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Standards retained . . .

Teachers' Assn. questions statements on budget cuts

IT IS A grave error to equate teaching efficiency and quality with money, stated Sechelt School District superintendent R. R. Hanna, speaking at the first Board meeting held on January 23rd.

Mr. Hanna made his comment when the Board was discussing arrangements for meeting with Sechelt Teachers' Association to clarify a statement that the Board can cut the budget without lowering educational standards.

It was agreed that the new Education and Public Relations committee comprised of trustees Agnes Labonte, Rev. B. Jenks and Wm. Malcolm should arrange a meeting with the Association. Mr. Hanna will also attend the meeting set tentatively for January 30th.

Other committees proposed by chairman Sheila Kitson and approved by the Board are: Transportation—Mr. Hough and Mr. Malcolm; Personnel—Mr. Douglas and Dr. Burtnick; Finance & Purchasing—Mr. Hough and Dr. Burtnick; Planning—Mrs. Kitson, Mr. Hough and Dr. Burtnick. Policy—Full Board.

Delegate to the South Coast Branch is Mr. Don Douglas but as he is presently chairman of the branch, Mr. Douglas requested that other delegates also attend. Trustees Agnes Labonte and Rev. Jenks offered their services to attend when possible. South Coast Branch is comprised of Powell River, Sechelt, Ocean Falls and Howe Sound School Districts. Trustees meet to discuss problems of the boards to their mutual advantage.

Mrs. Agnes Labonte will represent Sechelt School District on the Union Board of Health.

TRUSTEE DAY

Discussing Trustee Day held in March at Victoria University and UBC where booths are set up by school districts to attract new teachers, both trustees Bill Malcolm and Norm Hough feel that too much money has been spent on this in the past. Brochures are normally printed for the occasion and members of the Board set up displays giving prospective teachers a chance to learn about the district. Trustee Malcolm wondered how many teachers contacted ever come here and trustee Hough stated this district has never had any trouble getting teachers here.

Mrs. Labonte who has attended Trustee Day felt it is worthwhile as a lot of enquiries are received and it is good for trustees to get outside their own district. Mr. Malcolm suggested that the Board cuts down on brochures and the presentation.

The secretary advised that this is not actually a recruiting day which can be arranged any time with the universities.

RECREATION

Use of Roberts Creek School for recreation activities on a Friday evening was again reviewed when Mr. Metzler reported that not having a janitor on duty is contrary to the Board's agreement with Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 801. The Union had expressed a grievance and it will now be necessary to make an extra charge. The Board agreed to so advise Roberts Creek Principal Malcolm Mactavish to see how the recreation group feels about this.

Gibsons Activity Room will be used for grade 8 and 9 basketball in the evening, following a request from Principal George Cooper who stated he and other members of the staff will be in attendance.

When free, Elphinstone gymnasium will be used for adult skating on Saturday evenings. Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Bob Rutter stated that skating had worked well and regarding a janitor being in attendance, wherever possible overtime was avoided.

The Board agreed to support in principle the Recreation Centre. A letter from Recreation Centre Committee chairman Dr. Paetkau stated that moral support of organizations is required. Trustee, Dr. Burtnick explained that the whole idea is to get the Recreation Centre going.

SPECIAL SEMINAR

Referring to recent publicity concerning the "Use and Abuse" of drugs, Superintendent R. R. Hanna stated he has received two letters, one from Education Minister Donald Brothers and one from Assistant Superintendent Mr. Taylor; the person nominated to attend the special seminar on use of drugs, must be expected to undertake and be involved in education at the district level and work in this field. Following Mr. Hanna's recommendation it was agreed that Special Counsellor Bud Mackenzie should attend the seminar.

Mr. Hanna feels that the Board should take the initiative and get something moving; there should be two programs, one for adults at the district level and one for students in the schools.

Holiday Playhouse to visit Peninsula

HOLIDAY Playhouse, British Columbia's educational theatre, resumed its tour of elementary and secondary schools on January 20, 1969.

The Provincial Company will present **Right, Left and Centre**, the program designed especially for secondary schools and directed by Jane Heyman, in the Greater Vancouver area for two weeks before leaving for Lower Fraser Valley centres, the Sunshine Coast and Vancouver Island. Two plays for elementary schools—**The Clam Made A Face** by Eric Nicol directed by Pamela Hawthorn and **The Decision** by Brian Way directed by Hutchison Shandro, as well as the secondary program will be presented to many thousands of children and students during the four month tour.

The company, which includes Chris Allen, Ardon Bess, Mario Crudo, Nicola Lipman, Ronald Ulrich and Marti Wright, will return to the Lower Mainland the first week in April and after Easter will present the programs in the Squamish area, Burnaby, Coquitlam, North Vancouver and Surrey.

New classes slated for adult education

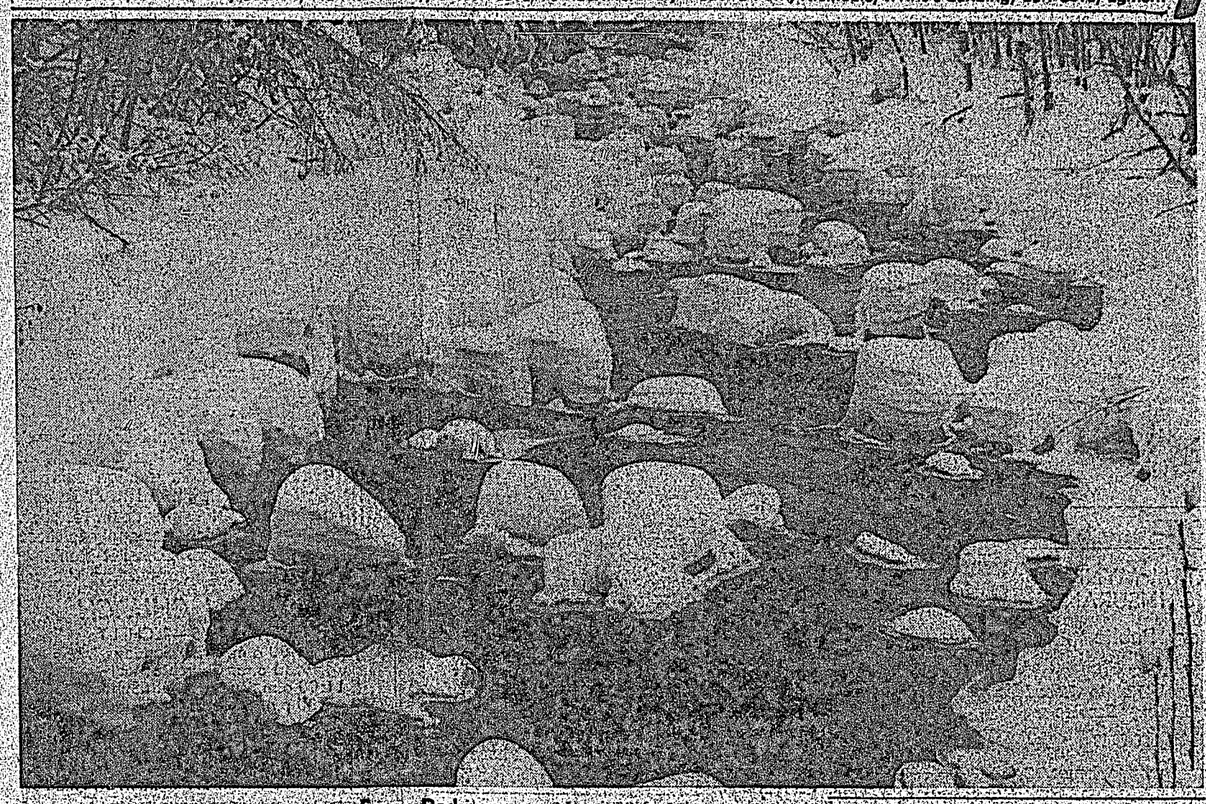
SEVERAL new classes will be offered by the adult education department of School District No. 46 beginning February 3rd.

The new classes include Dry Skiing, Building and Construction, Basic Alterations and Dressmaking, Introduction to Golfing, Scuba Diving and Band for Adults.

Mr. John Brandys Log Scaling began on Tuesday, January 28th at Elphinstone Secondary School. This course is still registering students.

Read this week's night school ad for time, place and fees.

Many of the night school classes presently in progress have been interupted by bad weather conditions, but they will be resumed this week weather permitting.



Snow Pads

Combination of snow and near zero temperatures form icy pedestals on the stones of Dakota Creek at Port Mellon marking a pathway of stepping stones to the sea. Snow has been and still is an expensive item to Highway Department and Municipalities but scenes like this compensate a little for the inconvenience.

C. H. L. Woodward . . .

Dept. Municipal Affairs clarifies expansion plan

ALTHOUGH it is understood a few letters of protest regarding expansion of Gibsons Village boundaries have been forwarded to the Department of Municipal Affairs, Mayor Fred Feeney, at last regular meeting, told council he did not think there were sufficient to stop extension proposals.

One small group from the Gibsons Heights area earlier met with members of council to discuss a number of questions relating to the proposals and followed up with a letter to the Department seeking further information.

Replying last week, with a copy to council, Mr. Chris. Woodward of the Department of Municipal Affairs told the group that the fire service situation is one that will have to be resolved by Council and the Fire Improvement District. Problems in this respect have arisen in past municipal expansions and there are a number of ways by which they might be resolved.

While such negotiations are, of course, dependent upon approval of the proposed extension, it would not be proper for the department to discuss the matter of the fire service in detail at this time, however, the Department will insist that an equitable agreement be reached once extension is approved.

Regarding roads within the planned extension, Mr. Woodward stated the Village would be responsible for service roads in the manner that it is responsible for other roads within the present municipality.

Secondly, the Village zoning by-law as it presently exists would not apply to the extension area; in order for there to be zoning within the new area, council would have to enact zoning regulations applicable to that area and such regulations, before being adopted, would first have to be aired at a public hearing.

Lastly, any services expected from the Village authorities, should the extension be approved, would be the services presently enjoyed by the people of Gibsons who live within the Village boundaries. Level of such services would, of course, depend upon decisions of elected council.

ACCESS ROAD

Mr. Glenn Davies, owner of property through which runs an access road to both Village and Regional garbage dumps, has given written approval to the Regional Board to use his property for access use until May 1st, 1969.

Copy of his letter to the Board was read to council and stated "I will accept your offer as outlined in your letter of January 14th; A payment of $125.00 to be withheld as credit against a water connection—for the use of my property.

"This then is my consent to open the gate until May 1st, 1969. It is also understood that you will maintain and leave the property in its present state."

Mayor Fred Feeney explained that MLA Hon. Isabel Dawson has stated that if funds are available the Highways Minister has said he will push a public road through as soon as possible. Otherwise it will be included in the next budget and probably be done in April.

100 percent success junior firearms test

ENTHUSIASM amongst the junior members of Sechelt and District Rod and Gun Club is very evident in the results of tests following the Junior Firearms Safety Training Course. One hundred per cent passed the examination with a lowest mark of 75 per cent and highest 95 per cent.

Tests were held at the Club House, Wilson Creek on Thursday, January 23rd with Mr. Wm. Mason as examiner. Instructor for the course was Mr. Harold Nelson.

Those who qualified to take part in the Club's Junior program are: Ben Beck, Michael Beck, Barry Franske, Scott Henderson, Billy Higgs, Robert Nestman, Billy Nestman, Ricky Pearson and Karen Spencer.

There are now twenty juniors in the Club meeting every other Sunday at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse for team competition in marksmanship.

Next general meeting of the Club will be at 8 p.m. in the clubhouse at Wilson Creek on Thursday, February 13th.

Estimated $1,853,185 . . .

1969 School Board Budget held back to '68 figures

SCHOOL Board budget for 1969 is estimated at $1,853,185 almost the same figure as the 1968 budget of $1,853,158 after it had been slashed by some $80,000 by the department of education.

