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Calendar project . . .

Lions plan fund promotion for senior citizens homes

SUNSHINE Coast Lions, meeting last Thursday at Ole's Cove, paved the way for a number of worthy fund raising projects for the coming year, foremost of which is a calendar promotion with profits gazetted for the Senior Citizens Homes project.

The Calendars which will carry organizational events, individual birthdates etc. involve a few months of groundwork and are expected to sell at $2.00 each. A substantial outlay by the club is involved but members feel the public will generally appreciate the opportunity to help this extremely good cause at what is not a large contribution. More details of this project will be announced at a later date.

Other assistance for the Homes development was rendered over the past weekend with members turning out to help clear and burn at the site of the homes, construction of which is scheduled to commence shortly.

After two successful May Days, members again moved to ask for formal approval by council to undertake the organzation of the annual event again this year. Work is already underway renovating the popular carousels and the club is geared to make an early start on planning what could well prove one of the best events yet on the Peninsula.

Steady growth of the club, now past the 30 membership mark, has created need for a headquarter which would be used for executive meetings and storage of equipment. It was announced that a suitable building is available at small cost and Lion Ted Farewell advised members that should the club see fit to purchase the building, he would donate property on which it might be located. In reply to a question by one member it was pointed out that any funds necessy to buy the structure would come out of members own pockets.

What promises to be a gala night, a Valentine Dance, is well into the planning stage and chairman of the dance committee, George Eberle, reports that tickets will be available within the next couple of weeks.

Treasurer Barry Redman reported that two families had been assisted with the donation of Christmas hampers, these were a joint undertaking in which Lions, Kinsmen and the Canadian Legion Branch 140 participated. Another hamper was supplied to another resident by the Lions only.

Old friends

Special Assistant to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Len Marchand who was born in Vernon and is a graduate of agriculture University of British Columbia chats with his old friend Brother Francis Macdonald of the Sechelt Residential School who led the School Band in greeting the special guests.

Adult Education Dept. offers business course

BUSINESSMEN interested in operating their own business more profitably will be offered assistance in a new 8-week course offered by the Adult Education Department of School District No. 46.

The new course, beginning in Gibsons February 5th, is designed to show a small businessman how he can better use information contained in his own books of accounting so that he can operate more profitably. A knowledge of bookkeeping and accounting is not necessary for understanding of this course.

Instructor will be Mr. R. Haig, President of the Gibsons Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Haig's business experience includes twenty years as Manager of the Accounting Machine Division of the Remington-Rand Corporation of British Columbia.

Material for this course was prepared by the Small Business Training Division of the Technical and Vocational Training Branch of the Federal Department of Labour.

Further information may be obtained by calling the Educational Office, 886-2241.

1968 officer slate for Rod & Gun Club

NEW slate of officers of the Sechelt Rod and Gun Club includes: Ron Spencer, President; George Flay, Vice President; Bob Janis, Secretary; Bill Rankin, Treasurer and Directors, Bill Ellis, Bud Fearnley and Harold Nelson.

Winners of the last Lucky Target Shoot announced last week are: Bill DeHart, Marion Wiley, Donalda Siguoin, Ann Kurluk, Jim Parker, Len Patten, Irene Burtnick, Ruby Ono and Colin Spencer.

It has also been announced that the Junior Training Program started Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and will continue each Sunday. A coming attraction is the Tommy Tompkins "Wild Life" film shows, scheduled for January 17th. Doors open 7 p.m. and show commences at 7:30 p.m. ending at 9:30 p.m.

Author-columnist guest Sechelt C of C meeting

WELL-KNOWN author and popular Sun Columnist, Paul St. Pierre, has consented to be guest speaker at the next general meeting of the Sechelt Chamber of Commerce during which the officer slate for 1968 will be installed.

Mr. St. Pierre was approached when in the area last week-end and accepted the invitation subject to confirmation which has now been made. Meeting will be at Ole's Cove Wednesday, January 17th.

Mr. St. Pierre is perhaps best known for his best seller book "Breaking Smith's Quarter Horse", due shortly to be made into a film.

Potential tremendous . . .

Obtain full property value Minister cautions Indians

ADVISING the up and coming Indians to develop an awareness of their lands and values, Indian Affairs Minister Arthur Laing, last week speaking to the Sechelt Band, said "get greedy if necessary and make sure you get the value for your lands. If you only knew it, you could really hit the white man, the potential is tremendous."

The Minister was referring to recent speeches he has made which in some cases have been interpreted as being harsh on the Indians. He pointed out that while certain groups of Indians might feel this, his purpose is simply to stir them up enough to stand on their own feet. "Many Indians throughout the country are doing just that and taking their rightful place in our society," he said. As a case in point, Mr. Laing mentioned an Eastern band which manufactures various sport boots and shoes. Their products are now marketed at home and in various European countries, thereby providing the band with a lucrative income far above the average wage scale.

He said it is the intention of his department to encourage the native Indians to make the best possible use of their reserves. He added that there is no reason why Indians should not get into business for themselves. Unfortunately, the present Indian Act does not permit native Indians to sign legal documents for loans, etc., and this has made it difficult for them to go into business. "We have an entirely new act coming out soon and this will change many things," he said.

Regarding the Indian Affairs Branch, the Minister said a total of 135 Indians are employed on the permanent staff together with many more part time Indian workers. "We have many outstanding Indians in Canada including two in Toronto who are school principals. On the other hand, large numbers of Indian children die annually, a great number as a result of fires. Much of this results from alcoholism during which, heaters get kicked over or old inefficient stoves go up. We also have many Indians who have been on relief all their lives and content to live this way," he added. He said these are the ones who do not like his comments but there are many who welcome them and these are those who wish to get ahead. "It is my intention to spur them on to prove they are as good as the whites, for in actual fact, they are," he said.

Regarding his position as Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Laing pointed out that during eight years, eight different Ministers had served in this position. He added that he did not want the position either at first, however he has every intention of serving to the best of his ability and is taking a great interest in the appointment. To do this he is endeavoring to visit as many reserves as possible in order to acquaint himself with the varied and complex situations involved.

Regarding education and integration into the white schools, Mr. Laing said that two years ago there was a total of 14 Indian students entering university, today there are 400. "I dislike referring to the situation as the "Indian problem" but I will assure you that when every Indian child reaches grade 12, then there will be no more problem," he said. He added that in this respect the Indian children have greater opportunity than non-Indians for the Federal government will pay the shot for any Indian child to complete its education right through university. "It is the intention of my department to do all possible with education, homes, etc., in order that the Indian might take his rightful place shoulder to shoulder with the white man," he said.

Referring to MP Coast Garibaldi, Jack Davis, Mr. Laing reminded the gathering he is a man who has gone to great lengths on behalf of the area. Further, he has made himself well-known in Ottawa and throughout Canada and is highly thought of among fellow politicians.

Historical meeting

History was made in Sechelt last weekend when a Federal Cabinet Minister paid his first visit to the Indian Village and sat in council with the Band. Seated from left are: Chief Billy Mitchell of Squirrel Cove; Hon. Minister Arthur Laing; Chief Councillor Teddy Joe of Sechelt; Chief Solomon Harry of Churchhouse. Standing: Councillor Sarah Paul of Sechelt; Councillor Sam Pielle of Squirrel Cove; Secretary Clarence Joe; Mr. Len Marchand; Chairman of the meeting, Councillor Clarence Joe Jr. of Sechelt and Councillor Don Harry of Churchhouse.

New president

Past President Don Douglas handed the presidency of the Sunshine Coast Kiwanis Club to Ron McPhedran at the fourteenth installation ceremony conducted after a superb supper at the Cedars Inn attended by sixty two people, last weekend.

Arthur Laing . . .

Indian Affairs Minister visits Sechelt Reserves

LAST Saturday, January 6th proved a big day for the Sechelt Indian Village with a visit, for the first time, by a cabinet minister, the Hon. Arthur Laing, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Accompanying the minister were MP Jack Davis; Special Assistant to the Minister, Leonard Marchand and famed author and journalist Paul St. Pierre. Object of the visit was to meet with the local band and to investigate some of the problems involving the Indians which, in the main, concerned Indian lease properties in the area.

Met at Langdale by Chief Teddy Joe and secretary Clarence Joe, the party stopped for a while at Mission Point where a few non-Indian lessees of Reserve Number 1 discussed with the minister the recent damage caused by high tides and resultant flooding of their properties. These residents are in a situation whereby they lease from the local Indian Band, pay taxes on their lots to the provincial government but have so far been unable to get road work and other services. The federal government disclaims responsibility; the provincial government, while taking taxes, insists it is Indian land and consequently not the responsibility of the government. The local Indians, however, say that as taxes are claimed by the provincial government it should be its responsibility.

Some light was later thrown on the situation when the minister told a deputation of lessees that he had crossed swords with WAC previously on a number of occasions and always lost out, however, he pointed out that in his view, responsibility does rest with the local band who collect for the property.

Preceeding the official meeting in the Indian Council hall, a luncheon was supplied at the Calypso dining room and was attended by guests and the Indian Council. Following this, the Residential School band led the visitors to the council hall at which an interesting and informative meeting was held. Visiting Chiefs attending were Chief Billy Mitchell of the Squirrel Cove Reserve and Chief Solomon Harry of Churchhouse.

Speakers included Mr. Norm Burley who related a number of stories emphasizing the successful entry into the Sechelt Scouts by young Indians. "In many cases their endeavors have proved far superior to those of their white counterparts," he stated.

On behalf of the Guides, Mrs. Iona Strachan said she has only been with the troupe for a year or so but during that time Indian guides have proved themselves quite capable. She had not noticed any question of superiority but does find that Indian and non-Indian guides are about equal.

Mrs. W. Rankin, represented Elphinstone High School Principal W. S. Potter, and Sechelt Elementary Principal Mr. W. L. Reid, each spoke on integration into the public schools of Indian children and both expressed the view that the project was working out very satisfactorily.

Chief Billy Mitchell, following reading of a brief submitted by Band Secretary, Clarence Joe, said he felt the brief should have been on a much wider plain in that it mainly concerned Sechelt. "Clarence does represent the Coastal Tribal Council and while the brief is generally good, it should have been much wider in scope," he added.

Mr. Joe apologized for his failure in this respect but pointed out that the meeting had not been arranged until a few days previously, he had therefore had insufficient time to work on a rather more comprehensive brief.

On behalf of Chief Solomon Harry, Mr. Joe criticized Indian agents, who he said, now call themselves Indian Superintendents. What we really need are legal advisers, not these so called "Superintendents" who sit in on our council meetings and tell us how to run our affairs. "This has on many past occasions proved to be bad advise at our cost," he said.

Mr. Jack Davis told the gathering he had been intrigued with the rapt attention on the faces of all present during talks by the various speakers. He was also impressed with the general atmosphere of goodwill so evident. He advised the Indians that they have a lot going for them and suggested they get out more and mix with other people as a means of gaining new ideas. "Both Indians and non-Indians have much to offer each other in many ways and I would advise you to avail yourselves of the opportunities you have and make the most of them," he concluded.

Hartley Dent . . .

