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1968 IN A GLANCE

The year is drawing to its end. In many ways, the year was similar to preceding years, but a number of changes have taken place, with improvements in living and working conditions resulting.

The Union and the Company, effective as of September 1, 1968, signed a new collective bargaining agreement for a period of 26 months.

The Safety programme was accentuated under the leadership of George Hallinan, with an appreciable reduction in the number of lost time accidents. Safety Awareness was started, bringing wives and families into direct participation in the Safety programme. The Britannia Mine Safety Association held its annual competitions on May 11th, with three Mine Rescue teams participating, and seven First Aid teams competing in Men, Women, and junior competitions. The top teams in the local events were sent on to the Vancouver Island Mine Safety association competitions at Nanaimo on May 26th, where they did very well, winning one event and coming second in three others.

The Annual Copper Queen Day was held on May 18th, with Dawn Husted being crowned Copper Queen. Mr and Mrs John G Hall were present at the ceremonies; Mr Hall will be taking over the presidency of The Anaconda Company on January 1, 1969.

A highlight of the year was the presentation of the Anaconda Service Awards at the Miner's Day celebrations on June 29th. Mr Glenn C Waterman, Assistant Vice-President and Chief Geologist, distributed the Awards to 53 Company employees with continuous service ranging from ten to more than forty-five years.

The Community Club adopted a new constitution at the September semi-annual meeting, the main effective of which was to alter the club year, for more efficient operation. The swimming pool programme had a very successful season, with an increased number of swimming awards being earned.

The Union and Company sponsored float won first prize in the Commercial section of both the Squamish and Pacific National Exhibition parades.

A number of senior staff changes were announced during the year, principle ones being the promotion of Ed Packer to Mill Superintendent, Jack Anderson to General Superintendent, Ron Baverstock to Mine Superintendent, and the appointment of Dave Reid as Personnel Director, and Art Ditto as Chief Mining Engineer. Retiring at the end of the year are Tom Reburn, Ken Fristoe, and Jack Moore. During the year Angelo Crema and Sylvio Pistono retired due to illness. As is usual in a mining camp, there were the usual number of arrivals and departures of families during the year.

The "Beautify Britannia" programme continued to up-grade the appearance of the Community with many lovely private gardens in the townsite, and with the Company having some fine displays in the industrial area.

A wide variety of on and off the job training programmes were conducted during the year. The Operation, Care and Maintenance of Underground Equipement, Mine Safety; Mine Geology; Mine Operations; and Mill Operations course were available to all employees. The School Board sponsored a course in Industrial mathematics. Courses for supervisors in Supervisory Management and in 'J' Training were conducted. A number of employees are taking trade apprenticeships, with Bud Ramsay qualifying as a Heavy Duty Mechanic in June.

Almost any way you look at it, 1968 was a successful year, with many improvements in living and working conditions. To all readers of the Newsletter, our sincere wishes for a Happy New Year, and continuing improvement throughout the year 1969.

1969

This should be an interesting and exciting year for all of us.

After nearly 65 years of continuous operations, the old Britannia mine, which has produced in excess of 50 million tons of ore, assaying 1 ¼% copper, and yielding nearly one billion pounds of copper, has given us a new ore body.

We are busy right now on a \$4 million project to put it into production. This involves sinking a 2200-foot shaft and the development of a new mine, which will come into production early in 1971. It will have a monthly production of 65,000 tons of better than 1 ½% copper ore and produce approximately 2 million pounds of copper a month.

The mine, prior to being acquired by Anaconda in 1963, had been operated for several years on a salvage basis.

Anaconda's geologists, engineers and executives recognized an exploration potential in Britannia. A geological research laboratory was established and a relatively large geological staff employed to re-log the tens of thousands of feet of diamond drill core and re-map thousands of feet of accessible workings in an attempt to solve the complex geological structure and ore controls of the Britannia mine.

At the same time a very aggressive exploration programme was conducted. All this has paid off with the discovery of what is called the 040 or zone, containing an estimated 3 million tons of better than 1 ½% copper and a potential of two to three times that.

However, to exploit profitably this new ore body it is recognized that an ultra modern type of mining operation must be conducted which would employ the latest mining methods, techniques and equipment, but also Industrial Engineering, Operations Research and modern cost controls.

Happy New Year to you all.

B B Greenlee

MRS BAXTER'S REPORT

It was a real swinging party that the Company put on for its five retiring employees.

Mr and Mrs Ken Fristoe, Mr and Mrs Tommy Reburn, Mr and Mrs Jack Moore, Mr Sylvio Pistono and Angelo Crema were roundly applauded when introduced to the assembled guests by Mr John Powell and Mr B B Greenlee.

The upper club once again proved that it is not big enough to accommodate, comfortably, all the people who would like to attend our social functions, but everyone there had a grand time dancing to the music of Bell Ainscough and his boys.

Good Fairy Charlotte and jolly round Santa Claus Bud were there to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and promised them presents if they had been good.

Out of town guests Mr and Mrs G Zorn, and Mr Elof Manson of Squamish, and Mr and Mrs Williams and son Peter from New Romney, Kent, England.

As usual the school concert provided two hours of delightful entertainment to an overflowing audience of parents and friends in the school gym on the evening of December 19th.

Mrs Pickard's class (Kindergarten) welcomed the parents with songs and dances. Miss Jane Ward's Grade ones presented a little play on the three little pigs and their trials with the wolf. Mrs Green and Mrs Fowler's classes also entertained with songs, dances and square dances.

Mr Cope's class presented Scrooge and did a very fine job with both the production and the scene changing. Mr Riding's class also did a fine job of their production of the Night of the Birth of the Christ Child and the small shepherds who wished to present Him with gifts.

A lot of work went into putting on the school concert and was accomplished in quite a short time. A vote of thanks to the pupils and teachers for a very enjoyable concert.

Well, it would seem that the good old Squamish is back with us. here I am trying to get out a column for our paper and it is taking me all my time lighting and blowing out the candles as the power keeps going off and on. We arrived home to a real Squamish gale; the water that had been running down the rocks on our outward trip was a solid sheet of ice as we came back from our annual Christmas visit with our daughter, and son-in-law and grandchildren. I phoned around the camp to see if anything of interest had been happening while we were away but no one had anything to report.

I would like to say a word of thanks to the Company for the lovely tree they had planted at the entrance to Minaty Bay. Its twinkling lights give and added touch of brightness to our own decorative efforts.