Operating section of the budget is still in excess of the basic education program for the Sechelt District which has been set by the Provincial Government at $1,231,136. The Board is allowed to exceed this amount by ten per cent giving an allowable operating cost of $1,354,249.

Estimated operating cost for 1969 is $1,629,401 which means that Sechelt School District must seek permission to raise the sum of $275,152 to maintain the educational standard in this district.

This week the School Board will meet with both Sechelt and Gibsons village councils to seek approval of the excess expenditure. If one council should refuse to give approval, the Board must publish a Budget Money By-law on or before February 1st. If one hundred taxpayers petition the Board before March 1st, it will be necessary to go to referendum, requiring sixty per cent approval of owner electors to spend the required $275,152 in excess of the permitted operating costs.

NEW LEGISLATION

The new school financing formula was introduced last year and is undergoing its first test. If owner electors refuse permission to spend this money, the Board's last resort is to appeal to the Minister of Education.

Education Minister Donald Brothers stated on Wednesday, January 22nd that the Provincial Government will raise the basic education budget of some school districts faced with financial difficulties.

"Some school boards have found their costs to be unrealistic and they have just got to bring them down to a practical level," stated the Minister.

NO CONTROL

Referring to the $67,055 cut in operating costs which should have been made last year when department of education slashed the budget to the $1,853,158 figure; secretary treasurer J. Metzler stated no control was exercised in the district last year.

Only lip service was paid to the cuts but no action taken, said Metzler who came to the district in August of last year. "If I have the support of the Board, this will not be repeated this year," he said.

Trustee Don Douglas who was Chairman of the Board last year objected to Metzler's statement that no budget control was exercised. The Board stated that no over expenditure was to take place.

Mr. Metzler replied that his remark was not directed to the Board. Cuts were made on the spur of the moment and it was impractical to cut the budget as it was not possible to live within that amount. He further stated there is no point having a budget if we are not going to stick to it.

BUDGET

To keep the budget at the same level as last year drastic cuts have been made to offset the 6.3 per cent increase on teachers payroll, as shown:

	Estimates 1968	Expenditure 1968	Estimates 1969
Administration	107,268	107,313	104,311
Instruction	1,019,791	1,052,520	1,090,690
Operation	221,052	219,276	220,465
Repairs and Maintenance	138,853	127,281	116,015
Conveyance of Pupils	85,990	86,091	85,250
Auxiliary Services	9,920	8,866	12,670
Total Operating	1,582,497	1,601,353	1,629,401
Non-Operating	8,338	7,334	23,948
Debt Services	174,781	175,434	198,836
Current non-shareable			
Capital Account	87,542	87,542	1,000
Total Estimated Expenditure	1,853,158	1,871,663	1,853,185

C of C general meet sheduled for Feb. 3rd

PENDER Harbour District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting was cancelled January 20th due to the bad weather. However, it has now been scheduled for Monday February 3rd at the Pender Harbour Hotel. Two members of the School Board, Mrs. Shiela Kitson, Chairman and Mr. Bill Malcolm, Vice-Chairman, will be in attendance at the meeting which gets underway at 8 p.m.

All those wishing to attend the dinner at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting, please phone Alice Haddock at 883 2248 or Kay Mittelsteadt at 883-2461, before Saturday noon, February 1st. Please plan to attend.

Senior Citizens' meet scheduled February 20

MEETING of Branch 69 Senior Citizens' Association for the election of 1969 officers, postponed from January 16th, will now be held at the Legion Hall, Sechelt, 1:30 p.m. February 20th, when it is hoped Mrs. Marguerite Smith, Provincial President of the Senior Citizens Association of B.C. will be able to attend.

Membership cards are now ready and members are advised to pay up their dues if possible before the meeting. Mail your dollar to Mrs. Wm. McGregor, R.R. 1, Sechelt and she will send your membership card by return.

There will be no social afternoon on February 6th.

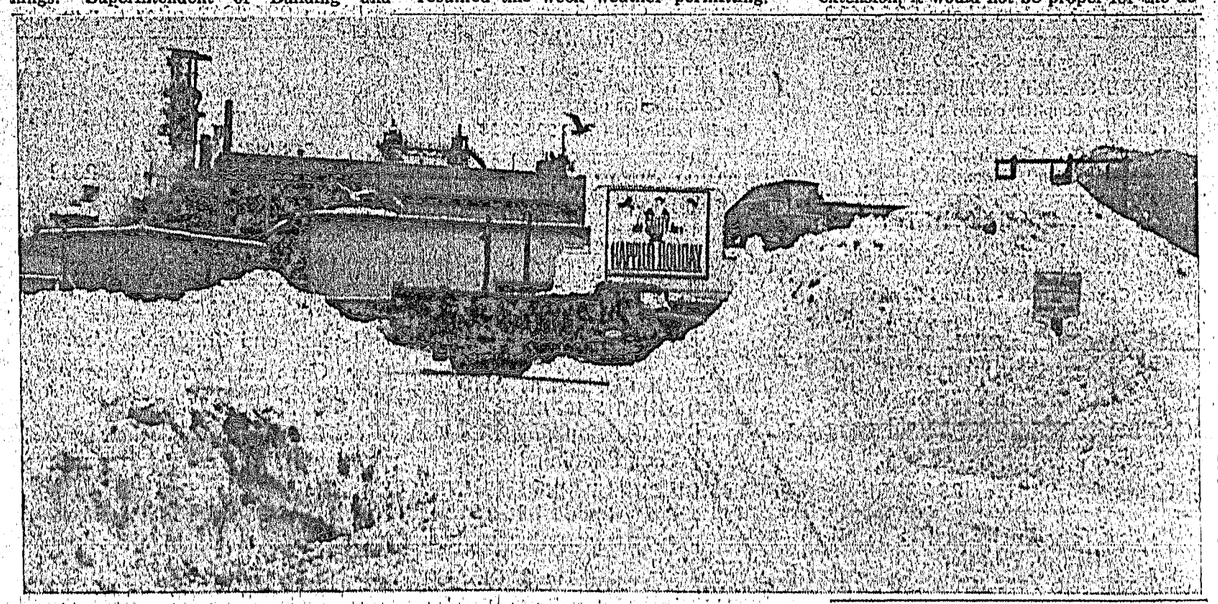
First Glance

ROAD WORK STARTING

VICTORIA—A release today from Victoria indicates money is being released for the construction of a road to the garbage dump at Gibsons.

NEW SCHOOL TAX FIGURES

Notice received late Monday afternoon by Secretary Treasurer J. Metzler, School District No. 46 from Department of Education, Victoria, states that the basic education program has been raised from the original figure $1,231,136 to $1,274,226. The School District is permitted to exceed this amount by 10% giving a figure of $1,401,648. The amount to be raised by direct taxation has been reduced from $275,152 to $227,753 which according to the secretary treasurer would represent a reduction of about 1 mill.



Port Mellon

Snow piles at Port Mellon are beginning to dwarf the buildings as trucks work to keep parking area open. "Parking at your risk" ironically reads the sign in the foreground. Highway crews have done a wonderful job keeping the Port Mellon road open.

$2,300 returns . . .

Short term bank deposits increase village revenue

SKILLFUL handling of village funds by administrator Dave Johnston has gained village of Gibsons the sum of $2,300 in the past year by means of interest obtained on short term bank deposits. This was made known to council by Mayor Fred Feeney who, at last regular meeting, complimented Mr. Johnston on his endeavors.

Mr. Johnston explained that when taxes come in there are sometimes large sums which might be held for some weeks before being put to use. During that period it is possible to transfer the money to Bank Term deposits for short periods at high interest rates. He said that while the Department of Municipal Affairs does not permit any investment of village funds, there is no objection to short term deposits.

Further benefits to the village were made through a little known grant available from Victoria on street lighting. Where street lights are hung at intersections on a main street which is also the highway, a fifty per-cent grant is available. On secondary roads this grant is twenty-five percent. Knowledge of this by the administrator resulted in the sum of $395 returned to the village on existing lights.

CLEARING COSTS

Acquisition of a gravel pit should also save the village money in future for it was reported that cost of snow clearing and gravel spreading will cost, when all bills are in, between $1,100 and $1,200. Of this $354 was for sand. It was however, agreed that considering the unusually heavy snow and work carried out, the amount is not too excessive.

Mr. Johnston expressed the view that as council will have its own gravel pit next year there should in future be a substantial savings on gravel alone.

SPECIFIED AREA

Alderman Walter Peterson suggested council consider meeting with members of the Regional Board with a view to reaching some agreement regarding a specified area involving building controls. It was explained that there are roads which are so located that one side is in the village, the other side comes under jurisdiction of the Regional Board. Main concern is that those who might own, or plan to build, good class homes within the village, should not have their properties jeopardized by prospects of inferior structures being permitted on the other side of the street.

Mayor Feeney agreed this might be a good idea and it was moved such a meeting be arranged shortly.

DOG PROBLEMS

Unusually bad weather conditions have hampered activities of the dog pound operator result of which has been an increase of strays making a nuisance of themselves within the village.

Mayor Feeney said, apart from many complaints by residents, he himself has seen three large dogs running at large and knocking people over in the vicinity of the Post Office. He said he understands the poundkeeper is about to launch a new drive. It was also emphasized that dog licences would be enforced and a notice to this effect to be advertised in the press.

CHAINS STOLEN

Regarding complaints of garbage left uncollected, Ald. Ken Goldard reported that the contractor had been down with flu, chains for his truck had been stolen, and heavy snow considerably hampered collection. An assistant has been doing his best to carry on without chains but new ones have been ordered and service should be back to normal very shortly.

Welcome news . . .

Chamber given assurances of breakwater development

ANNUAL general meeting of the Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce was held last Saturday, January 25th, at the Martinez Restaurant, Davis Bay and was attended by about fifty members, wives and guests. Pender Harbour and District Chamber was represented by President John Haddock and Mrs. Haddock. Gibsons Chamber by Vice Chairman Ed. Nyfors and Mrs. Nyfors, together with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Schwabe of the Cedars Inn. Village of Sechelt was represented by Mayor Bill Swain, accompanied by Mrs. Swain and Mr. Harvey Hubbs represented the Regional Board.

Guest speaker was Paul St. Pierre, MP for Coast Chilcotin, who flew in from Ottawa to be present prior to commencing a number of official visits starting Sunday with a trip to Calgary and including two trips to Yellowknife, Dawson Creek, Vancouver Island and points north.

Welcoming all present, President Erich Hensch expressed the view that while the Chamber could not lay claim to any great achievements during the past year, members have been active in a number of directions and are presently working toward establishment of a later ferry from Horseshoe Bay. Indications are that a midnight run is under consideration by the Ferry Authority.

Three projects considered worthy of Chamber support were put on a priority basis and include a recreation centre for the entire area, expansion of village boundaries and possibilities of encouraging commercial development of the Sechelt breakwater.

Regarding the latter project, meetings have been held and a representative of the Gulf Oil Company has indicated a commercial marina will be operating during 1969. Other private interests are believed to be planning a half million dollar investment, also in the vicinity of the breakwater.

Mr. Hensch drew attention to the fact that in order to encourage a sewage system and other progressive projects within the village, meetings have been held between the Chamber and Council. Council has always been most co-operative and so has any other organization which the Chamber has approached.

Membership of the Chamber has increased from 57 in 1967 to 71 in 1968 and there was an increase of $900 in expenditures during 1968 over 1967. This is a situation which has resulted in need for a change in fee structure together with some by-law changes. This is being checked out with the Board of Trade and if approved will be incorporated next year.

For a short period, Past President John Hayes took the chair during swearing into office of Mr. Hensch, who was elected to serve his second term as President, and Mr. Joe Benner as Vice Chairman, Mayor Bill Swain carried out the installation.

Mrs. H. Gray was appointed secretary and Jim Janiewick, treasurer. Other executive members include: Morgan Thompson, Doug Wheeler, Fred Jorgenson, Neil Campbell, Irvine Benner, Frank Newton, Adele de Lange, Ted Farewell, Norm Watson and Canon Minto Swan.

