

To give due credit, the Corporation of the Village of Sechelt has now agreed to grant a further $500 to the previous $2,000. Added to this is a donation of $400 from Selma Park, $250 from the Indian Village and $1,150 individual donations. The total will just about take care of the 1965 budget, but allows nothing for the depreciation which is estimated at $2,000.

Suggestion by one of our councillors that the firemen should be responsible for obtaining financial support from the outside areas, was not a particularly brilliant one. These men give far more than the average citizen toward the well-being of the community. About ninety percent of fire calls are from outside, and to suggest they embark on a campaign of canvassing for dimes and even pennies, as they have done in the past, is asking a little too much.

The least to be expected is for responsible bodies in the outside areas to raise funds toward financing the service. It should not be left to the firemen.

One of the unfortunate aspect of the whole situation is that many home owners fail to see why they should donate. Others feel because they only rent, the fire service does not concern them. The fact that personal belonging and life are worth saving, evidently escapes the imagination.

Fire strikes without warning or favour.

About a Newspaper

WE ARE not magicians.

That may not be an earth-shaking statement. You probably didn't think we were anyway.

But we get that feeling sometimes when something happens, such as an important anniversary for someone or some organization; or an interesting or humorous little incident occurs in a section of the community; or when someone —particularly one of our young people—achieves something of note either here or abroad; or when someone catches a big fish or grows a big tomato . . . and weeks later, we learn about it. Trouble is when we do learn about it, we are usually greeted with phrase "Oh . . . I thought you'd know all about it."

That's where we think people sometimes think we are magicians.

It is no help to us, and little comfort to you, if you stop one of us on the street and say "I thought you might have had something in the paper about our installation last month", or "How come you didn't have a picture of that big fish Joe Doakes got couple of weeks ago?" or "Pretty nice about Bill Blow's kid . . . guess you don't like him or you'd have had the story about his promotion in the paper."

We probably would have had it . . . had we been told at the time. It is our job to report these things; whether we like somebody or not is a human frailty we like to keep as deeply submerged as possible. While this newspaper is made up of individuals, it strives to operate in a non-individual manner. We may disagree with you or anyone on one subject, but if we find common ground to co-operate on another, believe us, we are ready to do so.

Individual likes and dislikes have no place in the paper we strive to produce each week.

We do have regular news sources: council meetings, police reports, civic organization meetings, fire and accident reports, and so on. Harassed by chronic shortage of staff and the fact that there are still only 24 hours in a day, our job is made much easier by a regular liaison with such news sources which keep things coming on a routine basis.

But as for the untoward incidents, the out-of-the-way happenings, whether they be humorous, serious, or just plain interesting, we are crippled. Even with a hundred reporters on the staff, we wouldn't know where to look.

Over the past few years we have noticed—and appreciated—an increasing awareness of this fact among our readers. More and more people drop in to tell us of something newsworthy, or to ask us to help, or phone when it's a "hot" and timely item, or loan us their pictures. This growing interest in your paper is encouraging.

For it IS your paper. This perhaps could be classed as a trite saying, a cliche. Nevertheless it sums up the situation. No newspaper staff, no matter how large or how eager or how dedicated it was, could possibly cover ALL the happenings in a community such as this. That's where you come in. This is YOUR paper. It only reflects what is happening to YOU.

Not everything you tell us can earn its way into print, the cost of white space being what it is these days. But we would appreciate the opportunity of adjudication. Every reader is a part of this paper. What you know may be of interest to others; what others know may be of interest to you.

We have a large number of faithful watchdogs around town, and we are eternally grateful to them for recognizing that we are only human, and we need a lot of help. And also for recognizing that, in helping us do our job completely and fully, they are helping themselves by helping their own community.

We are not magicians. Because of that, we need all the assistance we can get. We'll be happy to hear from you at any any time. We may not always be able to agree that what you have is real news, but let's give it a whirl anyway!

Coincidences

(Newsweek)

A LIST of curious coincidences on the assassinations of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John Fitzgerald Kennedy:

Both Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy were concerned with the issue of civil rights.

Lincoln was elected in 1860, Kennedy in 1960.

Both Presidents were assassinated on a Friday and both in the presence of their wives.

Both Presidents were shot from behind and in the head.

Their successors, both named Johnson, were Southern Democrats, and both were in the Senate.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1808 and Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald were Southerners favoring unpopular ideas.

Booth and Oswald were both assassinated before it was possible for either of them to be brought to trial.

Both Presidents' wives lost children through death while living in the White House.

Lincoln's secretary, whose name was Kennedy, advised him not to go to the theatre.

Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to make the trip to Dallas.

John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre box and afterwards ran to a warehouse.

Oswald presumably shot Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.

The last names of both Presidents, Lincoln and Kennedy, each contain seven letters.

The names of both Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each contain thirteen letters.

The names of both John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald each contain fifteen letters.

Power of Advertising

(Vernon News)

ADVERTISING, the prime symbol of capitalism, is now crossing the Iron Curtain frontiers.

The nations of the Soviet bloc are steadily turning to North American advertising and marketing methods which they once flatly rejected. In Yugoslavia, the opening of an advertising school is planned for next year in the city of Zagreb. One of the country's top ad men is at present studying Madison Ave. practices. After his ten-month visit to the U.S. under a Ford Foundation grant, he will teach at the advertising school.

While most East European countries are still reluctant to publish their ad revenues, Czechoslovakia isn't. Its advertising volume is estimated at about $18 million.

As in many Western European countries, movies are a preferred medium. The 4,000 movie fans who go to the country's 600 theatres during the week see 35 mm films of various lengths.

Government-controlled, the Czech TV accepts only commercials with a one-minute maximum costing about $240. The country claims to have 1,600,000 TV sets in a population of a little over 14,000,000.

Radio commercials (for $285 a minute) can only be placed during a ten-minute period during the morning and afternoon.

Business and trade journals (about 55) offer space at the rate of $130 to $210 per page.

If you want to sell your farm machinery in Kiev or Leningrad, you can now place an ad in one of the Soviet Union's "150 top trade publications for the average price of $222 a page," as an advertising brochure distributed to German, French and British businessmen points out.

Silent Sounds

—by Vee Lobb

stark silent loneliness in the
teeming city,
ominous stillness before the
crash of thunder,
mute shattering grief of
bereavement,
and the sharp voice of
conscience.
the schizophrenia of a shadow
world,
man-woman love, like vibrant
singing strings,
the stirring life of growing
things in the earth's womb,
the feel of unseen eyes, unblinking serpent eyes, the
screaming of the nerves, and
rolling sweat.
atavistic self-preservatoin,
and fear of the unknown.

Mrs. Mary Blaize

—Oliver Goldsmith

Good people all, with one
accord,
Lament for Madam Blaize,
Who never wanted a good
word—
From those who spoke her
praise.

The needy seldom pass'd her
door,
And always found her kind;
She freely lent to all the
poor—
Who left a pledge behind.

She strove the neighborhood to
please
With manners wondrous winning;
And never followed wicked
ways—
Unless when she was sinning.

At church, in silks and satins
new
With hoop of monstrous size,
She never slumbered in her
pew—
But when she shut her eyes.

Her love was sought, I do aver,
By twenty beaux and more;
The King himself has followed
her—
When she has walk'd before.