The old year, with its joys and sorrows, its trials and tribulations, its failures and successes will soon be behind us and the New Year will be ours to make our mark. let us all resolve to do all in our power to make it the best one yet and make "Peace, Kindness and Goodwill" our motto for a better understanding of our fellow man.

A very Happy New Year to everyone

Olive Baxter.

POWER OUTAGES

In case you were wondering, the excessive number of power outages in recent days was due to the following:

There is a long span on the BC Hydro line above the Beach area, and one of the three wires has too much slack. The high winds, whipping around the bluffs, cause the wires to swing close enough together (they do not actually touch) for the power to arc across, causing the circuit breakers to open, shutting off the power.

The wires swing apart, the breakers close automatically, and the power comes back on. This happens every time a gust of wind blows the wires close enough together to cause the arc.

Due to problems with the Company stand-by power, it has not been possible to take the necessary action to correct the situation, but his will be done as soon as possible.

C M BRINCKERHOFF TO RETIRE

Charles M Brinckerhoff, who will be 68 years old early next year, will retire as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Anaconda Company on January 1, 1969. He will continue his association with the company as a director and chairman of the executive committee.

Mr Brinckerhoff was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Following graduation from high school, he served in World War I as a sergeant first class in the 12th Division, U.S. Army. After the war, he resumed his education at Columbia College and the School of Mines, where he received a graduate degree in metallurgical engineering in 1925.

Following a year with Phelps-Dodge at Morenci, Arizona, he joined Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company, and served nine years as engineer and mine foreman. In 1935 he began his long association with Anaconda's Chile Companies, which was to extend until his election as Anaconda president in 1928. Six years later he became vice-chairman and chief executive officer, and on May 27, 1965, was elected chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Mr Brinckerhoff is an officer and director of numerous Anaconda subsidiaries and a director of AGC Industries, First National City Corporation of New York and First Bank System, Inc. He has received many professional and civic awards, including the George Vincent Wendell Medal from Columbia, the Bernardo O'Higgins Order of Merit from the Chilean government, the Egelston Medal from Columbia University, and the Gold Medal for industrial achievement and leadership of the Holland Society. In May 1967, Mr Brinckerhoff was given an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Arizona.

Anaconda News Release.

SCHOOL NEWS

The spring term will begin on January 6th, 1969. On Monday, December 16th, the Kindergarten class, accompanied by Mrs Pickard and five parents, went to visit Fairyland at the PNE grounds. On their way they stopped and visited the West Vancouver Fire Hall.

The firemen showed the children the inside and outside of fire trucks and the ambulance, and even dressed up several children as volunteer firemen.

Fairyland is all that the name implies and provides two hours of first class entertainment for the pre-schooler. Thanks are extended to Mrs Booth, Mrs Rose, Mrs Afflek, Mrs Radakovich and Mrs Hinchliffe for their help and supplying a special ride for the children. We expected that the Snow Queen or the Bear would carry off David and Debbie but on counting heads they were all there.

The children of grades 6 and 7 Division 1, collected \$40.00 carol singing throughout the community on December 16th. It was their decision to send the money to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to be shared by five or six blind children in hopes that it would make their Christmas a little brighter. Arrangements have been made for it to go to those most in need. It is a credit to our children in this school that they understand so well the meaning of Christmas.

I would like to thank the many people who attended the Christmas concert on December 19th who contributed so generously to the adoption fund for our Lebanese child. We collected a total of \$39.25.

L Cope Principal

PERSONALS

Sorry to hear that so many people were indisposed by illness over the Christmas holidays and hope that you are all feeling better for the New Year festivities.

Mr and Mrs McNair are enjoying a visit from Betty's brother, Glynn Williams, with his wife and son. They live in New Romney, Kent England, and will be spending the Holiday Season here. They will be returning home on January 8th. This is their first visit to Canada and they are really impressed with our beautiful BC scenery. Mr Williams says that he didn't see anything to surpass it on their trip to Austria and Switzerland and Mrs Williams wondered how anyone could get sick with all the fresh air and pure water. They hope to come back at some future date and see the country in the summertime. Daughter Patricia and Marilyn were home to complete the happy family Christmas celebrations.

Mr and Mrs Joe Jarvis of Bellingham were Christmas visitors at the home of Captain and Mrs Roy Johnson of Minaty Bay. They also enjoyed having their son Roger home for the holidays.

Mr and Mrs Victor Gladman were pre-Christmas visitors to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Tony Crane. We extend congratulations to Janice and Tony who brought their second son home on December 16th. The wee boy was named John Neville and is a brother for Brian and Lorna.

Congratulations to Sarah and John Haffie who celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary on December 16th.

Many more residents of the Beach entertained relatives and friends for Christmas, while others went away to have Christmas with friends and relatives in other parts of the Province.

Edith and Jack Moore want to say “thank you” to their Britannia friends for all their hospitality, greetings and remembrances and the general loving kindness which they have experienced during their five years at the Beach, especially at this time of Christmas, a New Year and, for us, a renewal of living elsewhere.

For those who do not and would like to know where the Moore family are going we will say that we have bought a house in Ellendale Heights, North Surrey. The house is large enough for our comfort, the garden small enough to cope with and the view satisfying. The address 14616-111A Avenue, North Surrey and the phone number is 588-3572.

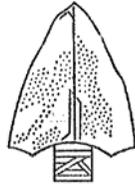
With our best wishes to you all.

Edith and Jack Moore.

Don Seymour, former Company gardener at Britannia, is now head gardener for Park and Tilford, 1240 Cotton Road, North Vancouver (just west of the second narrows bridge). He invites Britannia residents to drop in and see his display of flowering plants, grown out doors, with the help of some fancy heating equipment.

COMING EVENTS

January 4 Guys and Dolls party – Upper clubroom.



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THE WEATHER

The saying is "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it". We are, unfortunately, unable to do anything about the weather except to report on it.

The Meteorological Branch of the Department of Transport, operating from headquarters in Toronto, keeps weather records in Canada. Regional offices are located in Moncton, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver.

The Meteorological Branch conducts nine major programs, as follows:

- Meteorological Observing
- Meteorological Forecasting
- Ice Observing and Forecasting
- Climatology
- Meteorological Research
- Meteorological Training
- Meteorological Instruments
- Meteorological Service for the Department of National Defence
- Meteorological Administration

It operates on an annual budget of approximately 25 million dollars, of which about 15 million are spent on observing and forecasting.