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Q. I have a letter from the UIC that I don't understand. It says I am disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefit for three days a week. What does this mean? Does it mean I can't collect at all? I was working three days a week before, and I want to continue working the three days. If this paper means I can collect for three days a week and am disqualified for three days, then I am satisfied.

A. Yes, you are entitled to benefit for the balance of the week.

* * *

Q. I wonder if you could help me with question No. 3 on UIC Form 467D. What do they mean by 'lot or section number, concession and township'? I live in Toronto and don't know what to put down for that.

A. This question does not apply to those residing in major cities. Leave it blank.

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Feb. 3—All week. Roberts Creek to Egmont. Kinsmen Mother's March.

Feb. 5—11 a.m. Gibsons Village Office, Court of Revision re Sechelt School District Assesment rolls.

Feb. 5—8 p.m. St. Hilda's Hall, Sechelt. Garden Club meeting. New members welcome.

Feb. 5—1:30 p.m. Health Centre Gibsons. Hospital Aux. meeting.

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Installation

Flanked by symbol of the beautiful theme of their installation—Praying Hands—Honoured Queen Pam Boyes of Bethel No. 28, International Order of Job's Daughters is pictured with Senior Princess, Wilma Mandelkau on the right and Junior Princess Glenys MacLeod. Ceremony took place on Saturday evening.

Installing Officers

Former Job's Daughters of Bethel No. 28 conducted the installation of young Jobies for the ensuing six months giving them confidence and guidance. Standing are Recorder, Mrs. Sandra Morrison; Chaplain, Miss Mary Harding; Sr. Custodian, Mrs. Cathi Wallis and Jr. Custodian, Mrs. Arlene Robinson. Seated, Marshall, Miss Lynne Ennis; Installing Officer, Miss Carol Forshner; Narrator, Mrs. Dianne Lukashuk and Guide, Miss Marilyn Hopkins.

Job's Daughters

Bethel No. 28, International Order Job's Daughters installed last Saturday in the Masonic Hall, Roberts Creek are, from left standing: Nancy Millier, Darlene Lawson, Karen Stanley, Candy McPhedran, Donna Mandelkau, Barbara Price, Juanita Chamberlin, Beverley Roberts and Cheryl McEwan. Front: Cathy Deaton, Lynne Brady, Pam David, Faye Reid, Candy Harrison and Susan Thomas.

Bethel 28 . . .

Honoured Queen installed during impressive ceremony

INSTALLATION of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 28 took place on Saturday, January 25th in the Masonic Hall, Roberts Creek, when Miss Pam Boyes was installed Honoured Queen.

Theme for the very beautiful ceremony was "The Praying Hands" symbolized by the five foot high emblem of hands clasped in prayer on a purple backdrop.

Bethel Guardian Mrs. Vivian Chamberlin assisted by Associate Guardian Mr. John Robinson called the Assemby to order.

Conducting her second installation ceremony Miss Carol Forshner was assisted by Installing Guide Miss Marilyn Hopkins; Installing Marshall Miss Lynne Ennis; Installing Recorder Mrs. Sandra Morrison; Installing Chaplain Miss Mary Harding; Installing musician Mrs. Mae Freer; Sr. Custodian Mrs. Cathi Wallis; Jr. Custodian Mrs. Arlene Robinson; Installing Narrator and Flag Bearer Mrs. Dianne Lukashuk and Coloist Mrs. L. Mueller.

The narration read by Mrs. Dianne Lukashuk was exceptionally moving based on the theme of "Praying Hands" also symbolized by the favors carried by each of the young officers.

Installed for the ensuing six months are: Honoured Queen Pam Boyes; Senior Princess Wilma Mandelkau; Junior Princess Glenys MacLeod; Guide Darlene Lawson and Marshall Elaine McKenzie. Appointed officers are: Recorder Faye Reid; Treasurer Candace Harrison; Chaplain Pam David; Librarian Juanita Chamberlin; Musician Candy McPhedran (proxy); Sr. Custodian Cheryl McEwan; Jr. Custodian Beverley Roberts; Messengers, Nancy Millier; Cathy Deaton; Robin Nygren; Donna Mandelkau; Lynne Brady; Outer Guard Suzanne Thomas; Inner Guard Karen Stanley; Lady of the Lights, Barbara Price and Flag Bearer Donna Mandelkau.

Following the installation, Honoured Queen Pam was presented with a beautiful bouquet of pink and red carnations, traditional gift from Mr. Charles Robinson and presented on his behalf by Mrs. Arlene Robinson.

Congratulations were received from Mrs. Doreen Dockar, Grand Librarian of the Grand Guardian Council of British Columbia; Mrs. Emily Quigley Worthy Matron, Mount Elphinstone Chapter Order of the Eastern Star; Mr. Bill Rankin on behalf of the De Molay; John Smith on behalf of De Molaya Advisory Council.

Bethel Guardian Mrs. Vivian Chamberlin and Associate Guardian Mr. John Robinson congratulated Honoured Queen Pam and her officers and commended the installing team for the very impressive installation.

Honoured Queen Pam graciously thanked everyone who had helped especially Mr. Robinson for the bouquet; the Installing Team; Mrs. Mae Freer and Mrs. Lucille Mueller; her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyes; Lissiland Florists and the Mothers Circle.

A reception followed the Closing Ceremony.

Around Gibsons

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. John Nimmo on the arrival of their first child, a baby girl 9 lbs. 7 ozs., Stacey Lorraine born January 24th at St. Mary's Hospital. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A. Swanson and Mr. and Mrs. R. Nimmo; great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. O. Swanson. The baby's natal day is also the birthday of her aunt, Mrs. W. Nimmo.

Mrs. R. McSavaney of Roberts Creek has returned after spending a month at Melfort, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. K. Westvand is staying with a friend in Vancouver.

Mrs. Greta Calder of Surrey visited her sister Mrs. Ruth Harrison recently.

John, Donn and Ron Parke were guests of their paternal grandparents in Vancouver for the weekend.

Mrs. Donn Parke visited her mother in Kelowna.

Mrs. A. Wyngaert celebrated her 89th birthday on January 24th at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. P. Fletcher. Among those calling to offer best wishes were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Connor, Mrs. H. Marshall, Mrs. S. Fladager, Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. R. Brackett, Mrs. M. Cooper and Mrs. F. Wyngaert. Tea was served including a beautifully decorated birthday cake.

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Guide & Brownies WA plans Brownie banquet

JANUARY 8th Meeting of the Sechelt W.A. to the Brownies and Guides was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Flay.

Reports were received from the various Fairy Godmothers on the activities of their troops, all reported having held successful Christmas parties.

Plans are now underway for the annual Brownie Mother and Daughter Banquet to be held some time in February. Convenors will be Mrs. Mary Flay and Mrs. Sylvia Jackson.

There will not be a Guide Mother and Daughter Banquet as there are no Guide companies presently operating due to lack of leaders.

Next meeting of the W.A. will be February 5, 1969, at the home of Mrs. Ingrid Underhill.

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DOUGLAS G. WHEELER, *Editor* — STEWART B. ALSGARD, *Publisher*

A swinger lands trouble

ONE WOULD need to be an extremely dedicated Trudeau fan to suggest the visit to the London conference of Commonwealth leaders by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau was anything but an insignificant contribution. Apart from his obviously ardent desire to project the image of a swinger with a strong leaning toward the fair sex, it would seem, his greatest achievement was his impudent attempt to dictate policy on Rhodesia to Britain's Harold Wilson.

To the credit of Wilson he did make clear the fact he had no intentions of following in the wake of a former British Prime Minister who threw away the Suez Canal at the dictates of the United States. And, needless to say, the Suez Canal has been fouled up ever since.

There is little doubt the only favourable publicity Mr. Trudeau obtained was through his faithful entourage of home grown reporters who certainly created the impression he was something of a hit in that not too strange but distant land. Such, however, was hardly the case as revealed by reports from various leading English newspapers.

Regardless of Mr. Trudeau's failure to create the image of a man of strength and wisdom, it is difficult to understand why certain segments of the news media should make such a great issue of the fact he registered long overdue criticism regarding the abominable lack of privacy awarded him by the newsmen. Certainly he has, without question, played up to the press and television cameras in order to establish his present identity and with no small success.

Unfortunately, both the Prime Minister and news media went a little overboard in England and, in his own words, even his bed chamber was not exempt. Despite the fact the type of publicity he appeared to enjoy in the past simply boomeranged, there is no doubt the newsmen ventured too far, for after all, there is a limit to how much any public figure is expected to take. There is such a thing as ethics and maturity as well as a breaking point. Some people in the public eye will go to great lengths to co-operate but this does not necessarily mean a blank cheque, any responsible newsman is normally governed by common sense and an awareness of where the party ends.

Mr. Trudeau, we feel, was perfectly justified in calling a halt and although most of his comments were twisted out of context, he merely pointed out that he too was entitled to some privacy. One garrulous Vancouver radio personality who, needless to say, is renowned for his leftist ideals, twisted his remarks to such an extent that listeners would be led to believe he had threatened to have the police investigate girl friends of the news reporters. This was not so, all the Prime Minister said, in effect, was "you have been questioning young ladies with whom I have kept company, how would you like it if I had some of the women with whom you keep company investigated?" This was the reasonably obvious interpretation as has since been made clear, it is too bad others chose to use his comments for political reasons, but that is politics.

Perhaps Mr. Trudeau's visit was not in vain, perhaps he gained a lesson in diplomacy, possibly he will have discovered that the cloak of swinging flamboyancy is not becoming to the Prime Minister of a great country.

Fraud check brings results

WHILE to some extent a welfare state should be a desirable innovation, much older and vastly more experienced countries than ours have ventured into the field of "protection from the cradle to the grave" only to run into a condition of near bankruptcy.

This is a situation which theoretically should not exist, unfortunately the people who, with the welfare of the distressed and infirm in mind, have worked toward establishment of such a scheme, have failed to take into consideration the human element. Two characteristics, greed and dishonesty, far too frequently enter into the picture with the result that graft and corruption quickly create more hardship for the very needy people for whom the assistance was devised, and at fantastic expense to the taxpayer.

One of our most abused institutions is that of unemployment insurance and the amount of money obtained through this source by means of plain straightforward fraud is tremendous. To the credit of the Unemployment Insurance Commission steps are now being taken to bring offenders to justice. This will in due course bring to a dramatic halt this unprincipled means of obtaining the easy buck and by so doing will greatly assist the genuine recipients.

A stepped-up fraud detection program now very much in force reveals the following facts:

By the end of December some 3,949 interviews and formal investigations had been completed in the nine area offices located throughout the Pacific Region. These resulted in 652 disqualifications and penalties and the establishment of action to reclaim $16,488 which claimants had received under false pretenses. Also, five male claimants were fined a total of $565 when their cases were prosecuted.

Slightly more female claimants than males were investigated, but more male claimants were disqualified and the penalties involved more dollars. The average overpayment in the case of males being about $71, while the overpayment of benefit in the case of females was approximately $47. A reason for the variation in these averages lies in the fact that 46% of the male claimants had not declared earnings accurately while they were receiving unemployment insurance benefits. By contrast, 30% of the female claimants whose claims were disqualified had not reported earnings accurately.

The major reason for disqualification and penalties was the same in both cases, being inaccurate reporting of availability and/or capability for work while on claim. However, 65% of female claimants were found guilty on this point, while the 47% registered for male claimants represented only a slight increase over the 46% who ran into problems because they had not reported earnings.

A variety of other reasons make up the other percentage points and include such problems as inaccurate recording of job separation and declaration of dependants.

The majority of interviews and investigations are now being carried out in the UIC offices where claims are reviewed with the individuals in private discussions. In the six weeks covered in the report issued today, over 90% of the investigations were conducted on UIC premises.

The overall program of interviews and investigations, aimed at detecting fraud and misuse of the unemployment insurance fund, will continue into 1970.