But now, her wealth and finery
fled,
Her hangers-on cut short all;
The doctors found, when she
was dead,—
Her last disorder mortal.

Let us lament, in sorrow sore,
For Kent Street well may say,
That had she lived a twelve-
month more,—
She had not died today.

A Memory

—by L. A. G. Strong

When I was as high as that
I saw a poet in his hat.
I think the poet must have
smiled
At such a solemn gazing child.

Now wasn't it a funny thing
To get a sight of J. M. Synge,
And notices nothing but his
hat?
Yet life is often queer like that.

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Lucky winner

NO MORE washday blues for Mrs. W. J. Henderson of Sechelt who won the grand prize of an automatic clothes dryer in the Know Your Advertisers Contest. Pictured here receiving congratulations from the editor and Mr. J. Parker (on right) of Parkers Hardware.

Roberts Creek News

—by Florence McSananey

USUAL monthly meetings of various organizations are back on schedule again after being disrupted by weather and bad roads last month.

The Roberts Creek Hospital Auxiliary held its regular meeting on Monday evening, February 8 in the hall at Haig Camp. A meeting was arranged for Monday, March 8 at two o'clock. Representatives from other auxiliaries have been asked to attend. The object of this meeting is to form a co-ordinating committee which will help to keep everyone informed of the work being carried on and so avoid any duplicating of objectives.

Regular monthly meeting of the Community Association was held in the hall on Wednesday evening, February 10.

Plans were discussed for the recreation convention, which is to be held here on February 20. Representatives from Pender Harbour to Port Mellon will attend this one day convention, which will have as guests, officials from Victoria as well as our regional director, Mrs. T. Reubens from Abbotsford. Also attending will be our new recreation director, Mr. Lawrence. The ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary have agreed to serve lunch for the delegates on this occasion.

Annual meeting of the Commnity Association has been set for Wednesday, March 10.

Some members of the night school art class had the priviledge recently of being asked to a preview of Mrs. D. B. Wells most recent paintings. This group will be on exhibit in Vancouver at the B.C. Galleries from February 14 to 28. Among them are a few seascapes, which have been done from various spots along the Roberts Creek beach but the greater part of the collection is of floral subjects, which Mrs. Wells does so superbly.

The other evening Lulu became so choked up while witnessing a sad movie that she could hardly eat her popcorn.

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His and Hers

by J. and D. Browning

IN THE 1960's, 18-year-olds drive red convertibles, in the 1900's they took up homesteads, on the prairies. They bet the government $10 against 160 acres that they would not starve to death in three years. And it is probable that they made the grubstake for their winter residence by driving horses or mules on farms or railroad construction.

The writer's first experience with that noble animal was when he accepted a position for Foley, Welsh & Stewart, railroad building contractors, as a teamster helping to build the Grand Trunk railway west of Edmonton—at Wolf Creek. A slight difference in salary between teamsters ($35 per month and board) an pick and shovel men ($30 per month and board) prompted a preference for the former job—always the little money grabber.

However, the represntative of Foley, Welsh & Stewart were tough and unfeeling men, so it took them less than half a day to decide that the Grand Trunk (now a part of the CNR) could be built just as fast without my help. So down the tope-road went I, muttering to myself, and engaged at another camp with a pick and shovel.

I was at this time what is technically known as a "green Englishman," that low form of life, superior only in intelligence to the oozey Amoeba. At least that is what I used to be told, on every possible occasion, or words to that effect. I sometimes wondered how we Limeys could have made such an impression on the world as regards foreign development, trade and war—the Scotch, Irish and Welsh could not have done it all themselves not being enough of them—but developed an inferiority complex and tried to say chance instead of chaaance. But it didn't sound right. Fortunately most of the workers in the railroad camps were newly-arrived Galicians, whose command of the English language was not such as to recognize our linguistic and racial peculiarities.

The mule, to the driving of which, I was promoted the following year at Mile 11, B.C. is a highly sagacious animal. We had to drive them round and round 10 hours per day, hauling dump trucks up the incline, to be loaded by the steam shovel —not a very though provoking job. Half way round, a track led to the stables. At five minutes to 12 and ditto 6 p.m. nothing, but nothing could get them past that track. One pair of mules would stay braying and the rest would bray and quit. Somehow they knew the whistle would blow before they had time to complete another round.

Another job was skidding 40-foot culvert timbers down the side of a mountain and across the Fraser River (two feet deep and about 90 feet wide). Everytime I let go the lines to swamp a stump or chain the logs, those pesky mules would take off down the mountain, across the river and up to the stables, culvert timber and all, thus exposing me to withering looks and snide remarks by the barn boss. However one soon got the idea of hanging onto the lines at all times and in all places.

The funniest thing I ever saw was on a farm near Sedgwick, Alberta. I was watering two horses out of a barrel, and let them both drink at once. They drank to the bottom and lifted their heads together, got them stuck in the barrel, and took off across the prairie with their heads still stuck in the barrel. Laff—I like to have died—but the boss, like Queen Victoria, was not amused.

And then on the homestead, it was oxen, but we will leave that for the present. It was oxen that taught me to use really naughty swear words.

P.S. We young homesteaders did not have red convertibles, but we did help to open up the west and build railroads.

But enough of Alberta and its poplar trees, let us sing of the Douglas fir.

The Ballad of Fergie the Fir Tree

Fergie the fir tree stood proud and alone
On the higher slopes of Elphinstone,
He'd weathered the blasts and the snow and the rain,
And gazed out to sea at the bounding main.
Loggers had come and loggers had gone
While history rolled inexorably on,
But no one had touched this mighty fir
Till a faller said, "What about this one, sir."
Then down with a crash came the king of trees,
The faller cried "timber" and the bucker said "Jeaz,"
The whistle punk whistled, the high rigger swore,
"We'll never see one like that no more."
But a storm arose and the tug boat's crew
Said "skipper, we're sure in a proper stew."
And the deckhand said to the engineer's mate,
"Four aces and joker, it beats a straight."
The boom broke up and the logs went away
And Fergie he floated for many a day,
Till he went high and dry on a rocky strand,
Not very far from grandpa's land.
Then grandpa went with his cross-cut saw
He cut up poor Fergie (it's against the law),
And grannie was pleased and said "Thank you dear,
We haven't had wood like that for a year."
When the winds they whistle, and the waves pile high
You can sometimes hear an unearthly sigh,
And a ghostly voice moans over the rocks,
"I once was a tree, but now I'm just blocks."

B&P Womens Club installation

CHARTER night and installation of officers of the Sunshine Coast Business and Professional Women's Club will be held at Ole's Cove at 7:30 p.m. on February 20.

Mrs. Margaret Campbell, past national president, from North Vancouver will be chairman of the meeting.

Mrs. Ivy Baston, provincial president from Powell River, will present the charter, and give an interpretation of the symbology of the club emblem.

Present also, will be two regional directors, Mrs. Jean Baillie, Lower Mainland director; and Miss Ella Brett, Vancouver Island director. Guests will include club representatives from Powell River, North Vancouver, New Westminster, Vancouver Kingcrest, Vancouver Fanoba, and Victoria. Several local dignitaries are expected to be present, including Mr. Joe Benner, Sechelt Village Commissioner, and Mr. Markle Myers, president of the Pender Harbour Chamber of Commerce.