Weather records have been kept at Britannia Beach for the Department of Transport under the Climatology program since 1922. The Climatology program operates a network of over 2300 Climatology stations in Canada, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the U.S. border to the northern Arctic. About 1500 of the stations are of the type in operation at Britannia, which records temperature and precipitation, with readings being taken twice daily. In addition, there are some 500 stations, which record precipitation only, and over 300 stations, which record, complete Climatology data. Most of the ordinary stations (temperature and /or precipitation) are operated on a co-operative basis by volunteers. The remainder of the stations are operated by personal of the Department of Transport. The Britannia

Climatology station is located at the Beach Powerhouse, with the measuring and recording being done by the powerhouse operators.

The records kept at Britannia are complete from 1947 to the present time, except for the 1964-65 strike. The records for eleven years of the preceding 25 years are missing. Some interesting statistics have been extracted from the available records.

The greatest snowfall in any one day was 15 inches on the 10th of January 1950, and equalled on December 19, 1964. The most in any one-month was 65.5 inches in December of 1964, closely followed by 59.5 inches in February 1948. However, there is a good possibility that January 1969 will exceed all previous records; to January 13th, 57 inches of snow have fallen this month, at the Beach Powerhouse. The record for a full winter's snowfall was the winter of 1964-1965, when 95 inches of snow were recorded. This current winter of 1968-1969 is presently in second place with 80.4 inches of snow recorded to January 13th. November to March are the principal snow months, with snow flurries recorded for October and April?

You might have thought it was cold on December 29th this year when the thermometer dropped to 3 degrees below zero. Old timers recall January 30, 1932, when the record of 5 below zero was established. On February 1, 1932, the thermometer was still down to zero, the record for any February. On January 28, 1929, the thermometer dropped to 3 below zero and on January 28, 1937, to 2 below. So keep your warm clothes handy, we can still get some real cold weather this year.

How about rainfall, you ask? The wettest day on record is November 3, 1955, when 4.65 inches of rainfall was measured. The wettest month was October 1967, when 22.34 inches of rain was recorded, closely followed by November 1939, with 21.59 inches. In 1968 it was the wettest year on record, when 107.27 inches of precipitation was measured. When measuring precipitation, 10 inches of snow is recorded as being the equivalent of 1 inch of rain. Precipitation runs in cycles, with current precipitation being near the peak of the cycle. The long-range average annual precipitation is about 75 inches. The lowest precipitation on record for one month was July 1960, when 0.02 inches of rain was recorded. In August 1931, the total rainfall was 0.06 inches. The driest winter month was January 1949, when 1.48 inches of precipitation was recorded.

Coastal areas are noted for occasional high precipitation, but not for exceptionally high temperatures. It came as a surprise to the writer when he discovered that on July 15, 1941, a record high temperature of 103 degrees was recorded. On one other occasion the temperature exceeded 100 degrees in July. The record high for June was 99 degrees on June 6, 1948. Other highs were 94 degrees on May 26, 1947, 95 degrees on August 23, 1966, and 93 degrees on September 14, 1937.

There have been several periods of a month or longer in which no rain fell. These are as follows: September 19 to October, 1925; July 5 to August 5, 1928; July 14 to August 16, 1931; June 14 to July 24, 1940; July 2 to August 13, 1960; From March 31 to April 27, 1951, only 0.02 inches of rain fell, on April 18thm a record dry spell for that time of the year. From January 3 to February 1, 1963, only a trace of rain was recorded, on January 8th, also a record for winter months.

There is another saying which goes “It’s never so bad that it can’t get worse”, so keep your snow shovel polished – you may really need it before this winter is over.

Good shovelling!!

BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CHEST

Most of us are familiar with the “Red Feather”, and recognize it as the insignia of the United Appeal of Vancouver, an organization that raises large sums of money yearly for distribution to a variety of well-known charities.

The high percentage of those peoples either living or working in Greater Vancouver contributes yearly to the fund. Britannia residents do not participate, except to the extent where they respond to visiting charitable organizations, or contribute to some specific appeal on their own initiative.

The Community Club, acting upon the direction of the club membership, are in the process of organizing the “Britannia Community Chest” and you will be approached soon by their canvassers, all of whom are local people who have volunteered to assist in this worthwhile effort. a few points to remember.

- Contributions are entirely voluntary. Those people who do wish to contribute can do so either by making a direct contribution to the canvasser, or by signing a pledge to contribute through payroll deduction. The Company has agreed to honour these pledges.
- You can specify a favourite, charity, or you can leave it to be included in the general fund, for distribution by the Chest.
- None of the money will be used for local charitable purposes. Contributions will be banked – to be distributed periodically to charitable organizations of the type associated with the United Appeal.
- Pledges of a specific sum per month are probably the most desirable from all points of view. Once a pledge is made it will continue from year to year without further solicitation, or until you change or cancel it.
- Application has been made to the Taxation division of the Department of National Revenue, for contributions to be tax deductible, and receipts will be given.
- Formation of a Chest will mean an end to charitable drives by outside organizations, for requests from such charities will be referred to the Chest for action.

Your canvasser will be someone who lives in your area. Don't leave making a decision on this until the moment they knock on your door. Help to make a difficult job easy.

D Reid Chairman
Britannia Community Chest

NEWSLWTTTER PRESS RELEASE

Effective December 31, 1968, the Britannia Operations of the Anaconda Company (Canada) Ltd. have been transferred to a new company, ANACONDA BRITANNIA MINE LTD. This change is a result of reorganizing the corporation too more closely reflects the nature of the Company's activities and to assist in the administration of its corporate affairs. No doubt the discovery of the 040 ore body and the sinking of the #10 Shaft, which has added stability to the operation, influenced this reorganization.

There has been no change in the control of the Company. We are still a wholly owned subsidiary of The Anaconda Company group.

The officers, who are the Directors, will be as follows:

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| President | Donald F Cornish, President of Anaconda American Brass Limited; |
| Vice-President | J G Hall, President of the Anaconda Company |
| Vice-President and Manager | B B Greenlee; |
| Vice-President and Chief Geologist | G C Waterman, Assistant Vice President Western Exploration Division, Anaconda American Brass Limited; |
| Secretary-Treasurer | W G Peaker, Secretary-Treasurer of Anaconda American Brass Limited; |

SCHOOL NEWS

The second Report card will be given out about the end of the first week in February.