In addition to examining claims to determine any inaccuracies, the UIC representatives are finding that the interviews they are conducting frequently reveal some basic misunderstandings and misconceptions. Therefore, efforts to educate the general public on the role and function of the Unemployment Insurance Commission are also being increased at this time.

Dropouts of yesteryear

THE MAN dropped in to say what he would do about dropouts and more particularly about student riots and threatened riots.

The man said that when his grandfather labored hard and saved his pennies to go to college, he did not ask any favors of anyone and sought not to have the rules changed in his favor. In his day there was no help from outside, although there was some private help from certain places when he needed it most. The rules were made by the university authorities and no one thought of anybody's right to interfere with them, let alone to run the university.

This man's information, which goes back to Trinity College, Dublin, was that in those days it was a privilege for students to be in college and to learn.

Any lack of discipline on the part of the students was not to be tolerated for one moment. University presidents, vice-presidents, chancellors, boards of governors and other such did not expect to be mobbed, derided, scorned, flouted or shot at orally or with bullets.

If anyone didn't like the way the school was run, he could stay away from school, if he was old enough. That, said the man whose information goes back to his grandfather and to Dublin, is the way it ought to be.

Entrance into a college did not automatically qualify any person for a student loan, nor was there travel to Europe on the proceeds of a student loan. Even today student loans, honestly obtained, are supposed to help a student to get through school.

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It would be interesting to know how many students, with or without loans from the government, are really students. Will most of them drop out on their studies and drop out on their loans? Can a red convertible student loan help a person become a student? Is there any effort in the universities, the colleges and other schools to establish a system of discipline? Are university authorities fearful politically, morally or physically to enforce the discipline that might reasonably be expected by the people who provide the schools, the schooling, the taxes?

The main, perhaps the only, point of criticism coming from students that is valid is criticism of the people who teach them or lecture to them. There is the fearful thought that many who are professedly teaching the young do not know what they are talking about. Which is not exactly new.

A crabby old lady, sitting immediately behind the bus driver, kept plying him with questions. Finally, she jabbed him with her umbrella and asked, "Is that my stop?"

"No," he replied, "that is my rear end!"

Readers' Right

Green haven

Editor, The Times,

Sir—From time to time, I read with interest from your paper, of the success of the Sunshine Coast Senior Citizens' Homes. It has occurred to me, more than once, I have not as yet heard a name for it, outside the name mentioned above.

With Canon Greene's eightieth birthday in February, what would be more befitting than to name it in his honor? The name I would like to suggest is, Green Haven. The word haven meaning an inlet of the sea where ships can get good anchorage; a place of safety—to shelter.

If these homes have already a name, I would like to see it mentioned as it gives dignity.

V. LYNDS.

Trash galore

Editor, The Times

Sir—Garbage is garbage, or is it? Is there a difference in what constitutes the pulling of wool over the eyes, or is the trash they give you to print just another form of garbage.

The paper you are the editor of has been printing a lot of articles on pollution and control of this and that.

Then as you can now see the weather says the garbage dump is too far away and inaccessible as a result of deep snow.

If you please, we will now dump the garbage at sea level in Porpoise Bay. Where are all of the health rules and regulations now? Maybe these regulations are for the good summer weather only, not when winter is here for a few weeks.

The Jan. 15th, 1969 issue of The Times had a small article on the garbage as to when the service should resume, then it states to the effect they cannot get to the dump. So, Mr. Osborn says dump it in my yard, I need the fill, all you have to pay for is to have the garbage covered with four feet of sand. This ground is below sea level, it has been filled with sawdust and stumps. Everything has made its way to this spot to help fill in and reclaim the ground, including the dredging from the Bay.

Now, not only are we going to create the same health hazards and pest breeding grounds as the old dump did, but we are going to pay a man for putting 4 feet of fill on his own bog land.

It seems strange that the Village Council would even consider such an alternative as this to avoid plowing the road to the existing dump, after all the commotion that was raised over the old dump on West Porpoise Bay road.

It seems that the sea gulls are the only ones who will benefit from this arrangement as they don't have to fly so far to the dump.

GORDON WALKER
JIM DERBY

Editor's note: A little closer study of the news reports would reveal the fact that council long ago turned the garbage disposal over to the Regional Board. Further, there has been no indication, to our knowledge, that Mr. Osborne's offer has been taken up by either the Board or Council.

Grateful thanks

Editor, The Times,

Sir: Dr. Hitschmanova has asked me to write to express her deep gratitude for the coverage given to Mrs. R. F. Bennie's Coffe Party at which $400.00 was raised for the USC "Cup of Life" campaign.

If it is at all possible, will you please convey to those of your readers who contributed, our grateful thanks for their generous support.

Dr. Hitschmanova is leaving shortly on her annual tour of USC projects overseas, this year to include a preliminary survey of conditions among children in Viet Nam. She sends her kindest regards to you all and hopes to, one day, have the pleasure of meeting you personally to thank you for your kind co-operation.

(Mrs.) SHEILA BENNETT,
Assistant to Dr. Hitschmanova.

Soothing pot

Editor, The Times,

Sir—Before we click our tongues in horror and disgust at the current drug dilemma, let us first analyze the situation:

This technological age is a comparative pin point of time to the millions of years of evolvement. During this age man and all other species developed a very close understanding to their immediate natural environment. In fact this close contact with nature has enabled them to survive to this present day.

With the introduction of the machine, the tendency to depart from this understanding increases but the instinctive behaviour patterns remain as alarm bells within one's nervous system. It is the repression of these alarms or warnings within us that prompt us to find something to soothe our nervous system and stop the ringing bells.

If the educational process is not geared to survival and harmony then the relation between the nervous system and the environment is disturbed through the feeling of insecurity, resulting in what we know as neuroses.

Now education is the freedom to be able to respond to environmental conditions and to act upon any decision of response that will enable us to survive or live in harmony. Drug addiction is definitely a sign of a frustrated education process. Examples of this are taking of aspirin, sleeping pills, tranquilizers, tobacco, alcohol, stimulants, marijuana, methedrine, heroin, L.S.D., and so on through hundreds of drugs to depress the nervous system. Anything! But don't let us get involved with the causes of the pain! This would mean a change of behaviour and the traps of the formal "educators" are too comfortable to change.

The symptons of this neurosis will continue to increase. In 1968 10,000 people between the ages of 19 and 24 committed suicide in the U.S. (Canadian statistics are probably just as appalling). Are we going to try for 20,000 suicides this year? Are we doomed to gradually mutate into wearing glasses, hearing aides, gas masks permanently because we are losing the ability to harmonize with our natural environment and because we do not deal with pertinent facts? 15% of our children are being deprieved of their response mechanisms by tranquilizers. Tomorrow this will increase.

We see minority groups, through frustration and desperation respond to their "alarm bells" by dropping out, by taking up different patterns of behavior and sometimes by making a complete circuit of the drug "scene".

Laws and punishment are certainly not the answer to the drug problem. Let us change our attitudes toward education and establish definite programs of applied knowledge and involvement, with the ultimate end being survival and harmony with our natural environment.

DON CARR

R.R. 1, Gibsons.

World citizen

Editor, Peninsula Times,

Dear Sir—I really appreciated the article "Random Thoughts" by Mary Gross, in your Jan. 15th issue. Her final paragraph was beautiful. "Call a Canadian an indefinable blur if you like. That's the closest thing yet to a world citizen"—I say Amen to that! Let our pride be in the fact that it is simply great to be a **person**—not a Canadian, American or a Frenchman. Let us not glorify our past. Let us take pride in human achievement and the advancement of justice in all areas of the world.

REV. DENNIS MORGAN,

Gibsons, B.C.

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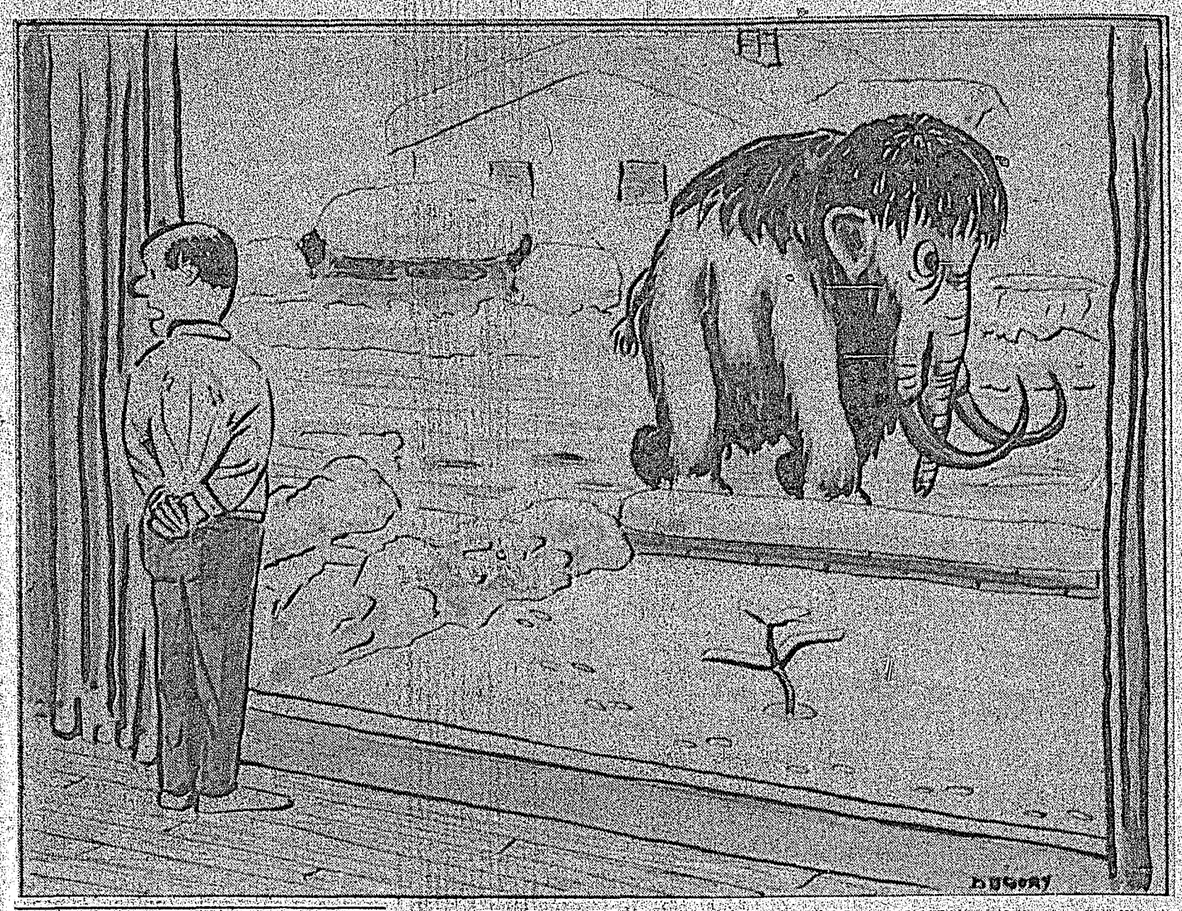

"You know, Martha, we may very well be at the dawn of a new age."

Happenings Around Elphie

—by Marilyn Hopkins

ONCE AGAIN this was another short week around Elphie. Monday the school was open only to the students who could get there. No school buses were running. Some one hundred people arrived, but there couldn't have been over 25 left in the afternoon. Most of the day the students and some of the staff spent their time in the gym playing badminton or shooting basketball, although a few exams were given to those who attended. Because of the poor weather and the high absentee rate the date for report card marks to be in has been set back a week.