In a ceremony conducted by Miss Ella Brett, the following officers will be installed. President, Mrs. Jo Benjafield; vice-president, Mrs. Phyllis McLeod; secretary, Mrs. Grace Harling; treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Bosch.

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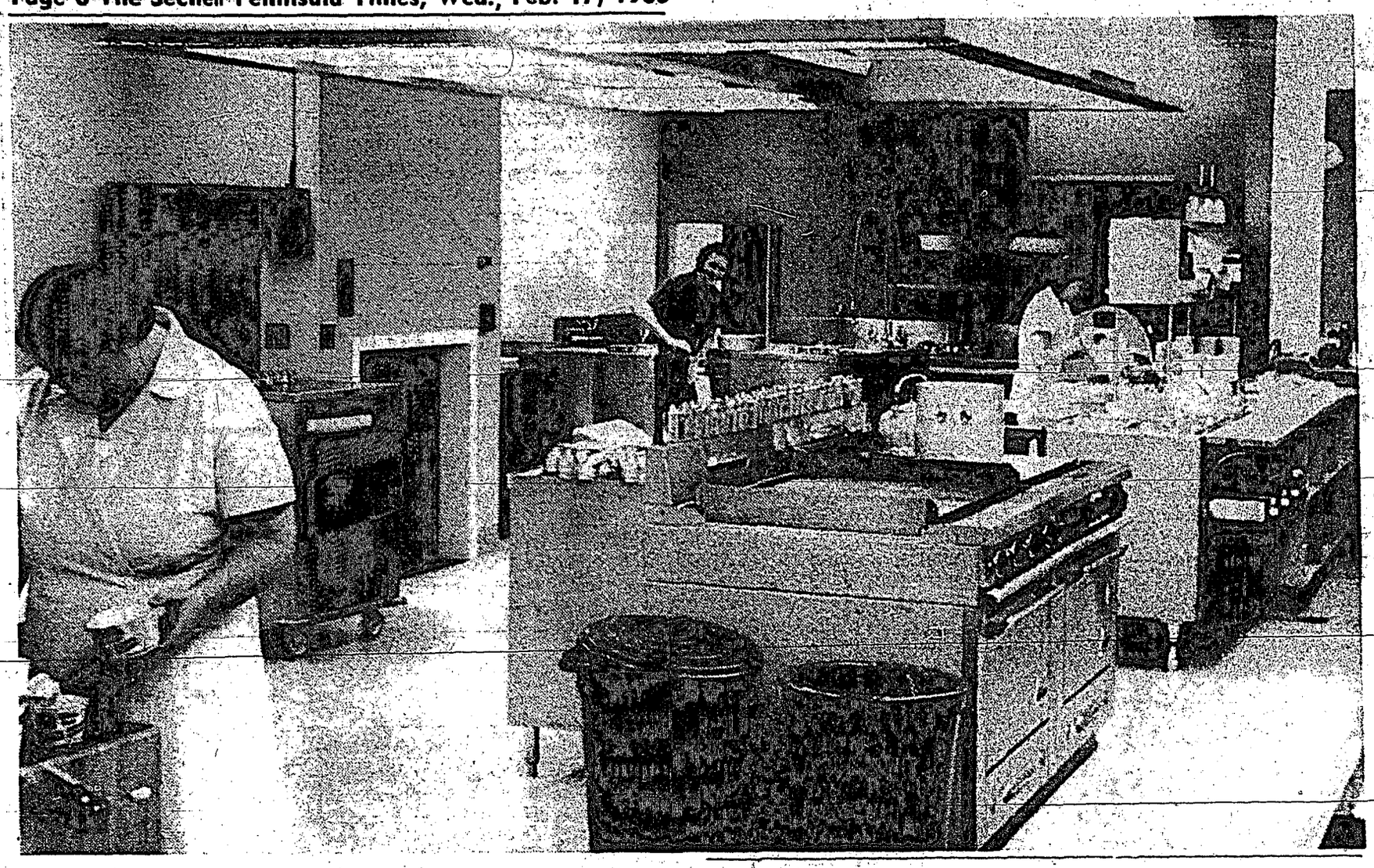

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Going up

ATTRACTIVE patients' trays, each one prepared under careful supervision, are quickly loaded into the service elevator by Mrs. A. Bourne of Selma Park.

Kitchen specialist

MRS. E. McNeil, head cook of St. Mary's, is always happy because cooking is not only her occupation but also her favorite hobby.

Vast experience as hospital cook

MRS. E. McNeil, head cook at St. Mary's, is no newcomer to the exacting task of hospital cooking. She comes to the Sunshine Coast from Vancouver where she spent 15 years at Grace Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeil are building a home on the waterfront at Secret Cove, where they are extremely happy. Their two children are married. The youthful looking Mrs. McNeil has five grandchildren.

The McNeils have joint hobbies of fishing and hunting but at the moment they are both engaged in rock throwing, which does not mean they have formed an aversion for their neighbors; it is just that they have built on a particularly rocky part of the Peninsula.

St. Mary's Hospital . . .

Administrator reveals interesting statistics

SUPPORT given to the new St. Mary's Hospital by the six Sunshine Coast Auxiliaries has surpassed all my previous experience in this field, said hospital administrator Mr. N. Buckley, addressing members of the auxiliaries at their recent meeting.

Interesting statistics quoted by the Administrator showed that the hospital is at this time almost filled to capacity with 30 adults, 3 children and 3 newborn. The rated capacity being 30 adults and five children; the nursery contains six bassinets, 1 incubator and 1 isolette. The hospital also has 2 labour room beds, 2 emergency and 1 treatment bed. Two extra cribs had been set up and at times the emergency and treatment beds had been used for acute patients.

Admissions from the opening of the hospital on December 1 to the present time are as follows:

	Adults	Newborn	Out Patients
Dec.	105	8	65
Jan.	116	10	117
Feb.	28	3	59

On the diagnostic side: Radiology had received 166 patients, processed 540 X-ray films and conducted 32 Fluoroscopic examinations. The laboratory staff had performed 1,566 units of work (D.B.S. unit of work valued at ten minutes), not including the taking of samples and clean up work.

Including relief workers, the hospital employs a staff of 50. The Director of Nursing, Mrs. Egan, has a full time staff of 16 with 7 relief nurses. There is one registered laboratory technologist and one X-ray technician who is also a registered nurse. Administration has three full time members and one relief. Dietary has a full time staff of seven and one relief. Ten people are employed in the laundry and housekeeping department and two on engineering and maintenance.

$3,000 allowed stock appraisal

TRUSTEES of School District No. 46 have decided to engage the firm of management consultants, Woods, Gordon & Co. to proceed with the job evaluation program. Three thousand dollars have been allocated for this purpose in the 1965 budget.

Jobs to be evaluated will be those of all operating employees in the school district. Salary increases which may result from this evaluation have also been considered in the budget.

A complete appraisal of school district property will also be undertaken, for the first time. The board considers this will be available for inventory and insurance purposes, as the present appraisal figure is not up to date particularly in the case of older buildings. The firm of Marshall & Stevens (Can.) Ltd. will be engaged on this project which could result in reduced insurance premiums. Three thousand dollars has also been allocated for this purpose in the 1965 budget.