The period between Christmas and Easter is a most important time for children in the school. There are no interruptions during this time and the teachers cover most of the basic work required for the year. It is therefore very important that the children attend school very regularly. A day or two missed here and there may not seem like very much, but often the student misses an important lesson, which makes it very difficult for them to master any new concepts, which may have been taught.

Parents are reminded also, that if children are absent from the school they must bring a written note signed by the parent on their return.

L Cope, Principle

ADULT EDUCATION

The schedule of night classes to be held at Squamish Secondary School has just been received. The outline of the courses is listed below. For further information, call at the Personnel office, or phone the Adult Education Department, Squamish School District, No. 48, Squamish 892-5228.

RECREATION CLASSES

Badminton
Fitness Programs, women and men
Floor hockey for men
Basketball for men
Table Tennis
Arts & Crafts II
Beginners and Intermediate Bridge
Lapidary
Volleyball

GENERAL INTEREST

Craft of Writing
Intermediate Dress Making
Public Speaking
Defensive Driving
St. John's Senior First Aid
Projector Familiarity

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Welding

Intermediate Welding

Foremanship and Supervisory Practices

Tailoring

Industrial Mathematics

Diesel Mechanics

Introduction to Data Processing Systems

Office Practice

Blueprint Reading

ACADEMIC COURSES

English 10 (Vocational)
Senior High School Course

These will start in late January if sufficient people register.

A number of these classes started this week on January 13th. If you are interested, contact the undersigned at the Personnel Office.

PERSONALS

Following are excerpts from a letter received by Mr L Cope from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

“...this is to acknowledge the receipt of a cheque for \$40.00 which was raised by carol singers at your school and donated for the purpose of buying toys for blind children. Would you please extend our sincere appreciation to all those who so generously contributed their time and effort to this project. We are using the money to purchase toys for the nursery at CNIB where fifteen to twenty-five children come in with their parents each month on the occasion of a regular meeting of the parents of blind children. The nursery was in such need of good, durable toys to entertain the blind children while their parents were in

the meeting. You and your school may be assured that your contribution will provide pleasure for a considerable group of blind children regularly.

We wish you and your school every success in their endeavours if 1969.

Signed Mr H Guest
Supervisor – Field Services.

Mrs Maryteen McFarlane is leaving the Beach with her small son to join her husband at Kitsault. Mrs Rita North is taking over her job in the Post office as assistant to Mrs Boys.

Mrs Monet enjoyed a few days visit from her brother and sister who live at Lac La Bishe, Alberta.

Mr and Mrs Jack Graney observed their 25th wedding anniversary on January 2nd. Sorry that they weren't able to celebrate as they were both down with colds and the flu.

Mrs T Butler wishes to thank all those who donated to the Province Christmas Fund. A total of \$46.00 was raised for which she received a receipt and a letter of thanks from the Christmas Bureau.

Congratulations to Tom Locke and his bride Barbara Wooten who were married in St Mary's Anglican Church, Metchosin, Vancouver Island, on December 21st. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs H N Wooten.

Mrs Flo Verdesio celebrated her birthday on January 9th. Other residents enjoying a birthday this month were Mrs Boys on the 4th and Mrs Baxter on the 5th.

COMING EVENTS

January 11 Scouts Bottle drive – 10:00am

January 27 St John's Ambulance First Aid course
at the Safety office starting at 1:00 – 7:00pm



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On January 15th about a dozen students from BCIT, accompanied by Association Master J A Willcox, were conducted through the research, geochemical, and geophysical facilities of American Brass. The visitors, who arrived at Britannia just after lunch, were shown the research laboratory by Research Geologist Jay Hodgson, who explained the purpose of the research work, and the techniques and equipment used. Al Burgoyne, Chief Geochemist, and Tom Conto, Geophysicist, outlined the functions of their departments to the students. The tour ended at about 4:00pm.

VISITORS FROM UBC

Some twenty-eight undergraduate and graduate students of the department of Mineral Engineering, from UBC, with their professor G W Poling, were taken on a tour of operations on January 29th. The party arrived at Britannia about 8:00am and after a briefing session in the engineering office, some of the mine workings of the Victoria and #8 mines toured. Guides for the underground tour were chief mine engineer Art Ditto, mine foreman John Dyck, planning engineer Jerry Krizek, and mine clerk Marshall Tichauer.

After lunch at 4100 portal, chief electrician John Powell and consulting engineer Archie Smith lead the group through the powerhouse. This was followed by a tour of mill operations under the guidance of assistant mill superintendent Marty Sveinson, repair foreman Jack Dickinson and assayer Chuck Harvey. Archie Smith then showed the visitors through the surface shops, warehouse, and Beach precipitation plant.

The tour concluded with a question and answer period in the lower clubroom, at which refreshments were served. Mine superintendent Ron Baverstock, mill superintendent Ed Packer, Archie Smith and Art Ditto were kept busy answering questions for about one and a half hours.

W B Montgomery

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Gilles Tremblay on the birth of their son Brian Alexander, born in the Squamish Hospital on January 12th weighing 11 pounds, 7 ½ ounces; a brother for Theresa, Anna, Michael, Robert and Richard.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Ronald Evans on the birth of their daughter Tanya on January 17th.

On the evening of January 4th about 40 of Britannia's younger set gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs W Hansen to help Wayne celebrate his 21st birthday. he was presented with many handsome gifts. Miss Denise Critchley acted as co-hostess and the young folks enjoyed an evening of dancing. A delicious buffet supper was prepared by Mrs Hansen and left for the guests to serve themselves, which they all did full justice to around midnight.

Mr Norman Settle enjoyed his 66th birthday at the home of his daughter and son-in-law Marion and Tony Ebenaugh at Aldergrove. Daughter Faye and her husband Bob and two children were also there.

Sincerest sympathy to Mr and Mrs W R Boys and family on the sudden passing of Mrs Boys sister Jenny while on a vacation in Arizona.

The sympathy of friends at Britannia are also extended to Mr and Mrs Ann Walton and her sons on the passing of their husband and father Mr Victor Walton. The Walton's were former residents of Britannia.