The time is drawing closer for part of the year book pages to be sent in to be printed. A few grade 12's have been busy lately assembling their pages. The 11-1's held a shoe shine on Friday in the main foyer. There was quite a good turn-out although many people just enjoyed seeing the girls working hard at shining shoes and boots. The price was 10c for a boy, 25c for a girl and 50c for a teacher. On the 28th, another division is holding a bake sale at the 9 minute break and again at noon to raise money for their yearbook pages. On the whole there is a lot of enthusiasm for the book even though a few divisions haven't done anything. Each division has the choice of putting whatever they wish in the yearbook because they pay for their page or pages. If the division isn't interested they won't be remembered in Elphie's 1968-69 yearbook.

Last weekend our senior boys travelled to Powell River to play Max Cameron, Squamish and Pembenton. They were only beaten by Max Cameron. This weekend all of our teams; junior and senior boys, and junior and senior girls travelled to Squamish where they were also to play Pemberton. Leaving immediately after school Friday they were billeted overnight in Squamish. The results of these will be available in next week's issue of the Times.

This year's Homecoming is scheduled for the 28th of February, providing nothing will interfere with the plans. All past grads are invited to attend. It is hoped to have our senior girls and senior boys play our past students in two games of basketball and then a dance will follow.

Fletcher's Philosophy

—Harry W. Fletcher

WEATHER

In not too distant years machines will travel
To far-off spaces and colonize the stars,
Where astronomic colleges unravel
Life's mysteries in sunrise seminars.

On earth our unproductive deserts flower
With water channeled in from source remote.
The white desalted oceans furnish power
To slake the thirst of voyagers afloat.

They're building planes to fly with loads enormous
At twice the speed of sound and still survive.
But men who watch the weather yet inform us
We must defer to storms to stay alive.

With all his boast of science and invention
Poor puny Man still cringes from the rage
Of elements, but yet has made no mention
Of overcoming weather at this stage.

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Paul St. Pierre

—Letter from Parliament Hill

OTTAWA—The morning mail brings yet another protest against the Abortion Section of the Omnibus Bill. The Emergency Organization for the Defence of Unborn Children writes: "With absolutely no chance to defend himself the unborn child (would be) judged guilty of the "crime" of being unwanted, is sentenced to death and executed."

There have been many such protests. Organizations and individuals in Coast-Chilcotin have written in anguish and in horror about the proposed new abortion law.

By the time this column appears, debate on the Omnibus Bill will probably have begun. It might even have come to a vote, although I expect that the Omnibus debate will be long and hard-fought with many of this Parliament's members expressing a genuine moral outrage about the abortion law.

I shall be voting in favor of the Omnibus Bill as a whole and, in any clause by clause examination, will be voting in favor of the new abortion section and since this will grievously offend many people, an explanation is in order.

First, what are the changes proposed.

The present law makes it an offence for anyone to procure the miscarriage of a female or any female to consent to the abortion.

Clause 18 of the Omnibus Bill on Criminal Code amendments makes an exception to the rule. A qualified doctor may perform an abortion in a hospital, provided that a majority of members on the hospital's Therapeutic Abortion Committee agrees that "continuation of the pregnancy of such female person would or would be likely to endanger her life or health . . ."

Therapeutic Abortion Committees are to be composed of not less than three members, all of whom must be qualified doctors.

The definition of "health" is left to individual committees in hospitals across Canada. It does not preclude consideration of danger to a woman's mental health. Neither should it, in my opinion, and I would hope the section could be applied by these committees in cases of women and girls made pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

Obviously, this law will make for easier abortions in Canada. It has been suggested by one or two government members that it is merely clarification of present law, that doctors have always had some form of right to terminate pregnancies in certain cases but that the old law expressed this vaguely. I cannot see this. The law will make abortions easier in Canada.

Whether it will increase the number of abortions is less certain. Desperate women now go to the illegal, dirty and dangerous abortion mills by the thousand every year. Often they die.

This is a huge, illegal, dangerous and damaging racket. The new law won't make it disappear, but it should reduce the scope of the operation.

None of this can ease the consciences of those who feel that abortion is morally wrong under any circumstances. Some people consider foetus, at even early stages of its development, to be a human being with all the natural rights of a human being. There are also those, including many although not all Roman Catholics, who believe that contraception is an immoral practice.

In Ottawa, there are men on both sides of the House who so feel, and they are now in a very difficult position. Is it sufficient that the new law forces no one into abortion? That those whose conscience or religion forbids it may continue to abide by their conscience and refuse abortion under any circumstances? Or is the state sanctioning murder?

I feel sympathy for these men, being fortunate in the belief that abortion is not murder. Instead, my conscience would be troubled if I did not vote for the abortion law change.

Abortion laws were made by men, not women. Were the choice offered, I would support the stand of the Commons' lone woman Member, Mrs. Grace MacInnis of the New Democratic Party.

Mrs. MacInnis introduced a Private Member's Bill which would have removed all reference to abortion from the Criminal Code, leaving the entire question to the decision of individuals in accordance with their own consciences, (I assume she would agree that non-qualified persons continue to forbid to conduct abortions.)

Mrs. MacInnis' bill is unlikely to reach the floor for debate in this session. Even if it should, the chances of its passage would be infinitesimal.

Under the circumstances, the government's abortion bill seems to me to offer some relief from the sum of human misery in this nation and to be one, small welcome withdrawal of government from an area of private morals, which should not be the government's business.

Paying alimony is like having the TV set on after you've fallen asleep.

Chapman Creek

Skating on Chapman Creek near its mouth is quite unusual but three young people managed to find a large enough area to ice skate while other youngsters enjoyed the novelty of sliding on the thick ice. Unusually cold temperatures may be a headache to motorists but opened up a whole new field of winter sports for young people, making everyone realize what a wonderful thing it would be to have a permanent ice rink in the district.

Apollo 8 moon flight inspires local artist

IN KEEPING with the spirit of the times the Art's Council Gallery Shop, Sechelt is starting the New Year with a display of prints by Trudy Small which were inspired by the Apollo 8 moon-circling mission. Trudy Small came to Gibsons nine years ago and is one of the outstanding avant-garde painters in the community. A serious student of art with a wide knowledge of the history of painting and sculpture Trudy spent three years at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto.

All her work bears the hallmark of meticulous draughtmanship and many reveal her keen interest in and observation of the everyday things around us which we take for granted. The present series of prints which will be on display at the Gallery until February 1st are the result of imaginative discussions with her children on what the astronauts might find on the moon. Trudy describes her print making process as the reverse of silk-screen printing.

Always interested in new ideas, new media and methods, Mrs. Small also conducts an Art Workshop on Sunday afternoons in the old dentists office on Gower Point Rd. in Gibsons where children can bring their own materials and experiment to their hearts content. The workshop will hopefully re-open next month, and the Gallery hopes to have a display of children's work from the workshop later in the spring.

Drama of Devil Worship this week at Sechelt

THIS week the Sechelt Theatre on the Water front invites you to bring along your mind, and experience "Rosemary's Baby" starring Mia Farrow, John Cassavetes, Ruth Gordon, Sidney Blackmer, and Maurice Evans.

When young Rosemary (Mia Farrow) and her husband, Guy (John Cassavetes), an aspiring stage and TV actor, move into a famous Victorian apartment house in mid-Manhattan, her pleasure in the mysterious old place is dampened by the smothering attentions of the elderly Castevets next door (Ruth Gordon, Sidney Blackmer). However, Guy succumbs to the couple's charms, and, what with new friends and marked advances in his career, is happily occupied.

Shortly after she discovers that she is pregnant. As the baby develops so do Rosemary's suspicions that her eccentric neighbors are witches, that her husband is involved in witchcraft and that something horrible will happen to her baby upon its birth.

Director Roman Polanski subtly maintaining the line between real and unreal, brings urgency and tension to the dark tale of modern day devil-worship. An excellent cast rounds out the story with dramatic distinction.

Bring budget down . . .

No teaching staff increase warns Dist. Superintendent

NO INCREASE in the present teaching staff next school year will be one of the measures to bring the school budget down to a more realistic figure.

Superintendent R. R. Hanna referred to the present situation where Sechelt School District is 19.3 teachers over entitlement. This means that the department of education will not make any grant towards their salaries which have to be paid entirely by taxpayers in the district.

Mr. Hanna stated it is possible that the Board could miscalculate but the expected enrollment increase is approximately 235 students requiring 7-8 teachers. By not hiring extra staff it will help take up the slack. Failure of referendum No. 9 will mean that there will not be enough rooms anyway. There are limits, stated the superintendent, who hopes to keep the primary sections lower than others.

TEACHERS QUERY

Letter from the Sechelt Teachers' Association to the Board requested a meeting with the Education Committee to clarify a statement that the Board can cut the budget without lowering the educational standard in the District.

Referring to this letter, secretary J. Metzler pointed out that instruction section of the budget has not been cut. Teachers salaries have increased from 1968 expenditure of $920,125 to $969,610. Teaching supplies have been increased from $59,155 to $64,500. There is a reduction in "other instructional expense" from $32,761 to $16,340 due partly to the removal of the old adult education programme which has been transferred to a trust account. It should be possible to conduct schools adequately on the budgetted amounts, he said.

Both the superintendent and trustee Norm Hough agreed that schools in this district are well supplied compared with many other districts.

ADMINISTRATION

Metzler also pointed out that administration costs have been reduced by $3,000.

Although no actual reference was made during the board meeting regarding the decision to relinquish the old school board office, quarters at the end of January, casual reference was made that the next board meeting will be held in the B.C. Telephone Building on North Road.

Part of the B.C. Telephone Building has been rented by the School Board for some time and used as the Educational headquarters. It will now be shared with administration thereby saving a rental and upkeep. Mr. Metzler, when contacted by the Times stated that the idea is an economy measure which could save from five to six thousand dollars per year and also contralization of services.

OPERATION

There is little change in the operation section of the budget, stated the secretary. This section which includes janitor and engineer salaries and supplies, also light power, water, fuel, insurance and rentals has been increased slightly over the 1968 expenditure of $219,276 to $220,465.

REPAIRS

Repairs and Maintenance section has been reduced considerably from 1968 expenditure of $127,281 to $116,015. Mr. Metzler stated that the Board has cut out blacktopping. There will be a problem regarding replacement of equipment which amounts to more than the sum allocated, a further cut of about $2,000 is needed to meet the alloted sum.

TRANSPORTATION

Although a new contract has been awarded Sechelt Motor Transport, contract expense has been lowered from $78,355 to $77,500. When queried about this Mr. Metzler stated that transportation of Gambier Island students has been discontinued because the number of students fell to three. Two are receiving boarding assistance and one is receiving transportation assistance in place of the Board supplying ferry transportation. During last September meeting of the Board it was reported that seven students were using the ferry at a cost of $21 per day.

BASIC PROGRAMME

Mr. Metzler reported that not all school districts are operating in excess of the basic education programme alloted them. Burnaby and Surrey school districts are both managing to operate within the basic education programme.

Sechelt School District budget is $275,152 in excess of the operating cost limit of $1,354,249 set by the department of education. This amount is based on the number of instructional units in the district and Provincial average.

B.C. scheme . . .

16,000 WCB Pensioners will receive increases

MORE THAN 2000 widows receiving B.C. workmen's compensation pensions will receive a 4.04 percent increase in their allowances, effective January 1, 1969. The new monthly pension is $129.51, highest rate paid to workmen's compensation widows in Canada.

The announcement has been made by the Honorable Leslie R. Peterson, Q.C., Minister of Labour.

A 4.04 percent increase in allowances to 14,000 dependent children and permanently disabled workmen is also announced.

The increases are a result of the rise in the Consumer Price Index during 1968.

Allowances now payable for 3,000 dependent children are: $45.05 monthly for those under 16 years, $50.68 monthly for those between 16 and 18 if at school, and $56.31 monthly for those between 18 and 21 if at school.

For example, a widow with two children under the age of 16 will receive $219.61 monthly under the new rates.

Allowances now payable for dependent children where there is no dependent widow are: $50.68 monthly for those under 16 and $61.95 monthly for those between 18 and 21 if at school.

More than 11,000 persons, injured before 1938, and in receipt of disability pensions from the Workmen's Compensation Board will also receive 4.04 percent increase in thteir pensions.