Nothing is as short as the public's memory . . . it is little more than week-minded.

MORE ABOUT . . .

School board

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district coming from an area where kindergarten facilities were not available were eligible to register their children. Johnson also stated that 15 student teachers would be coming to this district in the late spring.

W. S. Potter, Principal of Elphinstone, reported that equipment was hooked up and the Industrial Arts shops were in full use. A language laboratory had been established which is a sound proof room equipped with tape recorders and record player, for the use of language students. More records were on order to augment the existing supply. Potter said he had benefitted greatly from the conference, held in Abbotsford, which outlined the philosophy of the new program concerning grades eleven and twelve. He hoped to have charts printed to distribute to parents.

School Board Chairman, Joe Horvath suggested that it would be advisable for all teachers to attend the X-Ray clinic. The Board decided to contact all school principals regarding this matter and Mr. Wilson suggested that a policy be formulated for future dates, when this service is available.

Reporting on the Madeira Park grounds, Mrs. Fisher stated that the area would be drained out to sea. Further information would follow and be discussed at the next meeting. It was agreed to give Madeira Park School a face-lift, following Mr. Malcolm's report that some of the rooms were almost dungeon-like in appearance.

Gibsons Elementary School addition should be completed by the end of January, with fire doors installed, said Mrs. Fisher.

Your public relations counsel is the psychological phenomenon of our times. He is an architect of ideas, an expediter of fame, a disc jockey of mental turntables.

New citizens

HATELY—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hately, Wilson Creek, a daughter, born Jan. 31, 1965.

TYSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tyson, Sechelt, a son, born Feb. 7, 1965.

PLOURDE—To Mr. and Mrs. Desire Plourde, Gibsons, a daughter, born Feb. 7, 1965.

SEGEC—To Mr. and Mrs. John Segec, Sechelt, a daughter, born Feb. 10, 1965.

HALL—To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hall, Sechelt, a daughter, born Feb. 11, 1965.

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P.T.A. told . . .

Babies for adoption cause growing alarm

YOUNG unmarried mothers are responsible for the tremendous increase in babies available for adoption, said Mr. John Simeon, the guest speaker at the PTA meeting held in Sechelt last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Lamb, president of the Sechelt PTA introduced Mr. Simeon who is the social worker covering the area from Port Mellon to Wilson Creek. Miss P. Nelson, who also attended the meeting, has been working in the district between Wilson Creek and Earl Cove since last October, their headquarters being in the Sunnycrest Plaza, Gibsons, B.C.

At the present time there are 1,000 children in B.C. alone, requiring homes, and on the average 66 placements are made per month, but no matter how great the pressure said Mr. Simeon, the standards for adoption would not be lowered. The 1961 census showed that one third of the population was under 15 years of age so that in the future an increased number of babies for adoption could be anticipated.

It is not too many years ago, said Mr. Simeon, that the number of homes wanting children outnumbered the available children. However, the trend in the opposite direction has now reached alarming proportions. Many people at the meeting expressed the opinion that measures should be taken by the government towards educating young people in schools and universities in an effort to reduce the number of illegitimate births.

Much information is available from the Social Welfare Office regarding adoption, but there is no short cut. The process of adoption said Mr. Simeon takes almost the same period of time as a natural birth and every effort is made to ensure that the parents and child are suited.

Children most difficult to place for adoption are those with physical or mental abnormalities and the most unhappy of them all, children of mixed blood.

The subject of foster homes was only lightly touched upon as time was limited, but Mr. Simeon said there was a desperate need for such homes. The role of foster parent is not easy and suitable people are hard to find.

Mr. Simeon's talk followed the regular PTA meeting where it was announced that the Sechelt membership was still growing, there now being 28 members. Plans are well underway for the family night which will take place in early April. Mrs. Louise Campbell read the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer Mrs. Carol Biduik announced that the funds were quite healthy.

President Mrs. M. Lamb gave a brief history of the PTA movement and paid tribute to the two pioneer members in Sechelt, Mrs. Alice French and Mrs. James Derby.

Mrs. N. L. Hansen, Mrs. Florence Jeffries, Mrs. Sid Waters and Mrs. C. L. Poteet volunteered to sew the team markers.

Refreshments which were most welcome at the termination of the meeting were served by PTA members.

The PTA wish to thank all those who helped so much towards the success of Operation Doorstep which resulted in a 75 per cent turn out in this area.

Squaringly Yours

—by Maurice Hemstreet

WOW! OH Boy! Gee whiz, you should have been with us Saturday night, Feb. 6, we motored to the Hopkins Hall and joined the Gibsons Squarenaders at their combination Valentines and sixth anniversary square dance. What a wingding, with just over three sets from the Gibsons Squarenaders and just under three sets from the Sechelt Promenaders.

I tell you, the Hopkins Hall was really rocking with anywhere from three to six sets on the floor at one time and Harry Robertson the Gibsons caller, in top form, it was sure a night to remember. Bill Morrison was second on stage to present his guest calling, which everyone enjoyed and I was called on to do a guest spot, but I figure I didn't do too well because I had forgotten my throat sprays and besides that I hadn't had a lozenge all day.

Well, no matter, it was a terrific night with no limit to fun and laughter, the hall was nicely decorated and the coffee and refreshments were superb, a large vote of thanks is in order for those who did the decorating and looked after the refreshments.

As I said before, the Sechelt Promenaders have never missed the Gibsons square dancers anniversary and I doubt if they ever will, so on behalf of the Sechelt Promenaders, once again I thank you for a most wonderful evening.

The children's square dance classes are doing very well and it sure does make one feel good to see them enjoy themsleves to such an extent and I must add that they behave themselves too.

I now have two couples for the adult beginner classes who come on Friday nights at 8:30 Anyone like to make it four couples?

Getting back to a few years ago, here's a date that was a pile of fun, it was on May 21, 1960—Squared up in Cal and Irene Tingley's living room, where did the furniture go? You guessed it! out the door, but it was still a hilarious evening.

May 23, 1960—We had an action float in the May Day parade, with a set and a half square dancing on a gaily decorated truck and myself having trouble with a jumpy needle. These two are just an example of the experiences and the fun to be had in square dancing.

What is square dancing? Perhaps it is enough to say that "square dancing is a barrel of fun," but if you are to get the greatest enjoyment from your participation, you should know its reason and purpose. First let's correct a couple of common misconceptions shared by most beginning dancers.

Square dancing is not hillbilly, i tis the Folk Dance of America and as such it is an important part of the folk culture. It was about the only form of dancing known until the turn of the century. The parent form, quadrilles, contras and the graceful couple dances, made up the programs of all fine social balls. Although square dancing never disappeared completely it was dormant for a period of 20 to 30 years. The present revival started about 1930 and has grown steadily until an estimated 10 million people are now dancing regularly in every section of the United States and Canada & it has spread to many nations the world over. Thousands of schools are adding square dancing to their recreation programs and find that it is a valuable aid in teaching co-ordination, co-operation and sociability.

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School budget increase shows $116,620 over '64

SCHOOL District No. 46 budget for 1965 shows an increase of $116,620.25 over the amount budgeted for 1964. This represents a 12½ per cent increase which compares favorably with increases in other school districts. West Vancouver, 15 per cent; Powell River, 14 per cent; Howe Sound, 15 per cent. Average increase across the province appears in excess of 10 per cent.