Coast Chilcotin candidate slams educational system

COAST Chilcotin Riding will come into existence at the next federal election, when ever that may be, but already N.D.P. candidate Hartley Dent is making himself known in this vast area.

Accompanied by Robert Prittie, New Demoratic M.P. for Burnaby-Richmond and Rev. Alan Bush, Campaign Consultant; Mr. Dent attended a public meeting held last Saturday in Local 297 headquarters and chaired by President Dave Hill.

The new riding is made up of parts of four ridings: Kamloops; Skeena; Coast Capilano and Comox-Alberni and according to the 1961 census contained 55,000 people. Mr. Dent who is a former Anglican Minister and now teaches at 100 Mile House Secondary School, states that the population is now greatly in excess of this figure.

EDUCATION

Federal Government's approach to education and retraining is half-hearted despite the Canada Manpower grants and grants in aid to technical and vocational schools, stated the N.D.P. candidate who further commented that it will be a shame if these grants are discontinued, as has been indicated, especially when vast sums of money are being spent on obsolete defense equipment.

Interested in young people and their future when they leave school, Mr. Dent believes that 50 per cent of grade nine students in his school are receiving a substandard education and will possibly drop out of school before grade 12. Many factors contribute to this situation. Partly responsible are the elementary schools.

Educated people give a country strength and a more dynamic and thorough approach is needed in this country. Mr. Dent referred to the successful programme of adult education which the United States Army has adopted whereby 100,000 students benefitted in one year. Why wait for a war to do this, he commented.

FALSE ECONOMY

The Government was also criticised by the candidate for postponing the promised substantial wharf improvements at Bella Coola which depends on the facility to get goods in and out of the area. Powell River wharves are also not adequate for both commercial and pleasure craft.

New Democratic M.P. Bob Prittie also condemned the Government for making cuts in the wrong places. The Economic Council had recommended the need for more training and housing. Cuts had been made in research spending which is so essential to Canada's progress, also public works and even Indian schools.

Taxation is a weapon to use to make economy work the way you want it to go but instead of implementing the sensible changes recommended in the Carter report, the Government listened to the big companies who argued against them and taxed the workers.

Refering to the purchase of 125 C.F. 105 jets at an estimated cost of $295 mil-million, Mr. Prittie stated that Canada's defense role should be through the United Nations alone.

MINISTERIAL HELP

Rev. Alan Bush stated that he gravitated towards N.D.P. because he is convinced this party has the answer and only through political action will people be able to share the wealth of the country. After spending ten years in the Peace River country which is a rich country but where living conditions are poor, he decided to enter politics. When recommendations are set aside in favour of big companies, it is time for action.

On licenced premises . . .

Ignorant of liquor law minor states wrong age

TWO years out of the country and George Richard Gibb appeared to have forgotten one of our basic liquor laws, namely, that persons under the age of 21 are not permitted on licenced premises.

Appearing before Magistrate Charles Mittelsteadt last Friday, January 5th, Gibbs admitted being in licenced premises December 9th and that he had told police questioning him that he was 22. For his defence he stated he had been in countries in which one could enter licenced premises at the age of sixteen and was unaware of the laws in Canada.

Asked where this was he replied Australia, and added he left the area at the age of 17 and returned after two years. Most of his life has been spent in Gibsons but for the past four months has resided in Vancouver. Further, he pointed out, in the past he has eaten in licenced premises in the company of his parents.

Constable Brian Cutting reminded the court that when questioned, Gibb claimed to be 22, he therefore obviously knew the law otherwise he would have had no reason to lie about his age.

Told by the Magistrate his story was not accepted and consequently fined $50, Gibb was asked if he required time to pay. He replied that he felt he would be able to pay up during the summer. He was given ten days in which to pay and warned that failure to do so would result in a warrant being issued for his arrest.

Claiming he was simply carrying out a good turn by driving some young people home, Stanley Earl Joe, presently residing at Sechelt, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving while under suspension.

Stopped near the Guide Camp December 31st at 12:30 a.m. Joe failed to produce his driving licence and subsequent investigation revealed he was on suspension following an impaired driving charge earlier in Vancouver. He also admitted having an earlier conviction last September, this, it was alleged was for obstruction while impaired.

Guilty as charged, he was fined $100 or 28 days in jail. He was given one week to pay and warned not to drive again until in possession of his driving licence.

New appointment

Newly appointed Maintenance Supervisor for the Sechelt School District is Mr. Bob Rutter who comes here from New Westminster where he served for four and a half years as Supervisor of Operations, School District No. 40. Born in Vancouver, Mr. Rutter is already tremendously impressed by the district and its rate of growth and is looking forward to participating in its progress.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MR. AND MRS. Gilbert Goodrup of Madeira Park, B.C. wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Shirley, to Colin Vader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vader of Penticton, B.C. The wedding date will be announced later. 1277-6

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Wedding Announcements

MR. AND MRS. F. W. Bonin of Sechelt wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Doreen Mary to Malcolm Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richardson of Vancouver. The wedding to take place on January 27th in St. John the Apostle Church, Vancouver, B.C. 1280-6

OBITUARY

RAMSAY—James Victor Ramsay, late of Francis Peninsula Road, Pender Harbour, B.C. passed away suddenly on December 31st, 1967, aged 60 years. Survived by his loving wife Ermine, 1 son Dan of Cowichan Lake, B.C., 2 brothers, 3 sisters, and 4 grandchildren. Funeral service was held in Columbia Funeral Chapel in New Westminster on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. Rev. David Verkirk officiating. Cremation. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be sent to the Heart Foundation. 1284-6

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MILWOK Moi Leen is thirty one years old. Her husband works as a coolie in a mill factory in Hong Kong where he makes 250 HK dollars—less than 40 dollars a month. They live in a squatters hut with three other families; altogether 20 people are crammed into one small room. And unless there is a fire, they have no hope of being moved to a resettlement block.

Milwok Moi Leen has three children. The youngest was only 7 weeks old when Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova met her in a Family Planning Clinic, one of 52 in the Colony. Because the Unitarian Service Committee believes that family planning is a "Must" to reduce poverty and hunger, it has made birth control a major part of its current program. With 4 million people living in 400 square miles, one to two thousand refugees arriving every month from the mainland and a new baby born every five minutes, overcrowding is the Colony's major problem.

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Jan. 11—2 p.m. St. Hilda's Hall, Sechelt. Regular meeting Sechelt Auxiliary to St. Mary's Hospital.

Jan. 17—7:30 p.m. Rod & Gun Film, Tommy Tompkins "Wild Life Shows", Sechelt Theatre.

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Random Thoughts

—by Mary Gross

ONE OF these nights the large glass ash-tray gracing my coffee table will go straight through the TV set, for those idiotic, artificial women in the commercials are becoming more than my patience will endure.

Generally speaking, they fit into two categories; the "Homemakers" and the "Sophisticates". The Homemakers devote their time to the laundry where they become research scientists and perform varied and fascinating experiments. They also enjoy many exciting hours cutting out paper dolls in two shades of white, whipping soap suds into sludge with the aid of an egg-beater and frenzied vigour, or enthusiastically snip heels from socks before washing them individually. This, one assumes, leaves hubby with clean heels each day.

The devastating aplomb with which the Homemaker allows wild animals to pop in and out of detergent packages is truly incredible as is the casual attitude to flying housemaids. To the Homemakers' credit and our relief, they do not forsake the confines of the laundry too frequently. When they do, their rudeness leaves much to be desired for if they are not using dinner plates as mirrors they are chasing poor souls into bathrooms to make sure they have not forgotten their deodorant. If not engaged in this popular pastime they are back in the laundry seeking election as the "woman with the dirtiest wash water in town."

The Sophisticate, of course, has weightier problems on her mind; namely straight, hard to manage, colorless or dead hair? Fortunately, for every problem, there is a bottled solution. With waterless hair-spray she has the distinct advantage of being able to go over Niagara Falls while every well groomed hair remains in place. She has no problem with a wandering husband for one look at her washed-away grey and he is her slave. Probably the Homemaker still visits her hairdresser but not our sophisticate. Indeed not, she has a "man in her bathroom," her very own hairdresser stashed away in the toiletry cabinet.

With her hair under control, the Sophisticate is able to concentrate on her figure and in this respect her engineering skills are phenomenal. She expertly lifts, moulds, rounds, flattens, enlarges and separates in seconds and apart from attending numerous gay affairs, is adept at taking part in an intellectual tete-a-tete wit a disembodied bra or girdle.

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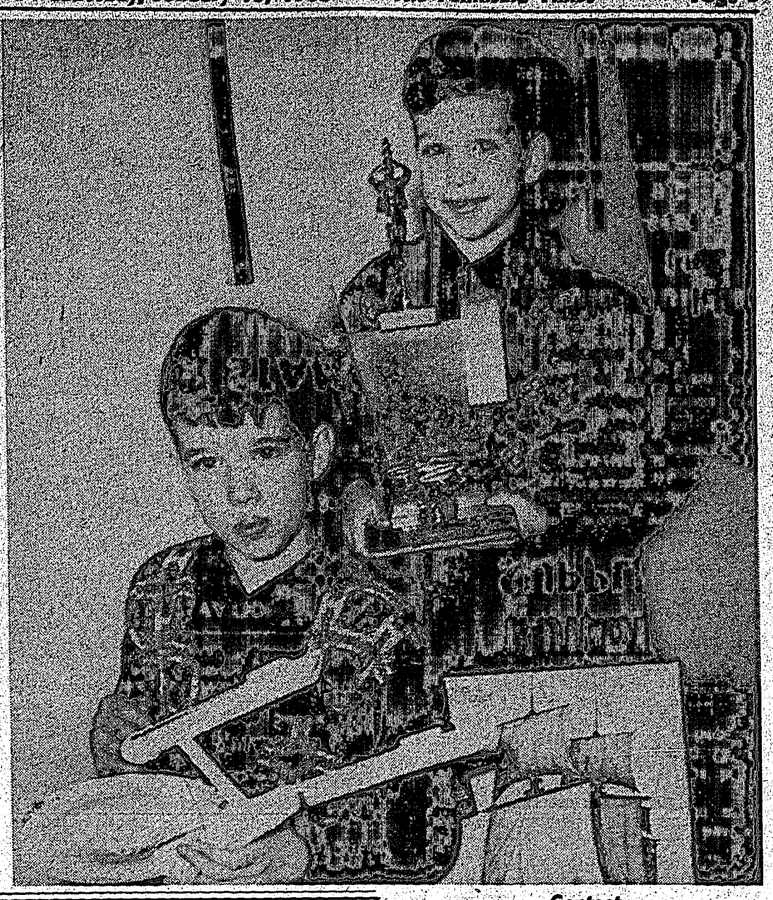

Contest

Two little boys who won't win the fine trophy for model building in the Campbell's Variety Store contest are Kim and Wayne Campbell. Kim displays the trophy while Wayne works on the second prize model, third prize is the fine sailing ship model.

Drownings top traffic deaths

ACCIDENTS took the lives of 140 people in B.C. during the month of July.

And for the first time on record, drownings exceeded traffic deaths. There were 47 people drowned and 43 killed in traffic accidents.