Minimum compensation rates will also be increased due to last year's cost-of-living rise. For work injuries received on and after January 1, 1969, the minimum weekly compensation rate now is $33.78, unless wages are lower than this amount, compared with $32.47 previously.

The new rates will be included in WCB cheques issued at the end of this month.

Since January 1, 1966, disability pensions awarded prior to 1965 and all widows and dependents' allowances have risen 12.6 percent as a result of the cost-of-living provision in the British Columbia Workmen's Compensation Act.

B.C. is the only province in Canada that provides for annual increases in workmen's compensation pensions and minimum compensation rates when the Consumer Price Index, compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in Ottawa, has risen above a certain level.

VILLAGE OF GIBSONS

DOG LICENCES

Dog owners are reminded that a licence for the year 1969 became due January 1st. Dogs found running at large in the Village will be impounded.

January 20, 1969.

DAVID JOHNSTON,
Municipal Clerk

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In Your Garden

—By The Old Rake

BULBS that were potted up earlier and put away in the dark should have made enough root to warrant bringing out to a warm room. Daffodils and narcissus can go right into the full light of a window where they are to bloom. Hyacinths, on the other hand, should have the tender tips protected from strong light for a few days. A brown paper cone about eight inches high should be placed over them until they have acquired a shade of dark green. This has the added advantage of helping the flower head grow up with the leaves and develop a suitable length of stem. Do not leave the cone on too long or the leaves will be extended and weak and fall over the edge of the pot.

Bulbs grown indoors require ample water during the flowering period. After flowering they can be moved to a basement window and given a moderate amount of watering until the leaves turn yellow; then the pots can be turned on their sides, so no water can reach them. They should be stored in a cool, airy part of the basement and when the weather warms up can be planted in the cut flower plot where they will be recovered enough to bloom again in two years.

Paper white narcissus that were forced earlier and grown in a bulb glass with water had best be discarded as they never do anything when planted.

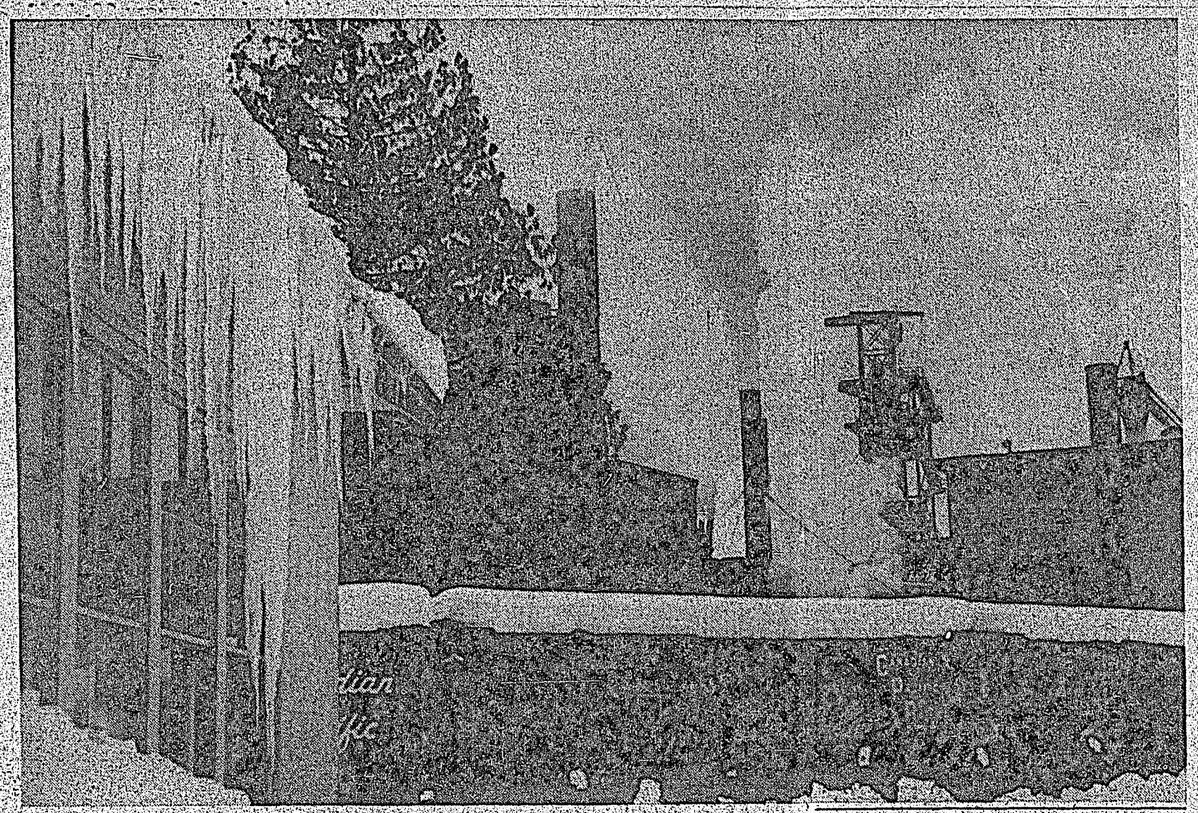
House plants require constant watching during the winter months, what with the excess heat and resulting dryness the leaves require to be kept free from dust by sponging with aired water, except, of course, the hirsute or hairy leafed ones.

As a general rule most house plants should not be over watered in the winter months, except those that do their flowering during that time. Do not be tempted to feed plants that are in a dormant or semi-dormant state; wait until growth starts. Then feeding should be on a regular schedule, say monthly, with a good liquid fertilizer.

Keep a sharp lookout for insect damage and take steps to control it. During the winter months infection by bacteria and fungi are rare as they do not thrive in a dry atmosphere.

All too often one sees old leggy and woody plants which are not at all attractive, but are kept for sentimental reasons. Much more satisfaction may be had if cuttings are taken off these plants and new plants raised. If you do not wish to discard the old plant, try cutting it back hard in March, then repot it.

House plants are like pets, you become attached to them, so they deserve more attention than they usually get.



Hot and Cold

Icicles are decorating most buildings on the Sunshine Coast and at Port Mellon they almost reach the ground contrasting with the steaming pillars rising from the stacks which play a vital part in the economy of this area.

Werning-Goeson . . .

Local couple take vows during pretty ceremony

BRONZE and yellow floral arrangements decorated Gibsons United Church on January 11, 1969 for the evening wedding of Judith Lorraine Goeson and Ronald Norman Werning.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goeson of Sechelt and the groom is the youngest son of Mrs. Alma Werning and the late Mr. Bert Werning of Gibsons, B.C.

Rev. W. M. Cameron officiated at the wedding and Mrs. Mae Freer played the nuptial music.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length gown of white organza with embroidered overlay and full train caught at the shoulders. Her elbow length bouffant veil was held by a rhinestone tiara and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

Attending the bride as maid of honour was Miss Karen Rudolph and the bride's sister, Linda Goeson was bridesmaid. Both were gowned in identical full length dresses of melon chiffon with matching headpieces and carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums.

Best man was Mr. Bob Lacoix of New Westminster with the groom's brothers, Floyd, Ken and Harvey Werning acting as ushers.

For her daughter's wedding the bride's mother chose a suit of white and silver brocade with black accessories and corsage of pink and white carnations.

The groom's mother chose a navy blue suit with white accessories and pink rose corsage.

Reception followed in Sechelt Legion Hall with one hundred guests in attendance. The bride's table decorated with pink and white streamers was centred with the three tiered wedding cake of pink and white, made by the bride's sister, Mrs. Marvin Skytte.

Mr. Ray Clarke proposed the toast to the bride. Following the buffet supper, the bride and groom led the dancing. Pianist was Mrs. Helen Sinclair.

Out of town guests included grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. G. Morden of Lethbridge, Alberta; Mr. Jack Goeson Jr. of Vancouver; Mrs. Betty Wocknitz and family, Haney; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bassett, Port Coquitlam; Mr. and Mrs. F. Werning of Coquitlam; Mr. and Mrs. A. Clairmont and Brent of Haney.

Marriage teaches a man temperance, regularity, frugality, forbearance, and a good many other dandy virtues he wouldn't need if he had stayed a bachelor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Norman Werning
Photo by Dennis Gray, Sechelt, B.C.

New Arthritis Centre nearing completion

FINAL stages in construction of the new Arthritis Centre in Vancouver are almost complete. A spokesman for C.A.R.S., The Canadian Arthristis and Rheumatism Society, states that the building is expected to be ready for occupancy on January 20. The official opening will take place in April.

Situated on the north east corner of Tenth Avenue and Laurel Street, the Arthristis Centre is right opposite the Vancouver General Hospital.

WINDOWS SPECIAL FEATURE

One of the most interesting features in this building is the position of the windows on the ground floor. These are positioned some six feet above ground level and in fact are not windows at all, but one continuous glass band about 18 inches deep going around three sides of the building. The glass is dark tinted and the visual effect from outside is exceptionally clean. There are no visible vertical supports in the window area. On the inside, patients will enjoy the visual benefits of the daylight and the trees, but without the eyes of passers-by looking in. The setting of the Arthritis Centre must be one of the most attractive in the city. Looking down Laurel Street from 12th Avenue the building is seen bordered by silver birch trees. In the middle distance are some of the new white high rise office blocks of downtown Vancouver, and rising behind the building the snow-capped mountain peaks.

MAIN CONCERN

The Arthritis Centre is concerned with three main areas. Research, Education, and Treatment. Effective clinical and social research will be conducted in the centre where patients under controlled conditions will be seen regularly.

Proximity to medical specialists and laboratories are other benefits the Centre will offer. Up to now these facilities have been in a variety of locations around the city.

In education, students and graduates who are the lifeline of the C.A.R.S. treatment programme, will be able to see the proper care of arthritis patients demonstrated over the course of the disease.

Kinsmen campaign . . .

Annual "Mother's March" scheduled for February 3

ANNUAL Mothers' March, sponsored by the Kinsman club, takes place February 3rd and local Kinsmen seek support of this very worth-while cause. For those not familiar with the story behind the "Mothers' March" we present the following:

The Rehabilitation Foundation of British Columbia, previously known as The Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation Foundation of British Columbia, had its beginnings in 1944 when an epidemic of Poliomyelitis broke out in British Columbia. Kinsmen throughout the whole of the province came to the fore to raise funds for the needed hospital equipment such as Iron Lungs, Portable Respirators, Hydrotherapy Baths, Rocking Beds, Ambulance Services, and Special Nurses. The opening of the Pearson Polio Pavilion for chronic long term poliomyelitis cases was undoubtedly brought about largely as a result of the prominence given to the poliomyelitis problem for the Funds raised. Even at the present time many patients are living at home after being discharged from Pearson Hospital using iron lungs to sleep in which are serviced regularly by the Foundation.

SALK Vaccine was first distributed throughout the province by the Foundation and brought poliomyelitis under control but the aftermath of the dread crippling disease was still to be contended with. The serious lack of Rehabilitation Services for the physically disabled presented the next great challenge to the situation during the next decade.

The target was to "Help them walk and work again." As the services increased to post polio patients the unmet needs of all physically disabled persons became glaringly apparent and could not be denied. Thus, the program of the organization was expanded to fill the gaps in rehabilitation for other disability groups and now offers a wide variety of services to physically disabled adults and children.

What has happened in the past is very commendable to the Kinsmen Clubs and all concerned in the interest of their fellow man. What the future will bring in terms of Service is still in the hands of the people of this province whose continued support alone determines the even fuller scope of our development.

Member organizations are nearly 100% Kinsmen Clubs throughout the province who are represented by one of their members at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation each year. A Board of Directors is elected by these representatives who govern the affairs and activities of the Foundation. At the 1968 District 5 Convention held in Golden, and at the 1968 Annual Meeting for the Foundation, a motion was passed in each case to change the name of the Foundation to the Kinsmen Rehabilitation Foundation of British Columbia.