Figures released by the school board are as follows:

	1964 budget	1964 expd.	1965 budget
Administration	40,192.00	44,213.19	54,415.00
Instruction	518,937.00	514,904.86	559,846.50
Operation	101,456.00	94,903.49	122,747.00
Repairs and main.	56,548.00	57,600.63	57,335.00
Convey. of pupils	74,200.00	69,925.40	71,016.00
Auxiliary services	10,727.00	9,016.37	9,787.00
Non operating	5,600.00	6,461.10	6,538.00
Debt services	98,066.00	87,324.62	129,983.75
Capital	25,151.00	18,225.49	35,829.00
Total	$930,877.00	$902,575.15	$1,047,497.25

Teachers' salaries alone account for almost half the entire budget, and show an increase of $32,978.50 which covers their salary increase and provision for extra teachers to staff the new classrooms. Also included in the instruction classification is the increase of $7,931.00 which covers the increased cost of teaching supplies made necessary by increased enrolment.

The increase in "debt services" can be attributed to the successful passing of the latest referenda.

Operation shows an increase of $21, 917.75 resulting from school extensions requiring additional janitorial staff and supplies, plus a potential salary increase which may arise when the job evaluation program is completed. The professional appraisal of the school district's assets also comes under this section together with possible provision of group life insurance for operating staff employees.

Administration increase of $14,233.00 covers salary increases plus extra salaries for additional staff, severance pay to former secretary-treasurer, the cost of the job evaluation program and an accumulation of other small increases in administrative costs.

Capital increase of $10,678.00 chiefly covers the cost of new equipment some of which will be made necessary by the new Physics, Industrial Education and Commerce courses introduced by the dept. of education.

The following figures released by the school board show the operational cost per pupil over the past few years: 1962, $375.61; 1963, $374.81; 1964, $383.21; 1965 (estimate) $396.88.

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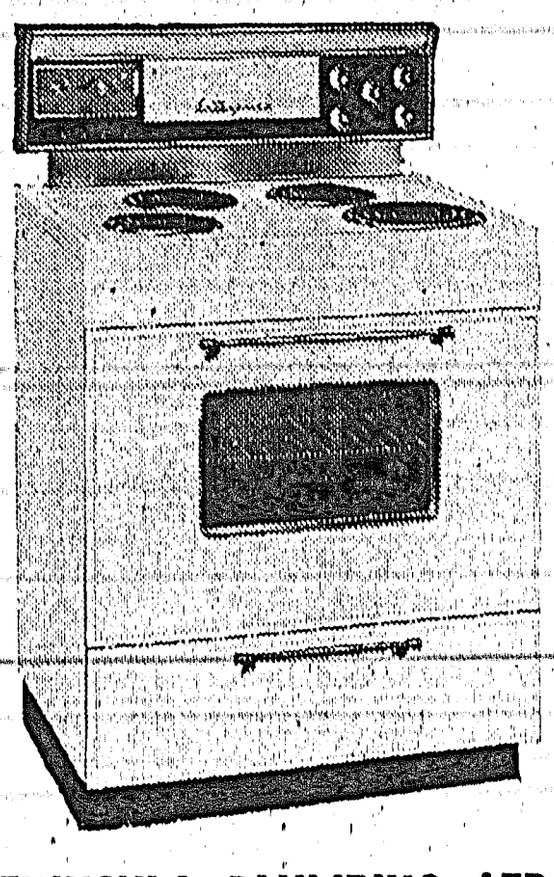
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Round about the town

—By Ed Green

WHATEVER happened to that sunny summer weather known as Fire Season? The three boards of trade on the Peninsula have decided to co-operate. It will take at least that many to explain how we got that name, The Sunshine Coast.

We have sunshine all right. There is so much of it spread in large sheets over the highway that you don't know if you're steering a car or a motorboat. The drainage is so good in spots that Highway 101 will soon be known as the Weary Canal.

There is no truth in the reports that the sea gulls were seen flying backwards to keep the rain out of their eyes. They weren't sea gulls; they were ducks. The sea gulls were walking.

There used to be a wild story going the rounds that you could have tea on your lawn in February around here. The only time I ever saw this happen was when a Thermos bottle fell out of my pocket and broke on a rock where the lawn ought to be.

Sad as the weather situation might be it is sadder still on the prairies. In Winnipeg it has been around thirty degrees below zero with a nice north wind to help it along. But, I am assured by many who never suspect I spent a lot of winters there, it is a dry cold and therefore you don't feel it. Back there I am assured that even though it does rain at the Coast it is a rain that doesn't wet you. What with dry cold you don't feel and dry rain that doesn't wet you our climate should be envied all over the world.

I still think the atom bombs have knocked something out of kilter. I wrote to Dr. Gordon Shrum and said so. He wrote back and said I didn't know what I was talking about. I admit this but he didn't come up with a better explanation. This is the same Prof. Shrum who as head of the B.C. Hydro announced "substantial reductions" in electric bills. When they finally did arrive they amounted to ten cents on a twelve dollar electric bill. They were so small they had to enclose a notice drawing your attention to them. As a physicist, which he is, if he is representative of the men doing the calculating on this bomb business anything can happen. If ten cents is a "substantial" bite out of twelve dollars in his estimation his mathematics on the bomb and Hydro bills leave a lot to be desired.

Even now when the reluctant sun has struggled through there is no warmth in it. But there is nothing we can do about it so we have to endure it.

Little is worth while unless there is some eye to kindle in common with our own, some brief word uttered now and then to imply that what is infinitely precious to us is precious alike to another mind. — George Elliot.

At Garden Bay . . .

Pender Hbr. Auxiliary choose work committees

PENDER Harbour Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital met on Feb. 4 at Garden Bay. President Mrs. J. Love, chaired the meeting with 12 present, and lost no time in forming committees and planning this year's activities.

Committees are: Mrs. L. Olsen, fancywork; Mrs. E. Warden, aprons; Mrs. R. Deller, greeting cards; Mrs. Love and Mrs. D. Harling are the representatives to the co-ordinating committee. Mrs. M. Woodburn is Publicity Officer.

The baby spoon was given to Mrs. Jensen of Egmont, whose child was the first baby born in the new year. It is the custom of the auxiliary to make this particular presentation, started several years ago. A $50. bond, with the other auxiliaries participating, has also been presented to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey of Granthams whose baby was the first born in the new hospital.

On Thursday, Feb. 11 the members were conducted by the Director of Nurses on a tour of the hospital's upper floor—Mr. Buckley, the Administrator took the ladies through the lower. The auxiliary much appreciated the valuable time given up to them.

Later, all the auxiliaries gathered at St. Hilda's Church Hall, where Mr. Buckley was invited to address the meeting. The administrator touched on many aspects relating to the hospital, and said he considered he was fortunate in having a good staff. Much was explained about the inner workings of the hospital, and he graciously offered the board room to all the auxiliaries for their meetings and other activities. After a question and answer period, the afternoon ended when refreshments were served.