The B.C. Safety Council said that despite coverage by all news media of the warnings issued by council, people continued to break all basic water rules.

Of the 47 who drowned, 13 were swimmers; six swam alone in unsupervised areas and three others swam alone after midnight; eight people stood up and capsized their boats; 2 small children fell into shallow water; four other youngsters fell or stepped into a pothole while wading; eight victims drowned when five automobiles went into water.

Drownings have increased from 121 for the same seven months last year to 148 this year.

Traffic accidents are still the main cause of accidental deaths. Totals are up slightly with 286 killed for the first seven months compared to 284 in 1966.

Other statistics, released in Victoria, showed that 241 persons were killed in road accidents in the first half of this year, two more than in the same period last year.

In the mid-year summary the provincial motor vehicles branch said the number of persons injured in the January-June period of 1967 increased by five percent—a total of 8,532, or 406 more than in the first half of 1966.

NOT AS SERIOUS

The number of fatalities per accident was down however, while the number of injuries per accident was up by the same percentage—indicating that while the number of accidents increased, they were not as serious.

A total of 20,535 accidents were recorded in the six-month period, an increase of 1,977, or 11 percent.

The motor vehicles branch indicated property damage in all road accidents at $12,087,369.26, an increase of 10 percent over the first six months of 1966.

For the month of June, the total number of fatalities was 44, an increase of eight, or 22 percent over June, 1966.

However, in June there were seven percent fewer personal injury accidents; property damage was down six percent; total number of accidents was down one percent and the number of injured was down two percent.

A fellow in New York a couple of weeks before the holidays went to the place where he keeps his automobile and found a card on the steering wheel. "Merry Christmas from the Boys in the Garage," it said. He was grateful, but in the hustle and bustle of the season he thought no more of it.

Three days before Christmas he found another card in his car: "Merry Christmas from the Boys in the Garage—Second Notice."

Long-term . . .

B. C. firms optimistic on prospects for pulp

FIVE YEARS from plans to pulp. And an instant town.

That's the achievement of the Tahsis Co., formerly a logging and sawmill company on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

It announced in 1962 that it had plans for a pulp mill in its forest area.

Thursday, the company officially opened the resulting $60 million Gold River bleached kraft producer and showed off the modern plant to Vancouver businessmen and to directors of the parent companies, East Asiatic Co. Ltd. of Copenhagen and International Paper Co. of New York. The actual partnership in Tahsis Co. is between East Asiatic Canada Ltd. and Canadian International Paper, both wholly-owned subsidiaries.

PRINCESS OPENS

Opening ceremonies were conducted by Princess Margrethe of Denmark. The visitors saw not only a pulp mill which started production on June 9 as scheduled but also a new $15 million town, Gold River, which was carved from the forests nine miles inland from the Muchalat Inlet site of the mill.

The town has had some construction problems—like blasting sewer systems into solid rock. There have been complaints that the rents in the married accommodation are too high and like many spots far from the bright lights, the turnover of the single men is considerable, says Bob McMurray, editor of the Province.

There was an inter-union squabble over who would represent the workers in the mill. This has been settled as has been a strike threat of recent date. The mill itself has been bleaching its output since July 10, but there is still considerable perfecting of the process and the controls to do before the rated capacity of 750 tons per day is reached. This is usual. The mill some days hits more than 600 tons per day, according to unofficial estimates.

Tahsis' mill has a long central control corridor in which the operators check the banks of instruments. Communication with the men on the operating floor is maintained by TV and two-way radio.

TOP OF THE LIST

Because of rapidly changing technology in pulp mill operation in B.C. and Canada, Tahsis Co. officials will not be pinned to statements such as "the Gild River pulp mill is the most modern in Canada." But its electronic instruments certainly rank it up at the top of the list. With the present setup, the mill operation can be computerized.

This doesn't remove the human element completely, but it does make use of the instrument to sound warnings automatically when finely-adjusted controls show a variance in quality or something away from normal in dozens of other conditions. Human adjustment would still be needed.

Tahsis Co. obtains wood supplies for its pulp mill and the 140 million board feet per year saw mill at Tahsis, 36 miles north of Gold River, from its own 474,000-acre tree farm licence and adjoining crown forest lands. The sawmill will produce 25 percent of the pulp mill's chip supply.

A little more than two years ago the pulp mill site was the location of the company's housing for the workers in the Gold River logging division. The townsite was a scar in the forest. The new facilities are now another permanent section of the province's economy.

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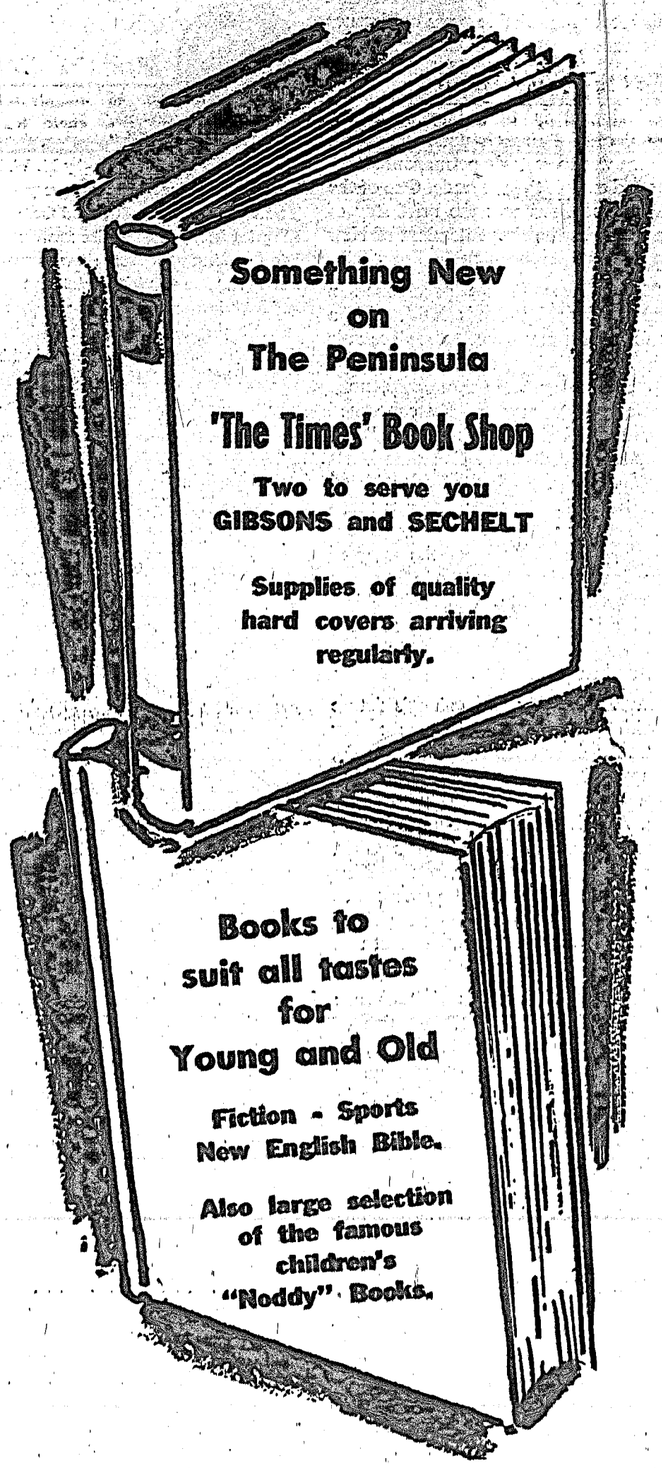

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"I may be wrong, but I shall not be so wrong as to fail to say what I believe to be right."
—JOHN ATKINS

Spotlight on councils

COUNCILS of both villages will undoubtedly have many important decisions to reach during the coming year, formost of which, from the point of view of dire necessity, is that of sewage systems.

Department of Municipal Affairs issued warning a few months ago that in order ot attack the problem of pollution, municipalities would be required to take steps to install such sewage systems where not already installed. This has been followed up by the Department of Health which prohibits septic tanks where the water table is less than four feet below ground level.

This, in effect, means that construction in parts of both Gibsons and Sechelt is frozen until such time sewage systems are installed.

While this affects comparatively few residents at this time, its implications will prove drastic as time goes by for the whole progress of each community will be greatly retarded. If new buildings are discontinued, growth will naturally take place elsewhere, while Sechelt and Gibsons could very well sink into obscurity.

On the other hand, progress has already been held back to no little extent due to inadequate sewage disposal, therefore it is logical to assume that both communities will prosper and grow considerably once the service is completed. Certainly the initial cost will be high. It will however provide enormous possibilities such as paving the way for apartment blocks, new homes, stores etc. This might well be questioned by those who insist a community cannot grow without more industry. This is a fallacy discovered in other villages in the past, for as we have pointed out previously, services encourage apartment blocks and new homes which in turn calls for new stores. These mean more staff, employment and so it goes on until the whole thing mushrooms. This anyway is basically the theory which has been proved elsewhere and in an area such as the Sunshine Coast it would seem we have better than a head start.

Progress of the villages then obviously rests with village commissioners and it is to be hoped the progressive thinkers will predominate. Certainly there is no room on any council for the chicken hearted. Imaginative outlook and the fortitude to put it into practice are prime requisites in this modern age. Those who seek a council seat as a step up the social ladder seldom prove the type of community leaders we need. Too many taxpayers depend upon vital community development and past events make abundantly clear the fact that dilly dallying will not be tolerated.

As the Peninsula stands upon the threshold of great potential development, endeavors and abilities of both councils will be watched with considerable interest.

The exploiter

IT seems to be part of General de Gaulle's delusion that although France withdrew from this continent more than two centuries ago—except for the fishing stations of St. Pierre and Miquelon, which have hardly prospered under continued French ownership—all Canadians of French origin feel that historically they are tied to and indebted to France.

"It was the French," de Gaulle said in his recent remarkable press conference performance, "who over two and a half centuries, down to 1763, discovered, peopled and administeted Canada." The historical fact is that, barring a few periods, official French policy in North America was to restrain permanent settlement and exploit the fur trade. One of the notable exceptions was the brief stay of Jean Talon as the first Intendant of New France.

"1663: New France proclaimed a Royal province by Louis XIV, with a new form of government to replace rule by the series of chartered companies that had held the fur trade monopoly, none of which had been primarily concerned with immigration and colonization," the history section of Quick Canadian Facts sums up. "1666: Arrival of Jean Talon as the first Intendant, or business manager. The extremely able, 40-year-old former chief commissary of the army of France imported craftsmen of all trades, established small industries, built ships, granted seigniories, encouraged farming and cattleraising, bonused early marriages and large families.

"Convinced that the colony's future lay with permanent inhabitants rather than transient exploiters of the fur trade, he aggressively fostered population growth by immigration and natural increase. As wives for the colony's bachelors he arranged for the King's Girls, marriageable girls for whom the King paid the sea passage and provided as dowry an ox, a cow, two pigs, a pair of chickens, two barrels of salted meat and eleven crowns in money.