Each year, during the latter part of January or early part of February, the annual Mothers' March is held by Kinsmen Clubs throughout most areas in the province. This campaign is the main source of revenue to support the Foundation and its program of services. In some areas Kinsmen Clubs have chosen to support the Foundation by way of a grant from their local United Appeal, which they participate in, in lieu of conducting a Mothers' March campaign, but no matter what method of support is used it is significant that all Kinsmen Clubs in District 5 participate in what is undoubtedly the largest project in the Association of Kinsmen.

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- ½ pound mushrooms
- 1 cup elbow macaroni
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 cups tomato juice
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup grated cheese

Break mushrooms into pieces. Saute quickly in one tablespoon butter with light sprinkling of salt, until mushrooms are tender and well browned—about 5 minutes. Cook macaroni in boiling salted water until just tender—about 10 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Melt butter or margarine, add chopped onion and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Blend in flour. Add tomato juice and seasonings. Cook, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Place a layer of cooked macaroni in greased casserole, sprinkle with grated cheese, then add layer of mushrooms. Cover with sauce. Repeat, finishing with sauce and topping with grated cheese. Garnish with mushrooms and bake at 350° F about 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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Coast-Chilcotin M.P. peaks on compromise

PARLIAMENT heard more details about Coast-Chilcotin's fish Monday night, during a debate on a private member's motion for institution of an absentee balloting system in federal elections.

Paul St. Pierre (Liberal, Coast-Chilcotin) spoke in sober tones about a recent salmon fishing expedition to demonstrate the virtues of compromise—" the meeting of two intelligent men."

The Hansard report of the MP's statement follows:

One or two hon. members have expressed an interest in fishing in my constituency. Fortunately I had an experience recently that I think points up splendidly the value of compromise in human affairs. I was fishing for salmon and I caught a 14-incher, which by our system of measurement is an extremely large fish.

Asked "is that between the eyes."

Mr. St. Pierre said, Yes, between the eyes. Unfortunately I did not weight it. My wife had a camera and took a black and white picture of it, and the negative alone weighted seven pounds! I was mentioning this to Jim Chambers, the head of the fishermen's union at Powell River, and he said, "What was the size of the fish, Paul?" I said, "I would estimate it at about 160 pounds—dressed, that is." Well, Jim said he had a big catch himself. He had been fishing just off Desolation Sound, near Refuge Cove, which was first mapped by Captain George Vancouver of the ship Discovery in 1792. Jim was fishing very deep and snagged something on the bottom. When he brought it up he found he had snagged the binnacle lamp from Captain George Vancouver's ship Discovery. You can imagine his surprise, Mr. Speaker, when he found the candle in it was still burning.

Now, Jim Chambers and I are reasonable men. We compromised. I took 100 pounds off the fish and Jim put out the candle.

Camouflage
Just peeping out of layers of snow at Port Mellon, this car will not be mobile for some time. Snow is already five feet deep in the cottage gardens completely covering the picket fences.

Francis Peninsula home hosted music festival

FOLLOWING music students of Mrs. G. L. Brooks took part in a recital held in December at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron, Francis Peninsula:

Piano: Roberta, Mickey and Roxy Bain, Lorraine, Sundy and Geraldine Bilcik, Mary and Jean Cameron, Maureen and Nancy Cameron, Karen, Denise and Donald Dombroski, Helen Duncan, Leina Fraser, Martina, Paul and Wilfred Phillips, Carey Walters.

Guitar: Roberta Bain, John and Peter Duncan, John Himmel, Marjory McKay, Luke Peters, Gail Wise.

Accordion: John Branca, Russel Cameron, Sharon McKay, Kim Lawrence, April Walker.

Singing: Kelly Lawrence, Leina Fraser.

The following certificates from the Royal Conservatory of Music were presented:

Grade 2 Singing: Deirdre Murphy.

Grade 1 Piano: Sundy Bilcik, Cindy Harris, Rosemary Malcolm, Wilfred Phillips (Honors), Roberta Bain (Honors).

Grade 2 Piano: Heather Walker (Honors).

Grade 3 Piano: Lorraine Bilcik.

Grade 4 Piano: Heather Duncan.

The following students also received certificates from the Trinity College of Music: Louise Rutherford, Grade 1 theory, Pass with Merit.

Roberta Bain, Grade 2 Guitar, Pass with Merit. This is apparently the first time Trinity College has examined a student in Guitar in British Columbia.

Guest pianist was Mr. Paul Birch, a former student of Mrs. Brooke's, who is now band instructor in the North Vancouver High School. His program consisted of "Romance" by Sibelius, "Sheep and Goats" by Guion and "The Cat and the Mouse" by Copland.

To end the evening, brothers and sisters teamed up to play Christmas carols in duet form.

Judge reduces award because no seatbelt

PRECEDENT seems to be building up on the seatbelt question.

There is no law stating that a person must fasten the seat belt which is now standard equipment in all new cars—only common sense can direct the car driver or passenger to do so. To emphasize the need to wear a seat belt, a British Columbia judge cut by 25 per cent the award to a widow whose husband was killed in an accident, and did not have his seat belt fastened. A specialist testified that the fatal injuries would not have occurred if the victim had been wearing a seat belt at the time of the collision, and the judge concluded that the victim contributed to his own injuries.

Paul St. Pierre . . .

Chamber guest speaker wages estate tax fight

INTRODUCED by Mr. Norm Watson an excellent man to have as our M.P., Paul St. Pierre, member for Coast Chilcotin, was guest speaker at the annual General Meeting of the Sechelt and District Chamber of Commerce held last Saturday, Jan. 25th.

Normally a speaker of some wit with a host of interesting stories to relate, Mr. St. Pierre this time chose to give his views of the proposed new estate tax which he said is actually excellent legislation. There are, however, some aspects which he strongly disapproves and he has recently been involved in a battle with finance minister Benson over the subject.

Main concern of St. Pierre is that estate tax on B.C. ranches valued at anything up to at least $100,000 will create hardship and will eventually result in sale of ranches to foreigners. His argument is that operation of such ranches is extremely marginal and while value of up to two and three thousand dollars may be placed on some of them, they are not worth anywhere near that amount. Such values are often set by Americans who use loopholes in the U.S. tax law.

Many of these so-called high valued ranches have operated either at a loss or at no more than the official poverty level. A survey reveals that return on capital invested varied from 5.66 percent on the smaller ranches to 5.06 percent for the top ten percent. All ranches valued at more than $100,000 netted an average return of 2.28 percent.

One of Benson's arguments for the tax is that of social, to prevent the accumulation of wealthy families over generations and creation of dynasties.

St. Pierre added that to put estate tax upon a $20,000 ranch is quite ludicrous for value wise, such a holding would be no more than a souvenir.

One of the better aspects of the proposed new estate tax is to ensure there will be no passage of taxation of husband against wife, or vice versa. "This, I am in agreement with" he said.

He agreed with critics of estate tax that a case could be presented against it on grounds that taxes have already been paid and should therefore not be subject to further taxation. This unfortunately would create numbers of wealthy families but for economic reasons the money is required to do the business of the country. This, however, in his view should not apply to an estate of up to $200,000.

Thanking St. Pierre for taking the trouble to attend, Mr. Joe Benner expressed the view that weather conditions being so bad, it is obvious the member went to great trouble to be present.

Left paradise . . .

Our Pierre on capital hill has "some grave doubts"

PAUL ST. Pierre, the story-teller who became a politician, has impressions—not conclusions—of life as a player on the country's national political stage, says Ken Clark in a story in the Vancouver Sun.

"It is just stupid for anybody to come here and in a few months decide whether the political system is workable, or not," the MP said in an interview in his parliamentary office.

So he takes no dogmatic positions on political life, although he has "some grave doubts" about it as the freshman MP for Coast-Chilcotin. Lake finding the decision-makers to get things done.

His early search has led him to the wry conclusion—impression, rather—that political decisions are made by a group of elves or gnomes buried in a cavern one-half-mile under the Great Canadian Shield, that piece of rugged topography which makes up much of Eastern Canada.

It is another way of saying that it is easy to founder on government bureaucracy as you try to work on behalf of your constituents.

"People get lost in a red tape jungle and think you can unravel it," he said.

He sees his role as "a half-assed ombudsman." Nothing moves quickly.

St. Pierre, 45, made his name as a chronicler of life in British Columbia's Cariboo country before winning the B.C. seat in the June 25 election.

He's a Liberal, but as an individualist shy of society's pressures, he is not enamored of the party system.

"In the Commons, you tend to hear the same thing said 10 to 15 times by each of the four political groups in it," he said.

He wonders if the people within each group are trying to convince each other.

As for Ottawa, it has its charm, but it is not a real city.

"It is an artificial city. Prime reason for its existence is government. Most people in Ottawa come from somewhere else. This creates an artificial atmosphere.

"You have to resist or remind yourself constantly of it so you don't lose your common sense. That's the danger here. Governments lose their common sense completely at times."

In Ottawa, it is easy to lose touch with the home riding and the country, immersing oneself in reports and endless political discussion. St. Pierre tries to fly back home once every two weeks.

Over-all, he cannot say whether he is happy or unhappy about his new role.

"No British Columbian is ever happy to leave B.C.," he said.

The chunky author with the long, grey brush-cut talks with conviction, not passion. He chain-smokes, gets up from his tilt chair and moves restlessly around as he talks.

"My perfect life would be to make a living writing the sort of thing you want to write without wondering whether it will sell.

"I'd like to spend three months of a year in Mexico, three months in the Cariboo and six in Vancouver."

His move to politics led him to drop his newspaper column in the Vancouver Sun. It interrupted work on a factual book about his home province "with a few damn lies in it."

He felt he had something close to the perfect life before entering politics. He wrote what he wanted in his column. Never went to the office. Travelled where he wanted. He had time to write.

"I ran away from paradise," he said. "I'm not sorry I did. I made the decision and I did it. I don't know why, though.

"I wanted to register some of my feelings on political life. And I haven't done much of it yet."

And he wanted to get some projects going in his riding.

He is making slow progress. And that's the way it is with the chronicler of the Cariboo, where the ranchers and Indians and loggers live far outside Parliament's shadow.

Community Club plans popular annual dance

WITH St. Valentine's Day in the offing, once again Wilson Creek Community Club is organizing another of its popular dances.

The last dance held in December was an outstanding success with one hundred people enjoying taped music in a beautifully decorated hall.

A novel group called "The Whistlers" was a big hit and will be back again to entertain.

It is advisable to purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment; they can be booked by phoning Mrs. Helen Phillips at 885-2183 or Esther Berry at 885-2356.

Don't forget February 8th—take your tweetheart out to an enjoyable Valentine Dance and see "The Whistlers". Admission is only $1.00.

Supervisor quits . . .

Letter of resignation surprise to School Bd.

REGRET was expressed by District Superintendent R. R. Hanna and members of the School Board when it was learned at the January Board meeting that Elementary Supervisor W. J. Barton had tendered his resignation.

Mr. Barton who only arrived in the district in September of last year will be leaving on June 30th to return to the British Isles. His letter of resignation was among late correspondence received by the Board and was accepted with regret.

Sechelt Teachers' Association wrote the Board referring to their request made last term requesting a meeting to discuss the value of a liaison committee between the Association and the Board's Personnel Committee. No-one appeared to remember such a request but trustee Don Douglas advised that a liaison committee had been formed in the past to discuss items needing clarification. S.T.A. believes that such a committee is worthwhile and leads to better relationship. Personnel Committee agreed to contact S.T.A.

BUDGET BY-LAW

The Board gave three readings to Budget By-Law No. 1 for permission to spend $275,152 over the approved operating cost of $1,354,249.

Should either Sechelt or Gibsons Village Council fail to approve the School Board's resolution to spend this money it will be necessary for the Board to hold an emergency meeting to give the by-law a fourth reading. It will then be presented to taxpayers in the district on February 1st. If 100 taxpayers petition the Board to go to referendum before March 1st, it will be necessary to go through the procedure of setting up polling stations.