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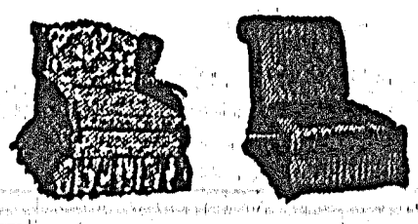
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Project planners

MR. N. BUCKLEY, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital met with representatives of the six Sunshine Coast Auxiliaries, in Sechelt last week. Back row, left, Mrs. E. Inglis, Gibsons president; Mrs. J. Love, Pender Harbour president; Mrs. W. Booth, Port Mellon and Mrs. A. Swanson, Robets Creek. Front, left, Mrs. J. Redman, Sechelt president and Mrs. F. Warne, Halfmoon Bay president.

Six auxiliaries meet at Sechelt

COMBINED meeting of the six Sunshine Coast Auxiliaries to St. Mary's Hospital met on February 11 in St. Hilda's Church hall with 61 members present.

Mrs. Lee Redman, Sechelt Auxiliary President, introduced the following representatives: Mrs. J. Love, Pender Harbour; Mrs. F. Warne, Halfmoon Bay; Mrs. E. Inglis, Gibsons; Mrs. A. Swanson, Roberts Creek and Mrs. W. Booth, Port Mellon.

Following his introduction the guest speaker Mr. N. Buckley, Hospital Administrator, gave a very informative talk which included many interesting hospital statistics. A question and answer period followed and the members were greatly impressed by the possibilities of future work in the hospital.

More definite projects will be planned on March 8 when the co-ordinating council meets for the first time in the Board Room at St. Mary's Hospital. This council will be composed of two members from each auxiliary.

Members enjoyed an informal discussion period during refreshments, which were served by Mrs. E. Fitzgerald and Mrs. R. Breeze.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 11 at 2 p.m. in the Board Room of St. Mary's Hospital. All members are encouraged to bring a friend who would be interested in joining.

Husband and wife two week crusade

REV. Eugene Johnson from Langley, is holding a two-week crusade at the Pentecostal Tabernacle, Gibsons, February 16 to 28. He and his musically talented wife Lois, are playing the Wurlitzer electronic piano and other instruments.

Services are nightly at 7 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday with two meetings on Sundays. All are cordially invited to attend this excellent series of services featuring lively choruses and dynamic preaching with youth and prophetic emphasis.

Rev. Johnson speaks fluent Spanish and has travelled extensively in South America. His future plans include a missionary preaching mission to the West Indies.

Sechelt bowling

by Efe Moscrip

DOROTHY Smith took the gal's high three this week, with 747. Lawrence Crucil led the men with 779.

League Scores

Buckskins: Lloyd Jackson, 646 (257); Ted Joe, 622; Ann Joe, 519 (192); Carol August, 497 (197).

Ladies: Dorothy Smith, 747 (260); Iona Strachan, 279; Elly Mason, 254; Mabel McDermid, 260.

Ladies Matinee: Hazel Skytte, 620 (243).

Pender: Joe Graf, 652 (297); Bill Scoular, 604; Roy Fenn, 623; Muriel Cameron, 548; Carol Reid, 255.

Sechelt Commercial: Frank Nevens, 755 (294); Lawrence Crucil, 799; Dorothy Smith, 680 (282); Bruce Redman, 278; Red Robinson, 305; Arvella Benner, 269.

Sports Club: Hazel Skytte, 639 (266); Red Robinson, 636.

Ball & Chain: Matt Jaeger, 666; Marion Cooke, 652; Ted Kurluk, 621; Red Robinson, 650; Bill DeHart, 600.

School Leagues

Seniors: Earl John, 390 (209); Ted Johnson, 364 (218); Pete Yates, 345 (200); Rita Ono, 378 (263); Jill Cobleigh, 280 (190); Arlene Johnson, 375 (197); Mary Ritchie, 353 (196).

Juniors: Alan Hemstreet, 324 (179); Wendy Bystedt, 312 (176).

TEN PINS

Mixed: Doreen Mullen ,497 (177); Pat Mullen, 532 (206).

Mens: Randy Wiren, 542; John Solnik, 507; Butch Ono, 505 (200); Sam MacKenzie, 529; Lawrence Crucil, 548 (225).

Copy of conviction has an overt sense of finality, as though each and every part of it represented the last word.

Davis' Ottawa Diary

By Jack Davis, M.P.

ONE OF the first acts of the Pearson administration was to set up a National Economic Council. This council, headed by Dr. John Deutsch, has now handed down its first report. Running to more than 200 pages, it gives us a glimpse of what things might be like in Canada in 1970. Much depends, however, on the economic policies followed by the Canadian government in the intervening years.

The nation's output, we are told, could rise by as much as 50 per cent. Unemployment would, however, have to be kept down to less than 3 per cent. Also, there would have to be a steady shift away from our older, less efficient industries. Greater emphasis, in other words, would have to be placed upon improvements in productivity, on research, and upon the fullest possible use of all our resources including that of our Canadian manpower itself.

Hundreds of thousands of young people will be looking for work. Another 1.5 million jobs will have to be found between now and 1970. In other words, new job openings will have to occur at twice the average post-war rate. Even more impressive is the fact that this increase in employment will have to take place in the face of automation and the job trimming disciplines of greater competition at home and abroad.

The National Economic Council set certain targets. It also made certain recommendations as to how they may be attained. It said, for instance, that:

—Ottawa should negotiate with its foreign trading partners with a view to tearing down the protective barriers which now face manufactured goods;

—Companies, meanwhile, must also remove in-bred barriers to trade. Canadian subsidiaries of foreign controlled firms, for example, must be prepared to compete with their parent organizations in other parts of the world;

—Governments (and in this the council included the provinces) should avoid large budget surpluses. This it should do even when the economy is operating at or near capacity, as surpluses tend to siphon off spending power and limit the pace of economic growth;

—While the council did not say so in so many words, it implied that the line could be held with respect to taxes. For example, it estimated that a booming economy in 1970 could produce a $2 billion surplus without changing present tax rates. With some streamlining, one might therefore anticipate that increased government services could be provided without adding to the present tax burden which corporations and individuals now shoulder in this country.

Stress, naturally enough, was laid on the need for more long term planning. A consistent expansion in Canada's money supply was called for. Credit, under these circumstances, would be easier and interest rates would tend to decline.

As might be expected, education came in for its fair share of attention. Priorities leading to a heavier expenditure on industrial research were also mentioned. But their precise form remains to be spelled out. Presumably, these and other details will be dealt with in subsequent reports of the National Economic Council. Each of which, government, business and labour, will look to as a rough but well considered guide in the broad area of Canada's economic affairs.