"Talon took Canada's first census: in 1667, 3,215 inhabitants exclusive of aborigines; there were 668 families, of whom two were married couples under the age of 15. At his recall to France in 1672 population totalled 8,000. After Talon, France's interests reverted to a far-flung fur trading empire rather than a stable, expanding colony. There was almost no immigration after 1700; population of New France by 1763 was 65,000."

De Gaulle speaks of reviving the historical bond between Paris and Canadians of French origin. What historical bond? The French of those earlier years were here as exploiters of the fisheries and the fur trade, as were the English in that period. Now for some grand scheme of his own de Gaulle would exploit Canada.

Poet's Corner

THE DOGWOOD

—by M. W. Bracewell

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New PNE Coliseum debut Ice Capades magic screen

THE BEAUTIFUL, brand new 15,000 seat Pacific Coliseum at Exhibition Park will open January 8th with a week-long engagement of the Ice Capades presenting seven evening performances with a matinee on the Saturday and Sunday.

The designation of Ice Capades as "America's No. 1 Family Show" is quite apropos for this year's 27th edition, which has something for everyone.

Lavish, fast moving, expertly skated, Ice Capades is completely new from start to finish. This elegant production brings to its audiences innovations that are truly "firsts" in ice showmanship.

Front projection from an electronically controlled machine allows the use of a gigantic motion picture screen for the integration of live and filmed performers. This process, called "Magic Screen", achieves effects never before seen on ice. The coordination of live and filmed skaters in the "chase" scene of "High Button Shoes," one of the six productions, works with such seeming ease that it belies the hours and months of experimentation by the Ice Capades' technicians that went into the finished product.

Perfect timing is the requirement for a smooth performance of the "Magic Screen". This is accomplished by using the musical score as a guide. At a certain point the performers begin an in-mind count-down. At the precise fraction of a second, they reach the screen and glide right through it. Conversely, they re-enter the ice from behind the screen by way of a musical cue.

Should a performer miss a count by only a fraction of a second he appears out of sequence. Should he miss his place to come out or go in he throws the entire action off. "Magic Screen" is truly magic and has to be seen to be believed.

Six fabulous production numbers, interspersed with solo and comedy performances comprise the show. The opening number, "Wonderful Day," followed by "A Flintstone Fantasy," and "The King Lives On," a salute to the great talents of the late Nat "King" Cole, make up the first portion of Ice Capades. "High Button Shoes" an ice version of the Broadway musical comedy hit; "Inca Exotic" and "Strike Up The Band" deliver the second half.

As ever, the array of star performers are the finest in the entire world. 1967 World Professional Pair Champions, Guy Revell and Gertrude Desjardins; 1967 North American Champion, Don Knight; lovely Mitsuko Funakoshi; Japanese Champion, Sashi Kuchiki; beauteous Janet Bunn; Eastern Champion, Richard Callaghan; statuesque Gisela; youthful Charlene McLaren; graceful adagio duo, Alain and Margaret and Michael Garren.

Comedy is supplied by British clown, Terry Head, the hilarious Vic Zoble, and the daffy duo of Bussey and Mueller with specialty acts by Dave Pitss and Spanky Jr. the Chimp Champ, the Three Toddy's and daring Bob Hubbard.

Reader's Right

Donations increase

Editor, The Times.

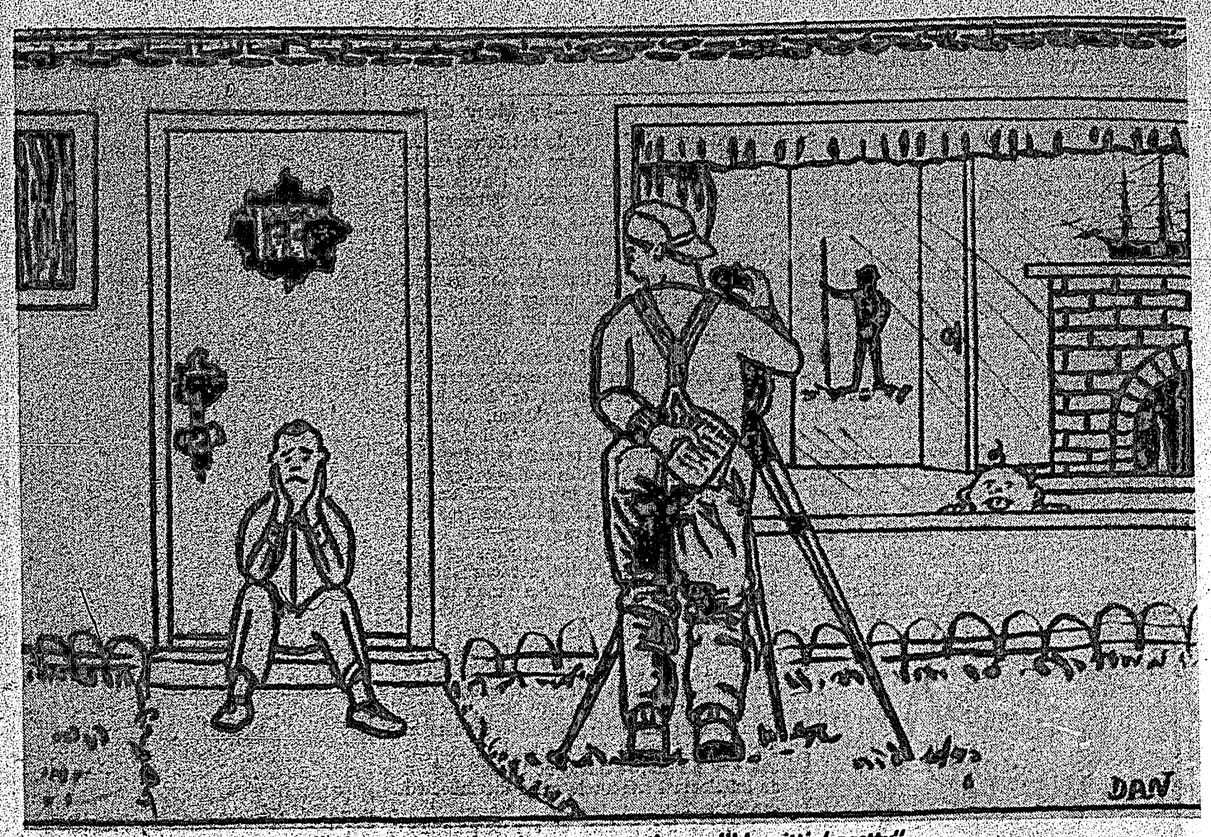
Sir—Donations to date from Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society campaigns in B.C. have jumped to $23,184. This represents an increase of $4,441 over last year. Final results are still to come in from some areas which are not covered by United Appeals.

United Appeal quotas and the government grant will be set early in the new year.

Treatment and research have top priority on the C.A.R.S. program. The proposed budget to maintain these services is $713,500. Heavier patient load and rising costs will account for an increase of $50,000 over 1967.

The Society operated at a deficit of $8,250 during the past year.

—SUSAN MEEK, P.R. Officer



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Health Tips

Canadian Medical Assoc.

ALLERGY—If a person gets a rash, or hay fever, or asthma, when he or she is near a horse, the treatment is obvious: stay away from horses. This is simple if the person hardly ever sees a horse. However, the problem becomes a little more serious if the patient is a jockey who is in constant contact with horses.

In such cases where an allergy is identified as one at the patient cannot treat himself by avoiding the cause, the doctor will determine the severity of the allergy. If it's mild, then medical treatment with drugs and with desensitization by injections will minimize the symptoms and keep the condition under control.

Where an allergy has continued for some time, it is important to seek medical advice, says The Canadian Medical Association. The doctor will take a careful history in order to determine, if possible, the factor or factors which may be responsible for the allergy. If he can determine the sources of the trouble he will, of course, try to eliminate it from the patient's environment.

Some patients with allergies are cured, but many, especially those with a strong family history of eczema, hay fever or asthma, may have trouble from time to time. They may have trouble with skin, they may get hay fever, they may wheeze from time to time, and this may go on for years. However, these symptoms may be controlled by treatment prescribed by a doctor, or minimized by injections designed to desensitize that patient so he can withstand the irritating effect of substances with cause the allergies.

The C.M.A. says it is very important not to use the over-the-counter remedies for eczema, hay fever or asthma. Sometimes the treatment can be worse than the disease if it is not carefully prescribed by a competent physician.

I've been reading advice columns in the newspapers for many years, and the way I figure it, the happiest man in the world must be Mister Abby.—Robert Orben.

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Although the hot, salad days of summer are over the salad season is still much in evidence. How could it be otherwise when we see all the gorgeous arrays of garden fresh vegetables and orchard fresh fruits, so conducive to salad making.

Crisp green cabbage and crisp tender celery are two of the plentiful early fall vegetables which can be used with gay abandon for salads. In the one suggested here a fair amount of chopped peanuts is added to make it more substantial, with a mixture of herbs giving the salad a subtle flavor.

For an extra dividend in eating pleasure serve crisp potato chips—plenty of them—with this Cabbage and Celery Salad and other fresh vegetable favorites.

CABBAGE AND CELERY SALAD

- 2 cups finely chopped cabbage
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- ½ cup finely chopped salted peanuts
- 2 teaspoons mixed herbs (basil, thyme, tarragon)
- Salad dressing or mayonnaise (about 1/3 cup)
- Garlic Bud

Combine chopped cabbage, celery, peanuts and herbs. Chill. Just before serving add salad dressing or mayonnaise. Toss lightly into salad bowl rubbed with a glove of garlic. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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Gibsons bowling

HIGH triples this week were Mavis Stanley 734 and Frank Nevens 736. High singles were Gerry Turenne 299 and Gene Yablonski 289.

Gibsons A: Orville Shogan 626, Freeman Reynolds 670 (249), Gordon Day 638, Frank Nevens 680 (246), Mavis Stanley 734 (265), Francis Scorgie 253, Lorraine Werning 611, Alex Robertson 700 (269) (243), Dot Skerry 262.

Teachers Hi: Klaus Abrams 242, Helen Girard 600, Mickey Jay 624 (256), Bill Ayres 277, Silvia Bingley 264, Bob Blakeman 270, Jim Stewart 610 (274), Freeman Reynolds 689 (257), (243), Gene Yablonski 714 (289), Grethe Taylor 26, Violet Pennier 619, Len Ellis 615 (264).

Commercials: Lorne Gregory 602, Dave Hopkins 256, Jack Fitchett 644, Marybelle Holland 610, Evelyn Shadwell 679 (255), (294), Inez Hendrickson 614 (294), Frank Nevens 736 (289), (264).

Port Mellon: Geerry Rickaby 627, Axel Hansen 247, Gerry Turenne 647 (299), Jack Lowden 244, Art Holden 714 (251), (240).

Junior: Martin Klewitz 358 (239), Wayne Wright 359 (180), Jim Green 407 (246), Brian McKenzie 342 (204).

Bantams: Randi Hansen 270 (149), Bruce Green 227, Cindy Whieldon 255 (144), Michael Armstrong 274 (151), Marlon Jenkins 271 (152).