A few weeks a Vancouver Sun reporter and photographer for an article and pictures on his ministry at the Beach, Industrial Ministry being something new in the church, interviewed back Rev Michael Boulger. The article is still causing widespread interest in the news world so much so that Allan Fotheringham, whose articles appear in the Vancouver Sun, came to the Boulger home and spent three hours interviewing him for a feature article which will be published in the February issue of McLean's Magazine.

COMING EVENTS

February 11 First Aid classes – Mine rescue building

February 15 Valentine's dance – upper clubroom 9:00



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THE NEWSLETTER

Publication of the Newsletter started in March 1967, so with our next issue we will be celebrating our second anniversary. Mrs Baxter joined the Newsletter as correspondent just over one year ago. The following is taken from the first issue.

Now that Mrs Baxter is correspondent for the Newsletter, Social and Personal items should be phoned to her at 8896-2334. Written reports and articles may be submitted to Mrs Baxter, or to the Personal office, whichever is more convenient.

In reviewing issues of the Newsletter for recent months it is noted that some clubs and organizations have not been reporting their activities. People phone Mrs Baxter to ask why she had not reported on some happenings, and that is the first she hears of it. The time to phone Mrs Baxter is before the happening, or at least before publication of the next issue of the Newsletter.

Publication dates are the 1st and 16th of each month, or as close thereto as the calendar will allow. Deadline for reports and news items is three days prior to publication date. So once again we request all club secretaries, and others with news worthy items, to be certain that these are submitted to her before the deadline. The Newsletter is only as good as its coverage, and you can help us we depend on you for the news. Thank you for past co-operation, and let us all work together for a better Newsletter.

The Editor

SICK BAY

I'm pleased to report that Earle Trace has left the hospital and is home, as are Karl Heike and Pete Dodyk.

John Haffle has returned to work having been on compensation, as have David Jamison and Donn Lingenfelter. Back to work after illnesses are Bill Bull and Arthur Buckmaster.

Gerry Rose is back from Shaughnessy Hospital and has gone back home. Gerry has another appointment at the hospital next week.

Harry Yaky is off work with a painful back. He has been going to Vancouver for treatment. Jim Kehres is at home awaiting word of a bed in hospital. He will be undergoing surgery. Minto Marchauk has been off work for about six weeks.

U Buthge was the victim of an accident in #8 mine on February 12th. The staging on which Ole was working collapsed, causing him to fall down the raise about 40 feet. He suffered head injury and was rushed to the Squamish Hospital. A report from Dr R Love after examination revealed that Ole was fortunate indeed not to have been more seriously injured. He expects that Ole will be in hospital about two days and then allowed to go home.

G P Hallinan

W A MEETING OF CHURCH

The meeting of the Women's Association was held February 13th at the home of Mary Emery, with President June Higham in the chair. It was decided to have a Pot Luck dinner on March 6th, preceding the AGM. It was also decided to hold a Thrift Sale again this year which will take place at the end of March, so ladies, when you are looking over your wardrobes with plans for buying new Spring outfits, please remember to save all your good used clothing, also any articles you may wish to discard, and hold them for the sale. There will also be a bake sale and donations for this will also be very much appreciated.

The slide on the highway caused the cancellation of the program that was planned for the evening as Mrs Hugh Chisholm, who had gone to West Vancouver for a few hours shopping, couldn't get back and the projector that was to be used for the show was locked up in her home.

The delicious refreshments for the evening were supplied and served by Mrs Mary Smith and Mrs Donna MacGregor.

It would seem that Mother Nature has watched the insanity and violence of the human race so long that she has decided to join with them by adding a few floods, rock slides and earthquakes of her own to add to the general upheaval.

SCHOOL NEWS

Homework: It is generally agreed that all pupils in Grades IV and VII need some homework. Perhaps what is more important is that they need time to practice and develop good home study habits in preparation for higher school grades, where it becomes vitally important. The home that provides for this time to practice does

the child a great service. Every effort should be made to set aside a specific period of at least thirty minutes daily, Monday through Friday, and to provide an appropriate place where the child may use this time in concentrated, purposeful study in reasonably quiet surroundings. Through the year this would amount to one whole month of school, spent in areas of learning most needed, i.e. in reviewing difficult material, in studying new material, in preparing for examinations and tests, and in completing unfinished work. This would provide quite enough subject matter in itself without the taking of special homework assignments, which would be an addition to the above. This would also relieve parents of the constant question in too many cases, "Have you any homework?" The answer is always "Yes".

Such a programme would tend to develop several things:

- (a) good study habits
- (b) better school grades
- (c) greater sense of responsibility
- (d) better development of the curriculum in school

A word of caution is offered. Repeated practice of half-hearted, continuously interrupted study routines may be more harmful than good.

The following students of division 1 are to be congratulated for having achieved the highest grades in the second report card. From now on only division 1 achievements will be noted since it is felt that there should not be too much competition in the lower grades.

Grade 7

Jane McNeill
John Sametz
Alan Greenlee
William Whiteside

Grade 6

Coreen Branscombe
Vincent Hilborn
Lloyd Sveinson

RAY KNUDSEN AND TONY CRANE ACTIVE IN DISTRICT SCOUTS

Gary Mitchell is the new chairman for the East Howe Sound District Council with Ray Knudsen of Britannia Beach as vice-chairman. W A Lloyd is secretary and Llwellyn, is treasurer.

Committee, which are usually selected at the beginning of the year, were not appointed as there will be changes made in the committee structure.

Britannia was the only group represented at the meeting and Ray Knudsen reported there were 12 scouts and 19 cubs, all very active. A bottle drive is planned and the committee is holding a banquet on February 23rd. A speaker and films will be needed and Barry Shaw, district field representative, said he would see these were provided.

Mr Knudsen also asked for training assistance and Shaw said this was being planned and would probably take place in February.

In the absence of Syd Pudney, W A Lloyd gave the District Commissioner's report, saying a new group, 5th Squamish, will be started at Totem Hall, with Mrs Ted Hill as cub master. Boys from Stawamus, South Park and Valleycliffe will be eligible for this group.

He also announced that Tony Crane of Britannia has been appointed Assistant District Commissioner.

W A Lloyd gave a tree committee report, saying the tree sales last year amounted to \$746.34. He recommended the council and the group committees should visit the tree farm within the next few months to assess the work, which would have to be done. He also suggested that tree cutting be started earlier this year, possibly close to the Remembrance Day weekend.