Secretary Metzler said that this will cost the Board between $1,500 - $2,000 and he can't see a hope of it passing in this district, "look back over the record," he commented.

Trustee Don Douglas observed that the Board is satisfied it cannot operate with less money. If councils and the people fail to approve the additional expenditure of $275,152, the Board will have to appeal to Victoria. "What do they do, tell the councils and the people they are wrong?" he queried.

Secretary Metzler pointed out that the Board over-spent to a far greater extent last year, being $478,677 over the allowed budget. "Nothing will be neglected and we will be able to keep up maintenance," he said.

To bring this school district's operating budget in line with the amount approved by Victoria it will be necessary to practice economy for 2-3 years for the Provincial average to catch up. However Chairman Sheila Kitson warned, "there is no point in standing still, to please the Government."

NOTICE

The Peninsula Animal Hospital will be closed until February 10th. Boarding facilities will still be available. Upon re-opening I hope to continue to service the community under the direction of a veterinary surgeon.
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Sechelt Notes

SECHELT Garden Club starts another busy season February 5th at 8 p.m. in St. Hilda's Hall, Sechelt. Anybody and everybody welcome; membership fees are reasonable but the benefits are bountiful. Learn how to create beauty in your garden.

Magistrate and Mrs. Charles Mittelstaedt recently returned from Ottawa after spending a month's holiday with friends and relatives. On January 23rd they travelled to Victoria to attend the opening of the Legislature and reception at the Empress Hotel. Later that day they attended a very pleasant cocktail party given by Mrs. Isabel Dawson, Minister without portfolio, and her husband at the Charterhouse.

Canon and Mrs. Minto Swan are spending two weeks in Honolulu visiting Dr. Alan Swan and family.

We are happy to report Mrs. Mary Evans much better in St. Mary's Hospital.

Miss H. Nickson in hospital for a few days. Mrs. Sam McKenzie is also a hospital patient.

Miss Jo Coleman of St. Mary's nursing staff is spending a few days in California visiting Miss Myrna Burtnick and Miss Faye Shindell who are on the staff of Moffitt Hospital. The hospital is part of the University of California Medical Centre.

Mrs. E. Brotherston of Pemberton has been a guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. Burtnick.

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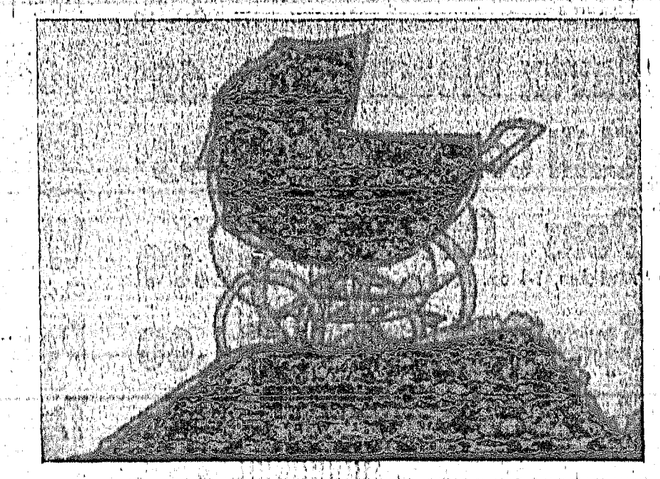

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In Ship's Office

—by John Hetherington

THE CUNARD Line's ruling ladies of the sea are the cruise liners now that their long-reigning queens have both abdicated and the newly completed "Queen Elizabeth 2" is having difficulty in ascending to the throne. One of these cruising British monarchs, the 22,600 ton "Carmania," was publicly embarrassed two weeks ago when she ran aground off the island of San Salvador in the eastern Bahamas. She was carrying 470 passengers and a crew of 450 on a twelve day cruise from Port Everglades, Florida, to Kingston, Jamaica.

The most direct route for any vessel to take when bound from Florida to Jamaica would be to steam directly south to Cuba, come left along the northeast coast until Cabo Maisi, the eastern tip of the island, is reached; come hard right into the Windward Passage and then steer a southwest course to Jamaica. But due to the existence of a blanket of countless reefs and shoals lying between the Bahamas and Cuba, navigation in this area is extremely hazardous and large ships are forced to take the longer route to the north of the Bahamas, steering northeast from Florida, past Grand Bahama, then hauling southeast around Great Abaco Isle, down past Eleuthera, Cat Island, San Salvador, and Samana (Atwood Cay). Then due south past Crooked Island and Great Inagua Isle to the eastern tip of Cuba, and through the Windward Passage to Jamaica.

The British cruise liner, Carmania, did not get past San Salvador!

The island of San Salvador, or Watling Island as it is also called, is sixty square miles in area and has a population not much over 1,000, not counting animals. It was the first land Christopher Columbus saw, when under a sweltering sun, he sailed into the Caribbean on October 12th, 1492 and discovered the New World. The Indian name for the island was Guanahani.

There is a modern lighthouse on San Salvador now that towers above the hot, white, sparsely vegetative dunes. It's powerful light flashes out its warning to mariners in the vicinity and guides them safely past San Salvador as they steam to any number of fascinating destinations.

My ship was on a West Indies run, taking us from the east coast of Canada to Jacksonville, Florida, then on to Freeport on Grand Bahama and Nassau on the island of New Providence. From Nassau we sailed on to Jamaica, then across the Caribbean Sea for four weeks of working passengers and cargo through the Windward and Leeward Islands. Our courses to Jamaica took us along the same route the Carmania followed. Trip after trip we sailed past San Salvador, past the spot where the British liner touched bottom.

On one such trip, a shipmate and I were on deck, leaning against the rail and staring at the lighthouse as we steamed close off San Salvador. A light breeze blowing over the ship gave thankful relief from the blazing afternoon sun. As we glided past the lighthouse, my chum pointed to the island and turned to me, saying, "You know, I bet Christopher Columbus was awfully darn glad to see that lighthouse!"

Even today, I am not sure if he was serious or just being facetious.

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NEWS HUNTER'S NOTEBOOK

A Reuters news agency communique datelined "Georgetown," states that Guyanese authorities have issued murder warrants to 24 members of the wealthy Hart and Melville ranching families. Living deep in the Rupununi hinterland of the country, these families are accused of leading an abortive attempt to set up their own republic.

The Rupununi area is situated deep in the interior of the country. With a land area of 37,380 square miles, these savannahs, or grasslands, are virtually cut off from the rest of Guyana. The major access into the area is by air and the old cattle trails are no longer used, the jungle reclaiming them. Beef is driven out of the Rupununi to slaughterhouses on the Brazilian border and the meat is flown out from there.

Inhabited by local Indians and the families of the ranchers, thte Rupununi has received very little government assistance in the past. The entire area boasts only one hospital, complete with one doctor. Missionaries serve the area and primary schools can be found in each village.

The Harts and Melvilles have been left basically on their own in the interior of the country, raising cattle and developing the area as best they can. In the true Bonanza tradition, the Harts and Melvilles are to the Rupununi as the Cartwrights are to the Ponderosa. The comparison is strikingly similar.

What makes this news report noteworthy is the fact that my wife lived on the Hart ranch when she taught school in the Rupununi before she married and came to Sechelt. Her family in Guyana is intermarried with the Melvilles as well.

Within the next few weeks I hope to have substantial information about what is really going on in the interior of the country of Guyana, and this colmn should read like an hour-long television western.

The marvels of modern communication! It is now possible to hear the same news bulletin 37 times.

First Ice Rink

Well! Sechelt has an ice rink at last and it is providing lots of fun for young neighbors of Don Middlemiss who flooded his front yard fourteen times to make it. Main trouble now is the shortage of ice hockey sticks but Mark Whyte, Grant and Bonnie Starrs are keeping Don pretty busy. Temperatures have rarely been above freezing all week and Don is now wishing he had tried a larger rink.

Does Your Club or Group report its Activities Regularly to The Times?

Halfmoon Bay Happenings

—by Mary Tinkley

SOCIAL life is at a standstill throughout the Halfmoon Bay area. Roads are in such poor condition that only the most experienced drivers venture on them with their cars.

On the occasions when the Sechelt bus did service the Redrooffs Road last week, it collected or disembarked the children and turned back to Halfmoon Bay to avoid the dangerous hill near Nor'West Bay. On other occasions, parents along the Redrooffs Road had to find their own way of getting their children to Halfmoon Bay or direct to Sechelt, or else give them a holiday.

Fortunately, among the intrepid drivers who service the road regularly are Archie Rutherford and Bill Clark, so that the stay-at-homes have at any rate been able to eat and read mail from their more fortunate friends who are sunning themselves in warmer climes.

Many water systems are frozen up again and the long-suffering users on the Redrooffs Waterworks system have been without water for a month. Melting snow for a cup of tea, breaking the thick ice on the rainbarrels and collecting icicles off the roof for dish-washing has become a way of life, all too reminiscent of pioneering days.

Conditions are difficult for a number of the older people and shut-ins, but a fine community spirit is showing itself, with the more hardy residents bringing water and supplies for their neighbors.

IN BRIEF

Pat Murphy, after spending his leave in the frozen south, has returned to his station in the frozen north, probably a little disenchanted with the Sunshine Coast.

Mrs. B. McCaul has received news that Mr. Bert James is making good progress after his heart attack and has left hospital to return to his home in Burnaby.

A few week-enders braved the weather for a trip to the area. Among them were Norman Connor, visiting his brother Cliff and John Reston at his Welcome Beach cottage.

FILMS PLANNED

The dressmaking class at the Welcome Beach Hall will be on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. with Mrs. Richard Manton as instructor. Starting date will be January 29th or as soon after as weather conditions permit.

An interesting new program of films is planned for the Welcome Beach Hall on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., starting February 5th. The first program includes a coloured film on Ottawa, its buildings, tulip beds, monuments, ceremonies and views of Gatineau National Park. Another coloured film "Ducks of Course," provides many basic clues to duck identification, such as feeding habits, flight patterns, etc. A light and amusing film this which should appeal to nature lovers as well as hunters. Other films in the program are Forest Highways, Niagara Falls Parkland and Canadian Pavilion. Price of entrance is 35 cents and everybody is welcome.

As there was a small attendance at the January meeting of the Halfmoon Bay Improvement Association, the election of officers was postponed until the March meeting, but water problems and possible solutions were discussed.

"I wish I had enough money to buy an elephant."

"What on earth do you need an elephant for?"

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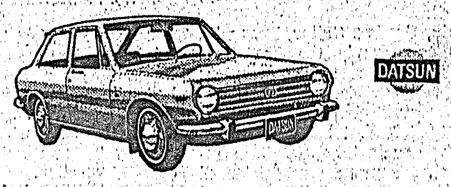

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SIDE BACON Smoke House lb. **79c**

CHICKEN LOAF Sliced, 16 oz. **69c**

LEGS of LAMB Imported lb. **69c**

FLORIDA INDIAN RIVER GRAPEFRUIT 10 FOR **$1.00**

ORANGES California, Size 113 6 lbs. for **$1.00**

BROCCOLI U.S. No. 1 lb. **29c**

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP Lipton's **25c**

Javex Bleach 64 oz. **49c**

Chili Con Carne Nalley's, 14 oz. hot **35c**

Peas - Carrots Malkins, 14 oz. Fancy 5 for **$1.00**

Spaghetti Malkins, 14 oz. 6 for **$1.00**

Aspirin Bayers, 100's **65c**

CRACKER BARREL CHEESE Mild, 12 oz. **59c**

Tomatoes Malkins, 19 oz. 3 for **79c**

Green Beans Malkins - Cut, 14 oz. 5 for **$1.00**

Wax Beans Malkins, 14 oz. Choice Cut 5 for **$1.00**

Peas Malkins, No. 4 Fancy 5 for **$1.00**

Tang Orange Reg. Size 5 for **99c**

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