Sechelt Bowling

—by Eve Moscrip

HIGH triples for the week were Frank Nevens with 752 for the men and Lil McCourt with 670 for the ladies. High singles for the week were Roy Hutton with 318 for the men and Erla English with 290 for the ladies.

LEAGUE SCORES:

Sports Club: Donna Joe 609, Grethe Taylor 250, Roy Taylor 588.

Ladies: Lil McCourt (670) (274), Rose Rodway 669.

Ladies Matinee: Jean Robinson 659 289), Rose Harrison 606 (252).

Pender: Ev Harrison 680, Red Robinson 711 (303), Wilf Harrison 660, Eric Antilla 649.

Commercial: Frank Nevens 752 (284), Frank Newton 300.

Ball and Chain: Erla English 290, Kathy Hall 257, Roy Hutton 747 (318).

SCHOOL LEAGUES:

Juniors: (Dec. 16) Laurie Allan 359 ,211), Kenny Casey 316 (182), Brad Allan 361 (206), Andy Henderson 228. (Jan. 6) Brad Allan 313, Sven Poulsen 185, Laurie Allan 328 (178).

Introduction

Coast Chilcotin NDP Candidate Hartley Dent was introduced by Burnaby-Richmond MP Robert Prittie at a public meeting in Gibsons on Saturday. Seated from left: MP Robert Prittie, Rev. Alan Bush, campaign consultant; Don Lockstead, Texada, President Coast Chilcotin NDP Riding Assn; Dave Hill, President Local 297. Standing from left: Mr. Eric Grafe, Mr. John Kelly, Mr. Hartley Dent and Mr. Eric Prittie.

Bob Prittie states . . .

Democratic Party plans 'Operation New Canada'

SPEAKING at Gibsons, last Saturday when he introduced NDP candidate for Coast Chilcotin, Mr. Hartley Dent, MP for Burnaby-Richmond, Bob Prittie wondered who was separatist. Premier Johnson of Quebec at least attends the premiers conferences but Premier W.A.C. Bennett does not bother.

The strength of Canadian Confederation and the relationships between different parts of Canada will not be determined merely by making legalistic changes in the wording of the constitution.

Prittie pointed out that it is "a gross simplification of Canada's problems to suggest that they arise from a clash between two linguistic groups. The crisis of Confederation, through which we are going, is social and economic as well as cultural and regional. The traditional politicians have been incapable of grasping the nature of these problems and developing policies to meet them.

"We shall not solve these problems by high-level, closed session conferences in which the wording of a particular section of the BNA Act becomes an obsessive problem." The New Democratic MP stated that there has been "far too little attention paid to strengthening the bonds that Canadians have in common and meeting the needs and aspirations which workers—whether they are from British Columbia or Quebec—share".

Mr. Prittie said that the New Democratic Party across Canada would, during the next few months, undertake a nation-wide survey dubbed 'Operation New Canada'. "Its purpose", said Prittie, "is to ask the people of Canada the kind of basic social, economic and constitutional reforms which are needed. It will consist of a survey, educational workshops within the NDP, contact with representative occupational and social groups within society and 'teach-ins' in various parts of Canada.

"The New Democratic Party is committed to the proposition that it is the primary and essential role of politicians to consult with the people. This we intend to do, on the widest possible basis. The sounding of public opinion and the creation of a swelling dialogue is a means of reaching a consensus on the role of any government which hopes to serve the needs of a modern industrial society. The New Democratic Party doesn't pretend to have all the answers: at least we are looking for them in concert with the ordinary people of Canada."

Woolly babies

Safe and snug in warm straw at the Norman Hough farm Gibsons, these chubby little lambs await the spring sunshine. Arriving daily there were more than twenty lambs by last weekend, of this sturdy Dorset strain but they are only a hobby for Mr. Hough once had a flock of 2,500 when he farmed on the Prairies.

Hospital Auxiliary changes meeting date

MEMBERS of the Gibsons Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the public for its kind support during the past year. Donations to the Thrift Shop, Bake Sales and Teas have been most generous, and without this extra help the success of the Auxiliary's functions would neither be profitable nor enjoyable.

The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary has been changed to the afternoon commencing this Thursday, January 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Health Centre. It is hoped by having afternoon meetings that more and new members will be able to turn out.

Sechelt Socials

—With Your Neighbours

MRS. Eileen Nestman of Everett, Washington visited her son Leo and his family in Selma Park, from December 26 to December 29. She then went to Squamish where she visited her daughter Roma and her husband Mr. Jim Schutz. Roma and Jim are former residents of Gibsons.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. MacDougall of Barrier, B.C. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stephanson in Selma Park from December 22nd to January 2nd. Mrs. MacDougall is a sister of Mrs. Stephanson. During the visit Mr. MacDougall enjoyed several successful fishing outings with Ralph and Mr. Ed Rennie.

Dr. and Mrs. Alan Swan and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fearnley were co-hosts at a New Year's Eve party which was held in the Swan's lovely and spacious home in West Sechelt. About 70 guests were present.

Mrs. Stan Wallis, Vice Principal of Sechelt Elementary School entertained the teachers of the teaching staff and their wives and husbands on Friday evening, January 5th, in her home in West Sechelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Harris, formerly of Sechelt and now of Vancouver, and their two children were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Eric Paetkau in Selma Park for two days during the holidays. On the evening of December 27th the Paetkaus entertained a number of friends in their honor. Other out of town guests included Dr. Stanger, who, until recently maintained a dental office a few days a week in Gibsons, and Dr. and Mrs. John Crosby of Gibsons.

Mrs. Leo Johnson was called to Campbell River suddenly after receiving the sad news that her father, Mr. Fred Benson had met with an accident. Mr. Benson was struck by a car on the highway in front of his home at Campbell River on Saturday, January 6th, and survived just a few hours. He was a former resident of Sechelt.

Selma Park, home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson, was the scene of a cocktail dinner party on New Year's Day. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hamon, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bromley of Vancouver, Mr. Bill Perkins, Mrs. Nessie Kennedy, Mrs. Mary Swiggum, and Mrs. Alice March. An enjoyable evening was spent playing cards, after which refreshments were served before the guests left in the wee hours of the morning.

Happenings Around Elphie

—by Rob Boyes and Marilyn Hopkins

NOT too much happened around Elphinstone due to our arriving back to a three day week. It seems that everyone used the three days to recuperate from the holiday. Everyone was refreshed, but hated to see the holiday end. Some of the students arrived back to school with exams staring them in the face. Exams will be going on until the end of the month, when we receive our beloved report cards. Good luck, kids!

On Friday night, Elphie moved her basketball regiment up to the front lines in Pender Harbour. The bus which was supplying the transportation, left the school at five o'clock and picked up players and cheerleaders along the way. At 6:15 it arrived in Pender. The Junior girls battled out the first game; they fought well, but lost the battle. The next battle, featuring the junior boys, was a victorious one for Elphie. Congratulations, junior boys! This seemed to stir Pender somewhat, for they sent their Senior Girls out and got the best of us. Elphie then made her last attack, using the Senior Boys. Elphie cleaned up on them. I guess both schools deserve a good pat on the back for some interesting games.

A short "sock-hop" followed the games, but Elphie had to get her teams back home, so they pulled out. We hope Elphie does even better in the heavy schedule of games planned for the future. There is a rumour going around that promises a different game; the "Boss Jocks" against our cheerleaders! That would be great to see all the Disc Jockeys from CKLG play our cheerleaders. We will let you know if we hear any more about it.

We are all looking forward to something else at Elphie right now. It is believed that Mr. Peterson will be returning to school after his long visit to hospital. We are expecting him a week Monday (January 15). He will surely be welcome back.

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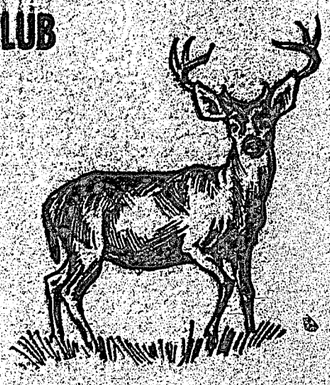

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Pender High-Lights

—by Donna Vaughan

ON THURSDAY, December 21 during fifth period all the girls' classes gathered in Room 102 to sing Christmas carols. Mr. Friesan played the piano and Kim Lawrence and April Walker provided excellent accompaniment on the accordion.

In the afternoon of the last day of school we had a book check after which we proceeded to the gym to watch an excellent play, "Stand and Deliver", put on by Mrs. Benjafield's drama class. The group had just returned after the Revolutionary War. After the play was finished we spent the rest of the afternoon singing Christmas carols.

During the last couple of days of school Mr. Blue was absent. Some of the students in his home room prepared a get well card for him. We all hope that he has made a speedy recovery over the holidays.

Since I am writing this column in the holidays when there isn't too much school news I thought I would mention in this column some little known facts about Egmont. For instance, many people perhaps are not aware that around the time of the First World War there was a railroad in Egmont that ran from Waugh Lake to Secret Bay, locally known as Co-op Bay. This railroad was used in logging, transporting logs from the lake to Secret Bay near where Bathgate's Egmont Enterprise now stands.

Another little known fact concerns the telephone which around the time of WW I ran from Sechelt to what used to be the post office on the north side of Sechelt Inlet across the Channel from Egmont.

It was a Merry Christmas for the Dunlops as Mr. Dunlop was home from the hospital in time for Christmas.

Also spending Christmas in Egmont were Sherrie and Ruth Silvey. The girls spent Christmas at the home of their parents Stan and Dorothy Silvey.

During the holidays I visited my cousin Judy Gill and her children Shannon and Brian. Since she had only recently returned from Germany she had bought the childrens' toys there. One of the toys was a nice little top and another was a little police car, only in German it was a Polizei car.

Recently I came across an interesting article on games of chance such as cards, chess, checkers and dominoes The article revealed many interesting facts about the origins of these games. Playing cards, for instance, it says were in use in ancient Persia, Egypt, China and India although considerably different in size, design and use.

The first playing cards resembling ours, it is generally believed were used in fourteenth century Western Europe. Some cards made for the king of France in 1398 by a contemporary painter exist today in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.

These early cards were different from the cards today, there being 78 in the "tarot" deck of that time, 52 of them corresponding to our modern deck but with an additional 22 atouts of trumps.

These atouts were numbered from one to 21, except for one card which was known as the clown or buffoon, probably the forerunner of today's joker and the highest ranking card in the deck.

Each atout card bore a descriptive name, often terrifying, such as Death, the Devil, Tower Struck by Lightning, Man Suspended by a Foot, while others took a loftier turn—Temperance, the Emperor, the Moon.

Others were related to more mundane things—the Juggler, the Hermit, the Lovers, the Chariot and the Wheel of Fortune. These cards, apparently were used in fortune telling.

Playing cards are not the same all over the world. Spanish cards, or example, the kind used in Mexico, have cups, swords, coins and clubs for their suits instead of hearts, diamonds, spades and clubs. Even the Spanish clubs are different, their clubs being a formidable looking bludgeon. The Spanish deck has only 40 cards and no queen, using instead a second jack mounted on a funny little horse.