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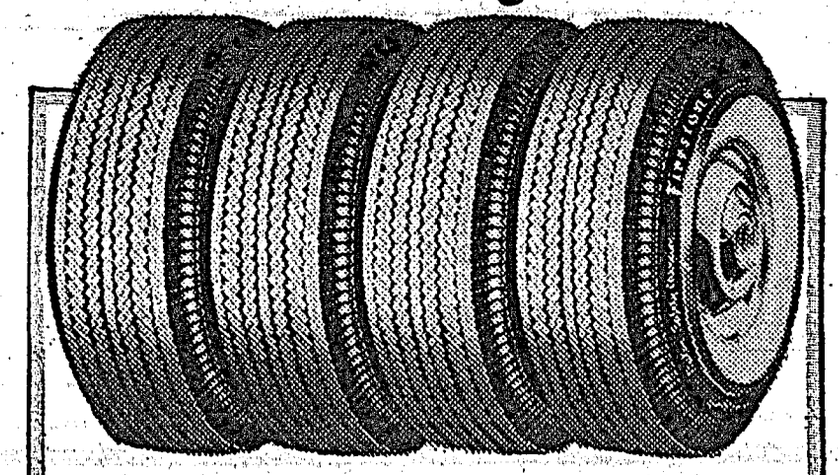

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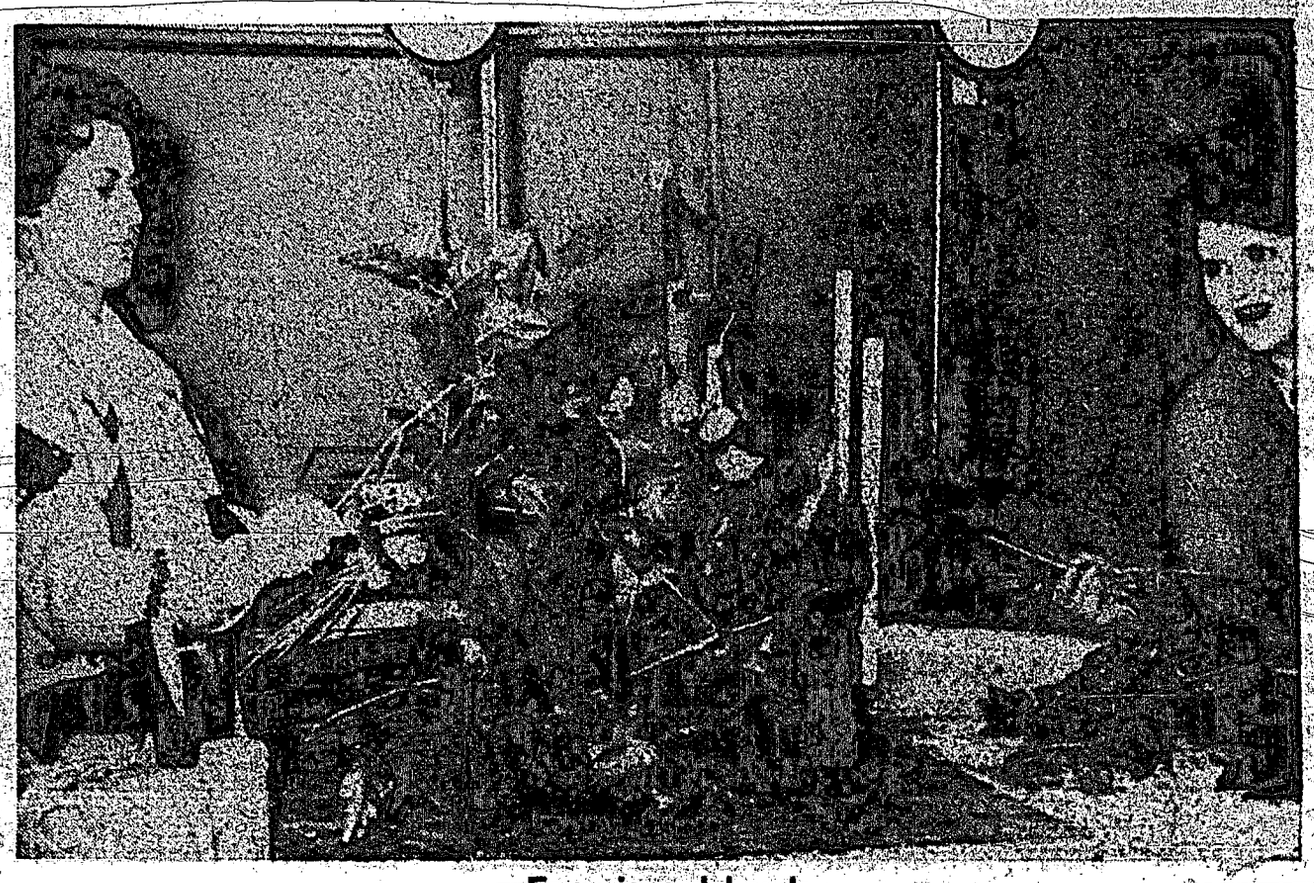
BOB STURGEON, manager of one of the six B.C. plants, gives a final check to a bundle of processed Salal before packing and shipping to one of the Canadian markets.



Experienced hands

FERN TAYLOR, left, and Bev Nelson are already experienced "bunchers" and are seen here bunching up salal ready for packing into special cartons for shipment. Third member of staff is Alice Billingsley, and it is expected they will be joined by others as the business grows.

$60,000 annually . . .

Thriving Salal plant aid to local economy

QUIETLY and without fuss or publicity, a new industry for Sechelt has, during the past few weeks, been established in the community. Not a large business perhaps, but one which is creating a considerable income within the area.

Salal picking is by no means a new idea, it has indeed provided an income to a few casual pickers for some years. A small plant has been operated by Mrs. N. Wilson of Secret Cove since she realized the potential about 12 years ago. Since that time the market has grown to considerable extent and throughout the province a number of companies have sprung into being.

With the assistance and cooperation of Mrs. Wilson, one of the leading companies, Reid, Fern and Moss have opened a second plant on the Peninsula.

Both plants will be operated on a permanent basis, closing for between two and three weeks during the growing season. Salal will be the main product but a limited amount of fern and cedar boughs will be purchased.

The company is strictly Canadian owned and operated, with local labour used and products supplying the Canadian markets.

It has been the policy of the company during their 30 years in this field to train a local resident to manage their plants. In Sechelt Mr. John Hayes is enthusiastically undergoing instruction in the operation and will assume complete management about the first of March.

Bob Sturgeon, himself a plant operator with 15 years experience in the trade is training Mr. Hayes and is anxious to instruct as many pickers as possible while in the area.

Mr. Sturgeon said last week "the picking of Salal involves a little more than simply going into the bush and gathering an armful of the evergreen. For this reason we welcome interested persons to the plant in order that they get an idea of what is required. We usually suggest the picking of a bale of between 15 and 20 bundles. The bale will be done up when brought in, thus showing the picker the type of Salal required.

"Dollars and cents naturally motivate picking and while a new picker might hardly expect to make a fortune, he will soon, without too much effort, make fairly good wages."

It is anticipated the Sechelt plant will produce approximately 150 cases or 3,000 bundles per week. Combined total of Salad, Fern and Cedar produced is estimated to add an extra $60,000 annually to the economy of the area.

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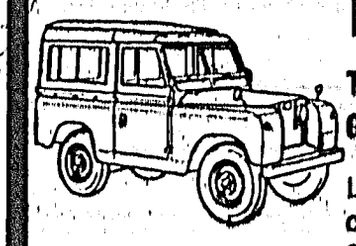

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Rebekah banquet

PICTURED here at one of the tables are some of the members who enjoyed the Rebekah social gathering. Only the first four members on each side of the table are visible, reading from the left are Mary Cassim, Gibsons; Viola Worsley, PNG of Golden Link, Vancouver; Alice French, Sechelt; Eva Peebles, vice-grand of Teshquoit, Powell River; Linda Andrews, Madeira Park; Nellie Erickson, Sechelt; Jenny Reiter, Sechelt; Gert McGivern, Sechelt.