SCOUTS AND CUBS

We thank all those who gave us bottles on our last drive February 8th. This is about the only source of funds we have to keep this activity going. There was around \$50.00 worth collected.

On February 7th, 15 Cubs and 12 Scouts and their leaders joined another 700 or more Scouts and Cubs at the PNE to see Vancouver and Denver play to a 7-7 tie.

On February 3rd our Scout and Cub leaders represented 1st Britannia at the Vancouver Coast Region Annual Dinner at the PNE Show mart Building. Attending were Mr and Mrs Braiden, Mr and Mrs Crane, Mr and Mrs Boulger, Mr and Mrs Dale MacGregor.

Our present roster shows that we have 19 Cubs and 12 Scouts. In addition there are 8 prospective Cubs on a waiting list. We can't take these boys in until we get more leaders. Ideally there should be about one leader for every six boys. We are trying to carry on with a ratio of one to nine. If you have ever been a Scout or Cub and would like to work with young boys, or think you can help, please phone Ray Knudsen or Tony Crane.

Our next Bottle Drive will be held March 22nd at 10:00am/

The Annual Scout Week Banquet will be held in the upper clubroom at 6:00pm February 23rd. There will be a short film on Scouting, badges earned by Scouts and Cubs will be awarded and Cubs Robin Dickinson and Victor Lindley will formally become Scouts. Cost in only \$1.00 per person, maximum of \$2.00 per family.

Norm Steenson, Group Secretary

MAURICE DESLAURIERS BENEVOLENT FUND

The trustees of this fund submit their accounting herewith and advise all subscribers that the balance of the monies remaining unspent have been turned over to Maurice Deslauriers who is now able to maintain his own bank account and attend to his own affairs, although he continues as a paraplegic patient at G.F Strong Rehabilitation Centre, in Vancouver.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
 To cash subscriptions received and deposited
 Royal Bank of Canada Savings Account –NPs626.

| 1968 | Dr | Cr | Bal |
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| April 9 | \$ 12.00 | | \$ 12.00 |
| May 6 | 32.00 | | 44.00 |
| May 23 | 481.00 | | 525.00 |
| July 4 | 5.00 | | 530.00 |
| Oct 31 Interest | 2.70 | | 532.70 |

Disbursements

TV Rental – Weber, North Vancouver

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| May 17 | 6.15 | | |
| May 17 | 9.00 | | |
| June 3 | 12.15 | | |
| June 21 | 18.15 | | |
| Aug 8 | 18.15 | | 469.10 |

Aug 12 Storage of Household effects
 Capilano Storage, North Vancouver June to August
 33.00

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| Sept 11 Storage | 11.00 | | 425.10 |
| Sept 11 Birks & Sons watch repair | 16.50 | | 408.60 |

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| Sept 16 Wearing apparel as voucher, reimbursement to J Moore | 50.74 | 357.86 |
| Sept 16 Travel expenses L J Marion | 7.00 | |
| Sept 24 Voucher expenses, clothing & personal items | 71.35 | 279.51 |
| Sept 24 Cash supplied to M Deslauriers Reimbursed to J Moore | 20.00 | |
| Nov 4 TV Rental | 17.06 | |
| Dec TV Rental | 15.75 | |
| Oct 4 Bank charges | .40 | 226.30 |
| 1969 | | |
| Jan 20 Clothing & personal items | 20.48 | 205.82 |
| Jan 20 balance of payment to M Deslauriers bank account | 205.82 | Nil |

TONY MARZOCCO OPERATES BARBER SHOP

Tony Marzocco, resident of Britannia since 1959, and holder of the ten years Service Award, has taken over the operation of the barbershop in the lower clubroom. Hi is open for business on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 6:30 to 9:00pm.

The barbershop is a definite asset to the Community, and it is to be hoped that the patronage will be sufficient to keep Tony in business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MR AND MRS DONALD LINDLEY ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER, JEANETTE, TO BRIAN, SON OF MR AND MRS THOMAS PULLEN ON BRITANNIA BEACH.

THE WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY
28, 1969, AT 7:00PM IN THE BRITANNIA
BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW AT THE HOME OF
THE PARENTS OF THE BRIDE

PERSONALS

Our congratulations to Sharon Smith, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sid Smith of Britannia Beach, on her recent marriage to Mr Ronald Shubrinker of Stewartville, Ontario. The wedding took place in Ottawa on February 8, 1969.

I know that all of you who say and enjoyed the "New Vaudeville Band" when they played at Isy's Supper Club will be interested to know that they enjoyed their visit so much that they are immigrating to Canada. They will have their headquarters in Vancouver under the new management of Isy Walters. They will be touring all over Canada and the USA as well as entertaining in Vancouver.

Miss Dianne M Hopper, daughter of Mr and Mrs A Hopper of Minaty Bay, is a graduate of the Royal Hospital class of February '69, after completing a three-year course for general routine nursing. Miss hopper is taking a well-earned vacation in Toronto before embarking on her nursing career.

The winter of 1968 and 1969 will surely be long remembered by the residents of all our Community with its toll of accidents and sicknesses. We just seem to stagger out from under one siege and think, "There, that's it", then along comes another freeze and another rash of tragic happenings, so, if you have to drive, please go easy.

Wishes for speedy recoveries go out to hospitalized residents Mrs Helen Lowe, Mr Lloyd Johnston, in hospital for an eye operation, and Mrs C Harvey who is in the Vancouver General hospital for a throat operation.

OBITUARY

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs Emelia Monet on the loss of her husband, John, who passed away in his 75th year in the Squamish Hospital on February 9, 1969, after a lengthy illness.

Mr Monet was born August 24, 1894, and first came to work at Britannia Beach on January 2, 1940, continuing until March 1958. He returned on January 9, 1959, and worked until his retirement on July 20, 1962.

PEEWEE SOCCER

Victor Lindley and Robin Dickinson have been selected to play for the South Squamish League in a match to be played against the Mercer Island Lions in Seattle March 1st, in an industrial tournament. This is a great honour to have two of our boys from Britannia selected, and the coaches, Bill Whiteside, Marshall Tichauer, Paul Begin, who have done such a good job with our Pee-Wees, are more than delighted. Our Pee-Wee should be congratulated as they are at the top more of the Howe Sound League.