American cards had their origin in France coming to the colonies through England. These cards still had a close resemblance to the medieval French tarot cards. However each succeeding generation of card makers altered the design either by carelessness or artistic impulse. An effort was made sometimes to flatter the reigning monarch by altering the design to make it resemble him.

The king of hearts at various times has represented Adam, Julius Caesar, Constantine and Alexander. In today's deck, however, the king of hearts is Charlemagne, the first Holy Roman Emperor.

Never once has the queen of hearts represented the real wives of Adam, Constantine, Alexander and the other kings of hearts. The earliest queen of hearts is believed to have represented Helen of Troy, the beautiful heroine of Homer's Iliad. She has most often been identified with Charlemagne's beautiful daughter-in-law, Judith of Bavaria.

The appearance of the king of spades has been retained from the French playing cards of the 16th century. Although he now holds a sword, in the early decks he held a mighty sabre.

The king of spades represents the biblical King David and contemporary French card makers still include a golden harp in the background of the king of spades. In some earlier French cards the word David appeared.

The queen of spades originates from Greek mythology and represents Pallas Athena or as the Romans called her, Minerva, the goddess of war and wisdom who sprang fully armed from the head of Zeus.

Occasionally card makers have changed the queen of spades, thinking that a pagan goddess an unsuitable consort for David. Although they substituted Bathsheba and Joan of Arc at different times, the Queen of Spades is still more like Pallas Athena than the others.

Despite the many changes the ancient designs rooted in history, religion or mythology have persevered.

Although the design of face cards has always remained true to tradition, the overall design of the card has undergone a good many basic changes. From time to time their width was reduced and their length extended. Probably the most unsuccessful attempt to evolve a card easy to handle was the creation of a circular deck.

Since bridge involves full use of fifty two cards by four players the bridge deck evolved, with slightly marrower cards.

The drawing of lots, including the draw in cards, and such devices as spinning or tossing a coin, is based of primitive religious practices. The goddess of fortune was called upon to select between the contestants. A related device is the dice derived from knucklebones tossed to decide the will of the gods. The familiar cubical dice has been discovered buried in ancient Egyption, Greek and Far Eastern tombs. The Greek word for dice and the games played with them is astragalos or anklebone. Dice as a game was mentioned in the Rig-Veda, a sacred book of the Hindus.

Dominoes, which were first recorded in 18th century Italy were developed from dice by being flattened, the face of a domino representing the two numerals face up on a throw of two dice.

Mah-johngg developed in a indeterminate period in China. Its origin is variously ascribed to Chinese royalty, to a Chinese general and to Chinese sailors.

Chess is the modern parent of the present games of mental military strategy. Its primitive form, chaturagna was mentioned in India in the Hindu Puranos as early as 3000 BC. It first spread eastward through the Orient then westward to Constantinople passing through Persia in the sixth century, AD. The Arabs took it the next century to Mecca, Medina, Syria, Byzantium and Spain. First recorded European references appeared in Spain around AD 1000.

Marine pollution gains as marine-life threat

SCIENTISTS have issued a warning that uncontrolled dumping of wastes in the sea can prove as hazardous to health and food supplies as the more familiar pollution of lakes and rivers.

Delegates have before them the final report of a working group on marine pollution which met in August under the chairmanship of Prof. P. Korringa of the Netherlands Institute for Fishery Investigations. It recommended that national government bodies be created to handle all questions dealing with marine pollution.

Outlining the kind of problem arising, Prof. Korringa described the effect on marine life of a comparatively small amount of copper sulphate that had been dumped into the North Sea near Noordwijk.

"By the end of two weeks," said Prof. Korringa, "the poisonous body of water had moved along the coast for quite a distance with the tides, killing both fish and invertebrates, but it still had not been diluted as much as five times."

Prof. Korringa noted that rapidly expanding industry will lead to discharge of greater and greater quantities of waste of ever increasing variety into the marine environment, either through pipelines or by means of tankers.

"It is impossible, and also unnecessary, to prohibit completely all discharge of waste into the sea. Great care, however, is required," he warned.

He pointed out that waste dumping can result in such dramatic phenomena as the notorious "red tide," a bloom of poisonous phytoplankton which can wipe out entire populations of fish. The most dangerous products to discharge into the sea, he said, are pesticides — particularly chlorinated hydrocarbons — heavy metals and petrochemical wastes. The effect of detergents on the marine environment was still unknown.

The working group experts called for continuous research and information exchanges at both national and international levels, and for the treatment of the different aspects of marine pollution "as facets of a single problem requiring concerted action by chemists, radio-chemists, marine biologists, microbiologists, physical and chemical oceanographers, engineers, lawyers and others."

ARMY LIFE

A soldier from Georgia was discussing army life. "Well, I'll tell you," he drawled, "it's not really too bad after you get used to it. But I thought I'd die when I was first drafted, I was so homesick. I'd heard if you were a little touched in the head, they would discharge you. So one morning in front of the barracks I started putting on a show. Spotting a captain, I knew it was now or never, and I dropped down on all fours and started barking at him.

That captain never batted an eye. He just dropped down on all fours and barked back at me. That's when I started liking the army."

Fourteenth Installation

Five past presidents conducted the installation of the new executive of the Sunshine Coast Kiwanis Club, held at the Cedars Inn, Gibsons on Saturday. Seated from left: Vice-President Dan Wheeler; Director Bill Wright; Treasurer Ozzie Hincks and Vice-President Dave Hopkin. Standing: Directors, John Mathews; Jim Munro; Past President Don Douglas; President Ron McPhedran; Directors George Hopkins and Ray Chamberlin. Absent: Secretary Bill Haley; Directors, Frank Daugherty and Micky Parsey.

Caution Worms At Work

—by A.J.C.

THOSE four words express my own high opinion of the value as soil builders of the common earthworm known as Lumbricus Terrestris to naturalists. Although so common, earthworms are very useful for they are nature's ploughmen, forever at work turning the soil, and they are the principal agents in the formation of that organic content which is so valuable in cultivation and cropping.

It has always seemed unfortunate to me that Darwin's more ponderous book on his long voyage around the world on the little ship Beagle and the Origin of the Species that followed it overshadowed his written work on the earthworm. It is when we read the result of his long and patient observations that we realize what the worms are capable of as soil builders, for his work enabled him to demonstrate that one acre of garden land contains, on average, a population of 53,000 worms; through whose bodies some 10 tons of enriched soil pass annually. And that soil is truly rich; each worm makes one "cast" every twenty-four hours and these casts in their thousands have been found by the most careful tests to be the most effective fertilizing matter for growing high quality human food. And that is where we come into the picture with weekly increase in the world's population of one million per week!

How far we have strayed from nature's way today, came home to me with great force when, while reading a modern standard book on soil treatment and cultivation in general, I found instructions on how to kill off the earthworm—that is, to destroy my best friends!

Gilbert White was another close observer of the action and effect of earthworms who left us his testimony in their vital importance in the land. "Though in appearance a very small link in the chain of nature their loss would leave a lamentable chasm. Worms seems to be the great promoters of vegetation, which would grow but lamely without their boring, perforating and loosening of the soil and rendering it pervious to rain and the fibrous roots of plants and by drawing in scraps of vegetation of all kinds—and by bringing up little mounds of their casts to enrich the top soil. Worms restore the soil that has been eroded from sloping ground by their natural action as described; without that action the earth would eventually become cold hard, barren and sterile."

That is plain talking by a true student of the subject who, if he were alive today would certainly be opposed to the use of powerful sprays that kill both enemies and friends. But if such opposition were hurled at the great chemical interests it would be no more than a pebble from the sling of David—but what was it that happened to Goliath! Perhaps too many of us are forgetting that growth is a biological—not a chemical process and we may have to learn again in the hard way what our ancestors knew—that only a living soil can produce food that is a true "staff of life" to our children and ourselves. We are approaching a crossroads in this matter as one spray after another fails in its purpose—or brings most objectionable side-effects. But cause and effect will still work for us—feed the soil and the soil will feed us—with food that is worth the labor.

LIKE IT LIGHT

Many land mammals and birds depend on forests for cover, for a place to escape their enemies and a place in which to seek shelter from deep snow and stormy winters. Most of our wildlife prefers to live along the edges of forest stands rather than deep within the heavy forest itself. It is really on the edge of the forest, where this adjoins open areas or clearings made by man, that the greatest variety of animals and birds is to be found. Birds and animals are like people in that they prefer to live where they can enjoy the sun's warmth and where there is a variety of the requirements for life, such as food and cover close at hand. Deep within heavy conifer forests there is really not much variety in so far as permanent places to live are concerned.

Squaringly Yours

—by Maurice Hemstreet

WELL! what do you know? another Christmas has come and gone and a new year is here with plenty of challenges for everyone. Some will try bowling & some will go all out for the new golf course, others will take up hiking, horseback riding, swimming, and so on.

Why don't you try square dancing this year? I won't even try to persuade you to join in one of the worlds greatest recreations for fun and friendship. After all, a million square dancers just can't be wrong. Take for instance—Dec. 31, 63—Peg and I held a New Year's buffet supper at our place that made the old house rock for joy. In Jan. 25, 64—the Sechelt Promenaders put on a smorgasbord at the Wilson Creek Hall with all the members pitching in to supply the food. Man! what a night.

You never can tell when square dance friends will drop in to say hello. They come from all over the country. Why, I remember when Bill and Bea Norman from Powell River dropped by Mar 20, 64 and we squared up in our basement for an evening of fun on the floor. These are just a few of the great times we have had.

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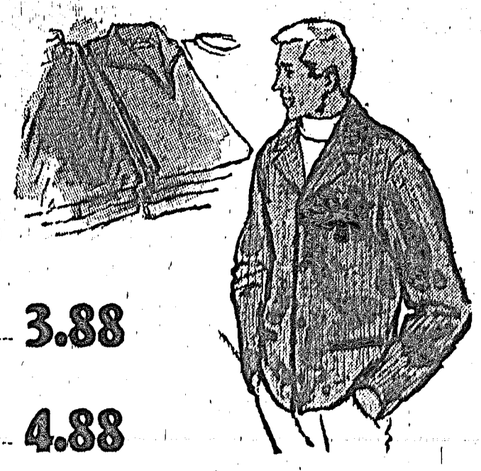