Sunshine Lodge 82 . . .

Rebekahs entertain Assembly President

REBEKAH Sunshine Lodge 82 entertained the Rebekah Assembly President Mrs. Gertrude Holland of Vancouver. Accompanying Mrs. Holland were Mrs. Evelyn Shaw, past president of Rebekah Assembly and Mrs. Viola Worsley of PNG.

Guests from Powell River included Mr. Wally Schad, Past Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. Hilda Schad, Inside Guardian of the Assembly of B.C. Also Mrs. Alice Beecham, Dist. Deputy President; Mrs. Bernice Hopkins, Past Assembly Treasurer and Mrs. Eva Peebles, Vice Grand of Teshquoit Lodge.

From Gibsons Arbutus Lodge 76 came Mrs. Christine Ritchey, Dist. Deputy President; Mrs. Elsie Hutchins, Noble Grand; Mrs. Martha Weal, Vice Grand; Mrs. Evelyn Begg, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Bernice Chamberlain, PDDP; Mrs. Elsie Herrin, Mrs. Mary Cassim, Mrs. Eva Peterson and Mrs. Iva Peterson.

Guests wore a blue-bird motif which is the President's emblem this year. The tables were beautifully decorated in the Valentine motif and a special money tree with small numbered Valentine hearts for a drawing resulted in a good sum of money being presented to the president along with a cheque for Rebekah work.

The drawing was a beautiful pink poodle which was won by Mrs. Shaw—both tree and poodle were the work of Mrs. Josephine Reid who is general convener and was responsible for the wonderful Pot Luck supper enjoyed by all. The Girl's Auxiliary of St. Hilda's was on hand to help with the serving of desert and coffee and washing up, giving the members a chance to enjoy the meeting.

After the meeting in which many visitors were called upon to speak, Mr. T. Ivan B. Smith gave a showing of slides, showing Rebekah work at Assembly and also the May Day in Sechelt, in which the Rebekah float was most prominent. This joined the Oddfellow cavalcade last year on Vancouver Island, which was very good advertising for this part of the Peninsula considering there were delegates from all over Canada and the United States.

All the officers in bidding Sechelt goodbye said what an enjoyable time they had. Mrs. Eva Peterson of Gibsons was pianist for the evening.

MIDNIGHT SNACKS

Oil researchers are working on a process to obtain proteins from petroleum. In the process, microbes feed on the waxy portion of the gas oil fraction of petroleum, and not only form protein but upgrade the quality of the fraction remaining. One ton of wax could be turned into one ton of protein. To start, the protein could be a food supplement for animals, but could eventually help overcome the protein deficiencies in humans in underdeveloped countries.

Historical issue . . .

Special stamp honours Sir Winston Churchill

SIR WINSTON Churchill will be honored on a special Canadian postage stamp to be issued late this summer. The announcement was made today by the Honorable John R. Nicholson, Postmaster General.

This will be the first time in the history of the Canada Post Office that a stamp has been produced to honor a person who was neither a member of the Royal Family nor a Canadian. Mr. Nicholson explained that Sir Winston's tremendous contributions to the commonwealth and his many associations with this country were adequate reasons for a departure from normal policy.

August 12 has been chosen as the date of issue. It was on this day in 1941 that Sir Winston and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Atlantic Charter. The signing took place aboard a warship in Placentia Bay, on the south-east coast of Newfoundland. The August date also coincides with the first Quebec Conference, where in 1943 Sir Winston met with President Roosevelt and Canadian leads to plan the prosecution of the war.

Details of design and printing will be realeased later.

This makes a total of thirteen stamps to be issued in 1965. The revised philatelic schedule now reads:

February 3, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick florals; March 3, International Co-operation Year; April 28, British Columbia and Manitoba florals; Spring, space research; June 30, flag stamp; July 21, Prince Edward Island floral; August 12, Sir Winston Churchill; September 8, Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference and Centennial of the choice of Ottawa as the national capital; October 13, three-cent and five-cent Christmas stamps.

It is a melting pot of all the ologies in which are brewed potent incantations and panaceas.

Officers elected . . .

General meeting held Pender Community club

APPROXIMATELY 25 members attended the general meeting of the Community Club held February 12. President's report showed the number of events held in the half in 1964, totalled 186. Of this number 70 were sponsored by the club, 62 were rentals, 11 were nominal rentals for meetings held by other organizations, and 44 events were rent-free.

Treasurer's report showed income from rentals exceeded hall operating costs by only $56. Income from memberships and fund raising projects totalled $1,600, which was used to reduce loans and overdue interest. Loans payable Dec., 1963 totalled $3,006, now stand at $1,655.

Following announcement that price to be paid by the school board for club land is $6,000., a motion was passed that, when sale proceeds are received, all outstanding bills be paid off, and $4,000 be put in a reserve fund, of which no more than $500 can be spent without the approval of the membership.

Retiring president, Archie Walker, expressed appreciation of support given by the community residents, and the work done by the executive members.

Mr. John Daly gave a vote of thanks to the 1964 executive. Treasurer Mrs. D. Anderson thanked Mr. Liddle for services given in preparing the year's financial statement.

Praise was also goven to the club ladies who devote each Thursday evening to the sale of refreshments in the hall. The money raised by these ladies, together with $50 donated by the recreation commission, has paid for the wiring of the kitchen.

Club officers elected for 1965 are: Mr. Bill Cameron, president; Mr. Ray Phillips, vice-president; Mrs. Diet Anderson, treasurer; Mrs. Lorill Kilborn, secretary.

Board members elected are: Mrs. Archie Walker, Mrs. Albert Edwardson, Mrs. Helen Edwardson, Mrs. Elna Warnock, Mrs. Leif Iverson, Mrs. Edith Mills, Mrs. Barbara Iverson, Mrs. Doris Edwardson.

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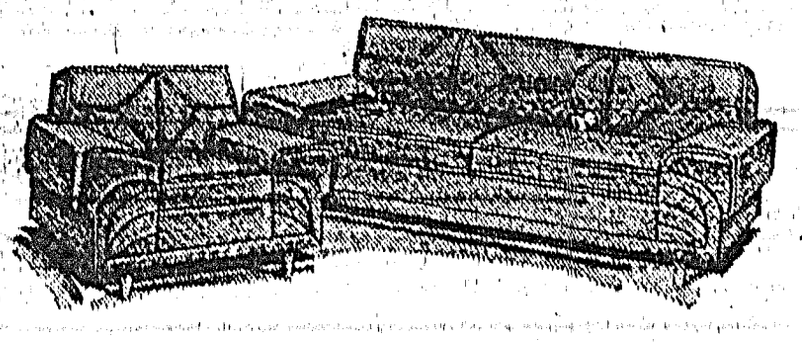

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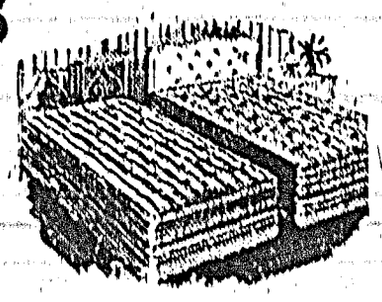

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