There will be a return match to be played in Squamish on March 8th. The time of this match will be announced at a later date. We are looking forward to a good match in Squamish and we hope you will give our boys your support.

Tom Pullen

ROAD CLOSURE

Highway 99 was closed at a point about 2 miles south of Porteau by a rockslide of major proportions at 5:00pm on Thursday, February 13, 1969. the rock face on the east side of the highway collapsed, burying the roadway to a depth of up to 50 feet over a length of 100 yards.

More than 100 Company employees commute from greater Vancouver. The afternoon shift had arrived at work prior to the slide, and most of the day shift had passed the slide area before the road was blocked. The afternoon shift was put up in spare beds in the bunkhouses after shift on Thursday.

Arrangements were made with the PGE Railway, and special trains transported commuters on Friday with departures from North Vancouver at 6:00am, 2:30pm and 10:30pm and leaving Britannia on the return trips tow hours later. The smaller crews on Saturday and Sunday were carried by water taxi from Horseshoe Bay. Train service was resumed on Monday and will continue until the highway is re-opened.

The major slide was cleared away by noon February 17th, but before the highway was opened, a second slide came down at the north end of Porteau bluffs, blocking both the highway and the railway. The rail line was cleared and repaired by 4:30pm. but the highway has not been opened at the time of writing . this second slide in not very large, but there is danger of more rock coming down.

The Department of Highways is today installing listening equipment to determine if there is any movement in the rock. If there is no movement, the highway will then be opened. If there is movement, the loose rock will be brought down by blasting,

until such time as the equipment registers no movement. This blasting may, and probably will, close the railway as well as the road.

The listening equipment used to determine movement in rock is an interesting device.

Holes are drilled in the rock, microphones are installed in the holes, and the microphones are connected to the instrument, which amplifies any sound in the rock as much as 400 million times. This amplified sound can be listened to, and is also recorded on tape. A trained operator can then determine whether or not there is any movement in the rock.

This issue of the Newsletter was held up so that we could publish the adjoining pictures of the slide. They give a good idea of the size of the slide, and the problems the Highway Department encountered in clearing it.

We are indebted to Archie Smith and Ed Packer for the photographs of the ice and snow conditions published in this issue. Ed took the photos in the Mill, with the others being taken and printed by Archie Smith.

The photographs of the slide were supplied by the Vancouver Sun.

COMING EVENTS

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| Feb 23 | Annual Scout Week Banquet – upper club- 6:00pm |
| March 6 | Annual Church Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner- 6:00pm |
| March 8 | Pee-Wee Soccer Match – Squamish |
| March 22 | Scouts and Cubs Bottle Drive – 10:00am |
| March 26 | W A Thrift Sale – Church basement – 1:30 to 5:00pm |



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SEAVIEW HIGHWAY 99

The highway has been in the news lately due to rock falls and slides. A rolling boulder killed three young people, and rockslides have blocked the road on several occasions, for periods of up to nearly six days. These events raise the question of the safety of persons traveling on the highway.

Approximately one-third of Company employees reside in the greater Vancouver area, and commute to work in Britannia. The Company had several of its senior engineers examine the road from the point of view of safety, and then submitted a report with specific recommendations to the Department of Highways, as follows:

REPORT ON HIGHWAY SLIDE

“ We wish to bring to your attention some thoughts and observations about Highway 99, covering the section from West Vancouver to Squamish, and in particular the section from Nelson Creek north to Britannia Beach.”

“We would like to commend the maintenance crews on the good work they have done, and are doing, in keeping the Squamish road open. We are sure that the road in general is in as safe and as good condition as can be expected for this type of highway. However, in order to maximize safety conditions a small amount of additional work will be required. Standards similar to those required in mines and quarries by the Mine Regulations Act should be adhered to. The safety of our employees, many of whom reside at Britannia and Minaty Bay, is our first concern, although the inconvenience to our operations by a road closure itself is of no small importance.”

Over extended periods of time natural weathering, and in particular severe freezing conditions as experienced this past winter, tend to loosen the rock faces until there is danger of rock falls. these loose rocks should be removed under control before they fall naturally.

Observations of some of our engineers and other personnel who regularly travel the highway are that practically all rock falls of sufficient magnitude to block the

roadway are preceded, by a matter of a few hours to several weeks, by minor falls of rock. This was the case in the three major blockages of the past month. We recommend that, when a minor rock fall occurs, the immediate area be thoroughly inspected, barred down, and tested to determine if there is any rock movement. In this way most major rock falls can be forecast and steps taken to bring the rock down under control.

There are a number of dead snags and over mature, dying trees adjacent to Highway 99, which could, when they fall, endanger persons using the highway. We recommend that these be removed.

We believe that if the foregoing recommendations are diligently applied, travel on Highway 99 will be as safe as it is possible to make it, and unscheduled road closures will be reduced to a minimum.

NOTICE

I regret to announce that Dave Reid has resigned, effective February 28, 1969 to enter his own business.

In the short time Dave has been here he has made a considerable impact upon his associates and the employees at Britannia. We are going to miss Dave, his wife Rose and the kids, and wish them much happiness.

B B Greenlee

BEAUTIFY BRITANNIA

Now that the winter's accumulation of snow is nearly gone, the time has arrived to start cleaning up the mess that has been left behind. So starting with receipt of this issue of the Newsletter, residents are requested to start their Spring Clean-Up. When you have the rubbish raked and piled, call the Townsite Maintenance at 896-2414, and a truck will be sent to pick up and dispose of the trash. Thank you.

SCOUT BANQUET

About 75 people attended the Scout Banquet on February 23rd. Guests of honour were Mr Disney Pudney, District Commissioner for East Howe Sound, and Mr Grey Mitchell, Chairman of the East Howe Sound Council, and his wife, of Squamish, who were placed at the head table with Mr and Mrs J Powell, Mr and Mrs R Knudsen and Rev and Mrs Boulger. Mr Powell acted as MC for the occasion and welcomed the guests, and the Scouts and their parents. Rev Boulger said Grace and everyone did full justice to the cold turkey, ham, jellied and potato salads, etc., prepared by the mothers.

Mr Pudney gave a short talk about the founder of the Boy Scouts Movement, Lord Baden-Powell. Mr Shaw spoke briefly and mentioned the up-coming 1971 World Jamboree, which will be held in Japan, which he was sure, would be a very exciting experience for any Scout who qualified to attend.