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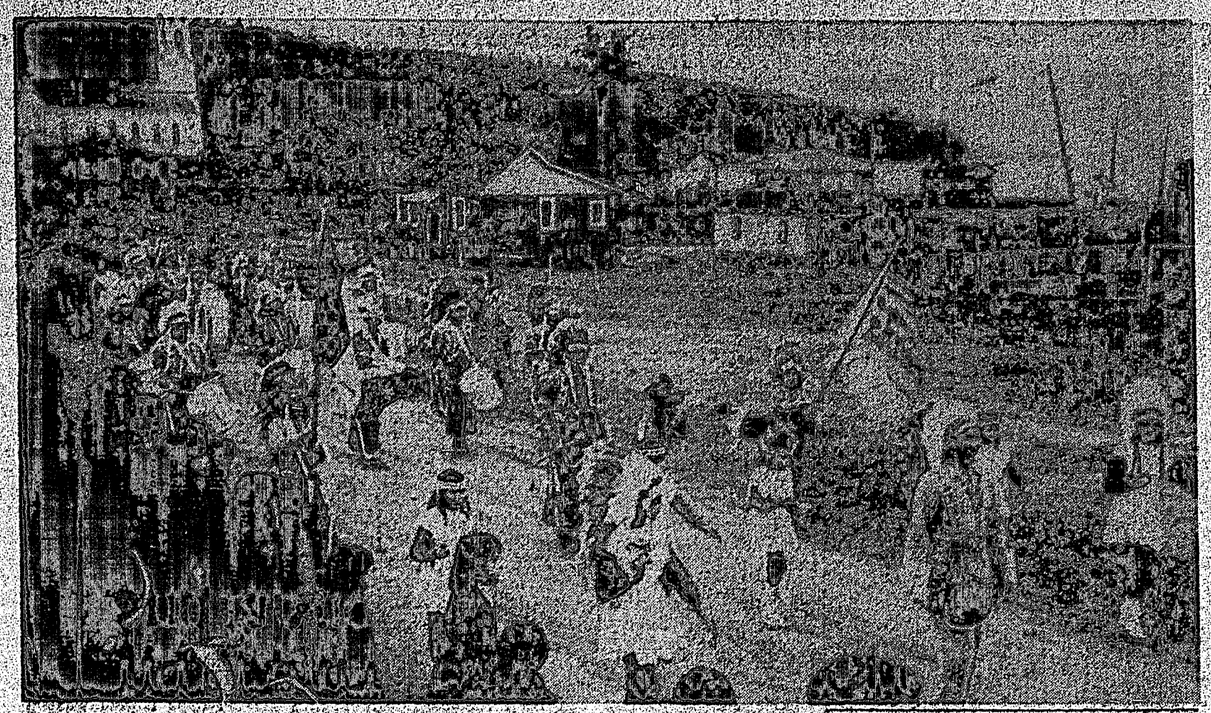

Indian welcome

Prior to the Council Meeting in the Sechelt Native Hall where Hon. Arthur Laing received the brief presented by the Sechelt Indian Band, the honoured guests were escorted on a brief tour of the Village by the Sechelt Residential School Band resplendent in their colourful uniforms and braving the bitterly cold wind which brought a promise of snow, fulfilled the next day.

Recent submission . . .

Sechelt Indian's brief seeks department's aid

FOLLOWING is a brief submitted by Clarence Joe, Secretary of the Sechelt Indian Council, to Hon. Arthur Laing, Indian Affairs Minister, during his visit last Saturday to the Indian Village;

Dear Sir:

We take this opportunity of welcoming you to the Sechelt Reserve as the first Minister of Indian Affairs to pay us this honour. We present this brief to you as a resumee of the background of our Sechelt Indians, and hope that our requests will be listened to and acted upon by the Federal Government.

In the latter portion of the 1800's, the Sechelt Indians established their own community which later became Sechelt Indian Reserve Number Two on the shores of Trail Bay. This is now the present Indian Reserve, wherein the church and the houses now stand. Before the area became a reservation, the Indians built their Indian homes and buildings with lumber supplied from Vancouver and Nanaimo, and towed by their native canoes to the site.

All the buildings were built by the Sechelt Indians from lumber purchased by themselves with the money raised from wages earned as self-employed loggers engaged mainly in hand logging. The Indians of Sechelt received no monetary help from the government in establishing their first communitp, and were most active in recreational activities with their own concert band and many sport events took place.

The first school in the whole of the Sechelt area, stretching from the present town of Gibsons to the district well beyond Pender Harbour, was completed in 1904, and was built entirely by the Sechelt Indians, personally, from lumber and materials purchased by the Sechelt Indians, earned by the Indians themselves.

The Indians recognized the need for education even to the extent that they personally paid for the upkeep of the school, including the board and room and teaching expense of the Catholic nuns who provided the teaching staff.

The Sechelt Indians knew there were changes coming and accepted and recognized the need for intergrated education, and are now fully supporting the educational system wherein the Indian children attend public schools in the area with non-Indians.

In the early 1900's, Indians were all engaged in the fishing and logging industry and this is mainly so today, although commercial fishing for the Indians of the Sechelt area is at best a precarious living and most of the logging camps have moved from the district.

The Sechelt Indians realize the importance of vocational training in the various skills as an educational need to equip them for changing times, and hope that as in the United States, the Federal Government will encourage manufacturing industries to establish themselves close to the Indian Reserve at Sechelt. The United States Federal Government even goes so far as to subsidize industry in part payment of Indian job trainee applicant close to the reserves.

The Sechelt Indians are faced with lack of employment opportunities close to the Reserve, and point out that during the 1940's, 50's and 60's, the logging camps employed Indians as their top men in booming, rigging and on their equipment. At least a dozen Indians from the Sechelt Reserve receive employment at present as equipment operators on logging yarders and as winch operators on stevedoring jobs in the area. The Indians point out that in the olden days, they were all employed and almost completely self-sufficient.

Another aspect of the Indians of Sechelt include the fact that they are the largest lessors of Indian Reserve land in British Columbia, and that they were one of the first bands of Indians to lease part of their lands to non-Indians. There are approximately 150 lots leased to non-Indians on the various Sechelt Reserves.

At present the Provincial government has collected approximately a quarter of a million dollars in taxes from non-Indian lessees, with no improvements or facilities given to nonIndian lessess on any of the Indian land at Sechelt.

A large storm played havoc with a portion of the land leased to the non-Indians on the Sechelt Indian Reserve Number One, and the lessees are insisting on fixing these damages. The Sechelt Indians see no reason why the Federal Government should not negotiate with the Provincial Government to have part of the one-quarter of a million dollars collected in back taxes used to repair this damage. In any case, it has to be repaired, whether the Federal Government is required to do so or the Provincial, and our band funds are already committed for other reasons.

There is one other present matter that is requested for immediate action, other than the damage to the non-Indian lessees property, and that is the pressing need for a community hall on the Sechelt Reserve, that would be large enough for indoor sports suc has basketball, volleyball et cetera.

Before the school that was built entirely by the Indians themselves, previously mentioned, was taken over by the Federal Government, our children used the school facilities for recreational activities including sports and boy scout work. We feel we have a right to have this replaced by the Federal Government in the form of a large enough community hall so that indoor sports activities can be held.

At present, we have offenders from the Sechelt Reserve before our courts, and we feel that th main reason is lack of recreational facilities.

A number of our children have joined the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement and the Band Council is taking part in financing costs of their uniforms and training. We wish to encourage this type of activity and a proper community hall would help a great deal.

In summary, we would request that the Honourable Minister assist us in repairing the damage to non-Indian lessees land on our reserve, and in providing the cost for an appropriate community hall.

The first thing that strikes a visitor in Montreal is a taxi.

Special moment

Saturday was a busy day for Minister of Indian Affairs, Arthur Laing, but he took time out for a chat with Pearl Julian of the 1st Sechelt Guide Company and Steve Joe of 1st Sechelt Scout Troop who had the honour to present a woven tray from the ladies and fine carved totem pole from the men of Sechelt Indian Village, tokens of appreciation to commemorate the first visit of a Federal Minister.

Welcomes Minister . . .

Chief extends greetings during auspicious visit

CHIEF of the Sechelt Indian Band, Teddy Joe was loudly applauded for his speech of welcome on the visit to the Reserve of Indian Affairs Minister, Arthur Laing last Saturday. We feel much of the content does reflect the attitude of the Indians today and therefore consider it worthy of publication:

It is my most pleasant duty today to welcome the Honourable Arthur Laing, Minister of Indian Affairs, to the Sechelt Indian Reserve. This is the first such visit by a Cabinet Minister to our reserve, so I cannot adequately express our feeling of gratitude at this honour—other than to say most sincerely, "Thank you, sir, and welcome".

It is, of source, occasions such as this that the Indian community has been hoping for and working toward for years. We are most aware that our whole well-being now depends upon our ability to achieve and maintain close communication with high officials of government. So again, to all of you gentlemen assembled here today to meet and talk with us, I would express my own and my people's most heartfelt "Thanks".

As one of the younger generation of chiefs, I would like to say just a few words about the way things look to me here at Sechelt early in this new year of 1968.

As you know, the Indian way of education has always been to have the young men sit with the elders of the tribe and listen. Clarence Joe tells me that when he was young this is what he did—sitting on the steps of the church here on the resereve. I cannot say that this has been my experience. I am no doubt much more a product of the non-Indian education system than Clarence Joe.

But even though there are differences of expression, I am aware of great similarity of thought: in other words, I too am working full-time at trying to understand for myself and for my people just what it means to be an Indian in Canada today.

It seems to me that what we have to do is to find ways of living in closer and closer contact with the non-Indian community without ever making the mistake of forgetting that we are Indians. This is admittedly not an easy thing to do. But there can be no other satisfactory way. This country cannot afford the luxury of citizens who have been robbed of or worse still, have voluntarily surrendered their self-respect.

Now in order to retain self-respect, a man has to feel that he has a worthy contribution to make to the community as a whole. What contribution can we make?

Let us say right away that the function of basket-weaving, animal-trapping, totem-pole carving, rain-dancing and so on are now reduced to the level of entertainment or hobby-show display. A man cannot live on this kind of achievement and social acceptance. What kind of contribution can we as Indians make to the community of Canada?

I believe that there are many—but one which I would like to mention especially at this moment is that of loyalty to Canada and to the particular community in which we happen to live.

The merchants of the nearby town of Sechelt know that the Indian is a loyal customer. He does not spend his cash in Vancouver and his credit here locally. The Indian is also by nature a most loyal Canadian.

So at this time in our country's history when sections of North America are seen to be under attack by "flower children" and others—when the trend of the times seems to be to see who can destroy a section of the community under excuse of improving it—the Indian can make up his mind to be especially loyal to the existing way.

We know, of course, that the Indian has at least as much reason for dissatisfaction and dissent at some of the more radical elements. But as I see it, it is our function to remain steady and patient and true to ourselves in insisting that change is brought about in the least destructive way. It seems to me that very oeften the non-Indian way tends to defeat itself by trying to achieve too much too soon and by trying to go too far in too big a hurry.

There must be change—and big change. But let's try to do it in what I would describe as the "Indian way". As I face my second year as chief, I can truthfully say that a little session of sitting on the church steps in the evening with nobody saying much and everybody thinking a lot—might be a real good thing.

In conclusion, I would say that we all know that there was a time when Indians were in fact Second Class Canadians. But that time is passing away. Let us also permit it to fade out of memory. Great new changes will be achieved in our lifetime. Let us work to help them happen.

If I may use a figure of speech, it is now as if, after travelling through heavy timber, we are now finally arriving at a patch of clear open ground. And the country we are entering is big enough and great enough to be above the need for racism, discrimination and violent dissent. It is a good country to live in.

This to me is Canada, 1968. A country which is no longer "Indian Country". And furthermore a country which is no longer "White-man Country". It is purely and simply "Canada—OUR country".

Friendly atmosphere aided with coffee urn

WARM and friendly atmosphere in the Sechelt Native Hall during the visit of the Honourable Arthur Laing was really something to be remembered. Bitterly cold outside, the coffee urn was perking merrily during the council meeting and during a short recess the ladies of the Village served an abundance of sandwiches, home-made cake and cookies, to everyone present.

Anecdotes which broke through the formality of an official visit included Scoutmaster Norm Burley's account of the little Indian boy who lied his way into the Scouts by raising his age and almost got himself thrown out for later telling the truth, after taking the Scout's Oath and no longer being able to or wanting to tell a lib.

The little Girl Guide who was word perfect in her presentation speech before the meeting which lasted two hours during which time she was constantly reciting it—but when the great moment finally arrived and she faced the Minister, the words vanished and the crumpled piece of paper in her pocket was used for the last time—to read the speech.

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Ottawa Report

—The Times' Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA—Will the next Prime Minister of Canada be a French-Canadian?

This is perhaps the root question Liberals must answer as the prepartion for their April leadership convention.

By custom or tradition, or perhaps just by accident, the Liberal Party has alternated between English and French-speaking leaders.

After Alexander Mackenzie came Edward Blake, and Blake begat Laurier, Laurier begat King, King begat St. Laurant, begat Pearson.

Now Mr. Pearson is leaving and the problem of choosing a successor will perhaps be the greatest test of the Liberal Party since wartime.

Every Canadian has an interest and concern in what the 2500 Liberal delegates do at their convention, because the new Liberal leader will automatically become Prime Minister of this country.

But Mr. Pearson has left no heir apparent. There is no strong lieutenant from Quebec to step into his shoes. There is no strong leader from other parts of Canada who can count on the full-hearted support of the majority of Quebec delegates.

That is the basic dilemma of Jean Marchand, the Quebec leader and Minister of Manpower. It's a dilemma shared by many members from Quebec.

Mr. Marchand, who will be a key element in the Party's decision, would like to carry on the tradition of alternation to bring a French-Canadian into the top political post.

But at the moment there just isn't anyone available. All the leading canadidates so far are from outside Quebec, and Mr. Marchand is not overly enthusiastic about any of them.

There is reason to believe that the tradition of alternation would not stand in the way of support from Quebec for an English-speaking Canadian, especially if he is bilingual and sympathetic to Quebec's aims.

Such a paragon has not yet emerged however, and that is why Mr. Marchand asked the Quebec Liberal caucus to refrain from open campaigning for anyone until the end of January.

Quebec Liberals are holding a convention in Montreal at that time. By then, Mr. Marchand hopes to have assessed the field, and perhaps even to have found a candidate that most of the 700 Quebec delegates to the leadershipp convention can support.

The Quebec caucus, of coursee, is not the tool of any one man, even Jean Marchand. Many members have already committed themselves privately to support Paul Martin, or Paul Hellyer, or Mitchell Sharpe.

Some of the Quebec members in fact feel that the tradition of alternation should be abandoned.

"The next Liberal Prime Minister should be English-speaking to deal with English Canada on constitutional reform," one Quebec Member of Parliament said.

But another insisted there should be a Quebec candidate "or we'll look just like the Tories."

Quebecers are not likely to rally unanimously behind any candidate, any more than they did at the Conservative leadership convention.

But Mr. Marchand and other ministers like Maurice Sauve hope that at least a consensus can be developed, that a majority of Quebecers can settle on one candidate to whom they will give their full support.

Even if that candidate does not happen to be a French-Canadian, they would hope at least that he would be bilingual.

That would narrow the field pretty effectively to Paul Martin, John Turner, Jean Marchand, the Justice Minister Pierre Trudeau, or some outsider whose intentions or availability are still unknown, like former Quebec Revenue Minister Eric Kierans.

Mr. Marchand is not particularly interested in the job for himself. He may run however, if no other suitable Quebec Candidate appears on the scene.

There is a fairly widespread view here that Mr. Trudeau will not run, and that Mr. Marchand would be defeated if he runs. This is a danger and a dilemma. A humiliating defeat for Mr. Marchand could have a serious effect on Party unity and on his own prestige.

Quebecers don't want to leap too quickly, and that includes Mr. Marchand. They don't want to back a loser, as they have done too many times in the past. They don't want to disperse their power over too wide an area, and they don't want to back someone who will carry Quebec and lose the rest of Canada.

More and more of them are looking to the 46-year-old Justice Minister, Pierre Trudeau, to enter the race. In spite of his reluctance, his lack of political experience, they insist a wave of support could be created for him right across the country.

Mr. Marchand and Mr. Trudeau will no doubt be having several serious conversations before the Montreal convention. They may not be able to solve their dilemma. There may be no one available to rally Quebec opinion.

In that case a compromise may be in the works. Mr. Marchand may put his name forward. Then if his chances of winning appear slight, he may withdraw and attempt to transfer all his votes to a more likely winner. Who would that be? Well, preferably someone who would not rock the boat too much, someone bilingual, someone who could win the next election, someone known to be in sympathy with French-Canada. Someone like Paul Martin.

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Paperboard up 16 per cent . . .

Newsprint production down, other areas up

ALTHOUGH newsprint production dropped by 8 percent in August, other paper and paper board was up 16 percent and pulp was up 7 percent Industrial Minister Ralph Loffmark said last Wednesday in the monthly bulletin of business activity.

Plywood showed renewed vigor, Loffmark said, after a poor start in January. August output was 5 percent higher than a year ago, mainly as the result of the recent opening of two new plywood mills, one at Vancouver, the other at Nelson.

Sawmills produced 589.3 million board feet of lumber and ties in July, a decline of nearly 5 percent from the same month last year.

MUCH IMPROVED

Loffmark said that although housing construction in Canada has not been sufficient to meet population growth, the situation is "much improved" over 1966.

In B.C., housing starts during August were 120 percent higher than in August last year, and completions were up 15 percent. Biggest increases were recorded at Dawson Creek (up 333 percent), Kelowna (208 percent), Nanaimo (249 percent), and metropolitan Vancouver (up 52 percent). Prince George showed a decline of 65 percent.

In September, the unemployment rate in B.C. fell to 3.5 percent, Loffmark said, the lowest so far this year and lower than any month in 1966. The number of persons employed was 6 percent higher than a year earlier and the number out of work 2,000 less.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

In the first half of 1967, employers in B.C. paid out 1,657 million in wages and salaries, 10 percent more than in the first half of 1966.

Other economic indicators outlined by Loffmark:

Retail sales in July were up 5 percent: life insurance sales in the first half of 1967 totalled 404.5 million, a gain of 24 percent.

Shipments through port of Vancouver slipped: both outward and inward cargo dropped by 1.7 percent.

However, exports through B.C. customs ports are setting new records—in the first half of the year exports were valued at $1.073 million, a jump of 17 percent from last year. During the same period, imports were 10 percent higher.

Around Gibsons

MR. AND MRS. Joe Kozan and daughter Rhonda of Cupar, Sask., were recent guests of Mrs. J. L. Myers. The Kozans are spending a month at the Big Maple Motel before going on to Palm Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nissen and son of Vancouver spent the week-end at their Roberts Creek home.

Miss Bea Cook of New Westminster spent a holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Wisken.

Larry Thompson of Gold River, visited at Gibsons before going on to Edmonton for a holiday.

David Husby, who visited relatives here recently, has now returned to Penticton where he is employed.

Lyndon Cramer and Dan Brackett have returned to Moose Jaw to resume their studies after spending the holidays with their respective parents here.

Mel Hough has returned from the interior for a month or two.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nasadyk are being congratulated on the birth of a baby daughter on January 3rd, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Everett Williams of Vancouver visited at the home of his cousin, Mrs. J. L. Myers.

Guests over the holiday season at the Wes Hodgson home included Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hodgson from Prince George and Mr. and Mrs. W. Greenfield with Donald and Norman from Burnaby.

Two busy mothers who were driving their children to school collided one morning. The women got out and inspected the damage, but decided they didn't really have time to have a wreck right then. They agreed to meet later. That afternoon each woman drove to the scene of the accident, carefully maneuvered her automobile into the exact position of the accident, and then called the police.

Sechelt Medical Clinic growing with community

SECHELT Medical Clinic which opened in August 1964 has now been expanded quite extensively; the waiting room has been doubled in size and there are now eight consulting rooms plus a laboratory, offices and staff room.

Mrs. Margaret Bolderson, who has been on the staff for eleven years, is in charge of furnishing the new quarters. The waiting room, when completed, will be bright and cheerful, featuring an aquarium.

The clinic's first quarters were in the basement of St. Mary's Hospital, Garden Bay. At that time the doctors were Dr. R. A. Swan and Dr. P. Stonier with Mrs. Bolderson and Miss Jerry Jervis on the staff. In 1959, the clinic moved to Sechelt where it operated above the Bank until moving into its new location.

Serving the growing community, there are now four doctors: Dr. R. A. Swan, Dr. E. J. Paetkau, Dr. W. Burtnick and Dr. W. A. Stuart. Staffing the clinic are Manager, Mrs. Margaret Bolderson, Mrs. Jean Holland, Mrs. Jessie Naylor, Miss Helene Dawe, Mrs. Gladys Prost and Mrs. Doris Wing.

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Halfmoon Bay Happenings

—by Mary Tinkley

THERE will be a Bingo with a variety of articles as prizes at the Welcome Beach Hall on Saturday, Janury 13th, starting at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Admission of 50 cents includes refreshments and 1 card for each game. Everybody is welcome.

The past week has been particularly quiet around the Bay, with many people keeping close to home nursing colds and bouts of flu.

Miss Florence McNeil has returned to her teaching post at Abbotsford High School after spending the vacation with her parents, the Jack McNeils. Other guests were Mrs. McNeil's brother, John Gillies and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Chappell of Vancouver.

Visiting the Charles Tinkleys this week is Mrs. Jerry Hynek of Cortes Island.

The Christmas mail brought greetings from many former residents of Halfmoon Bay. Mrs. Joan MacDougall is spending a year in London studying child development at the International Maria Montessori Organization. For Joan this is a dream come true. She finds daily inspiration in her studies and feels sure the knowledge she is gaining will be invaluable when she returns to Canada next summer to teach in Vancouver. Her elder daughter Donna was married last summer and Kyndree, who accompanied her mother to to England is attending college there.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bobilliard Sr. report from their home in New Westminster that they are both well. Tom celebrated his 80th birthday on December 20th.

Vic and Edna Gladstone have sold the Seadrift Motel at Comox and are settled in a comfortable home in Merville.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Menzies send greetings from their Haney apartment. Andy keeps busy with Legion work and May Menzies is active in the Senior Citizens, Red Cross and Legion Auxiliary. She is still remembered in this area as one of the finest needlewomen who ever worked for the V.O.N., the Redrooffs Hospital Auxiliary and the Redwell Ladies' Guild.

Mrs. Sarah Wall received greetings from Mr. Tom Beasley who built the Halfmoon Bay store now owned by Jim and Billie Graves and who now works for the school board at Kelowna.

A youngster, reading about King Arthur, asked her father what a charger was. His answer: "In the old days it was what a man rode. Today, it's something he marries."

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