Cubs Robin Dickinson and Victor Lindley were officially dismissed from the troop and accepted into the Scouts at the coming-up ceremony. Most of the Scouts and Cubs received merit badges.

A film was shown of the 1963 World Jamboree which was held in Greece of the fine works accomplished by the Scout Movement, and hundreds of boys of all colours, creeds and religions, living, working and playing together in harmony and brotherhood.

Mr Boulger gave the evening closed with the singing of the "Queen" and benediction.

Mrs Valerie Steenson was convenor of the banquet with helpers Mrs Norma Croteau, Mrs Betty Tourigny and Mrs Mabel Sveinson, who did a very fine job.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the ladies on KP duty who had to overcome a great many difficulties before the huge task of getting the dishes cleaned away was accomplished. It would seem that a stopped-up sink had been overlooked and when they tried to empty the sink the water wouldn't run away. A wrench and plunger seemed to aggravate the situation and the ladies ended up bailing each sink full of water out in pans and taking it to empty in the ladies room. They eventually got all the dishes cleaned away about 10:30. Very sorry, ladies for all the inconveniences.

SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday March 6th, the parents are invited to visit the classrooms between 1:15 and 2:15pm.

At 2:15 a bell will be rung for the students and parents, if they wish, will move to the gym.

Mrs Marchant, school trustee, will make the presentation of reproduction of an Emily Carr painting to the school. Two nieces of Emily Carr, Mrs Al Rae and Mrs E English, will also be present. The ladies of the PTA will serve refreshments.

Any people in the community who wish to attend will be more than welcome.

L Cope Principal

BROWNIE AND GUIDES

I am writing this, hoping to give everyone a clear picture of what has taken place in our District. Britannia, Woodfibre, Squamish, Pemberton and Mt Currie have been, until recently, in the Garibaldi District. This District was in the West Vancouver Division. This was changed as of January 1st of this year. It is now known as Garibaldi Division, and is divided into Districts as follows

Britannia and Woodfibre Howe Sound District

Squamish Squamish District

Pemberton and Mr Currie Whistler District

Each District will have its own District Commissioner, and a local association, which will be properly registered at Provincial Headquarters. The Local Association will be the mothers' group that has been operating in the past, but under the new name of Howe Sound Local Association.

Mrs Wallenborn is the new District Commissioner for the Howe Sound District. I sincerely wish that all the mothers would give her their full co-operation, as it is all voluntary work by Commissioners and the leaders, and they put in many hours of work.

I have enjoyed the past two years as District Commissioner, and my association with the Brownies and Guides of Britannia. I would like to thank all the leaders for their fine work, also all the mothers, especially those who provided transportation for me, between Britannia and Squamish.

I would like to see all the mothers out to the meeting, to form the local Association, and to welcome your new District Commissioner. The meeting will be held on March 11th at 7:15 in the upper clubroom.

Anne Brander,
Garibaldi Division Commissioner

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Here are just a few lines in which to acknowledge that I certainly enjoy receiving the "Newsletter".

Having lived and spent a few years at "The Beach" it is most enjoyable to read of the various events that are taking place and also Mrs Olive Baxter's reports.

I well remember the days when I wrote a gossip column in the "Coast News" for the "Beach" and at the same time the Honourable Wesley Black, MLA was writing a similar column the "Townsite".

I am chiefly writing to ask if you would be kind enough to place the following on your mailing list:

Mrs Dorothy Boisvert
840 Duthie Avenue,
North Burnaby 2, BC

Mr D W Dunbar
20071 24th Avenue
#38, Fernridge Mobile Park,
Langley, BC

Mrs Boisvert while living in Britannia was known as Mrs James (Dorothy) Carter.

Mr Dunbar is known as "Joe" Dunbar and was the butcher for many, many years with the company store at the Beach. His Christian name is actually "Watson" from his second initial.

I have seen both Dorothy and Joe in the past week and they stated that they would like receiving the Newsletter. They both are fine, both married again and enjoying life. Joe, although he doesn't look it, will be having his 75th birthday this coming May 27th.

In anticipation of an early reply,

Most cordially
R Crichton Hawks haw
Ste 2, 147 E. 21st St.
North Vancouver

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your immediate reply to mine of the 18th instant is regard to placing Mr D W Dunbar and Mrs Dorothy Boisvert on the mailing list for the Newsletter.

Yes! You are quite at liberty to publish my letter.

I shall drop you a line at various times to advise you whenever I hear of former residents.

I saw Basil Fitzpatrick last week just outside our office – 888 Burrard St. He and Alice are living at 1534 Harwood Street, Vancouver, having just returned prior to December from Nova Scotia. Basil worked in the general office for many years and his brother Benny was in the Time Office.

Ivy (my wife) and I lived down “the trail” towards Minaty Bay, after I came back from Overseas. It was the house just south of Dodyk’s residence. Wes and Nettie Hamilton lived to our left facing the water. Sorry! I’ve forgotten who is presently living in our former home. I should remember, but the name escapes me.

I have just been talking to Bob and Edith Fleming and they are fairly well, Bob has his time with arthritis. They wish to be placed on the mailing list for the Newsletter:

Mr and Mrs Bob Fleming
628 11th Street
West Vancouver

Bob worked in “floatation” and Edith did many things such as working in the “Chatterbox”. My thanks for including them on the list.

R Crichton Hawksgaw

SICK BAY

We still have John Bors, Karl Heinke, Tony Camacho, Manfred Kern and Ray Denny off work on compensation.

We still have a few employees off work sick but I am happy to report that Ole Buthge has returned to work as has Harry Yaky, Earle Trace and Minto Marchauk.

I phone Pete Dodyk and he reports he is feeling fine and expects to see his doctor this week to get clearance to return to work.

Mrs Richard Kreuzer is presently in Lions Gate Hospital and expects to get home some time this week. Al McNair is at home nursing a painful back. Al has been off work about two weeks. Mike Horyza has returned home from St Paul’s Hospital after having had surgery on his knee.

Paul Sametz has returned to work following a bout with ‘flu’.

VINDICATORS CLUB

Members of the Vindicators Club assisted in putting on a stag party for Brian Pullen, which was held at the home of Mr Bill Strelaeff, prior to his marriage to Jeanette Lindley.

Among the many gifts he received was a ball and chain, which he was forced to wear for several hours before he found the key to unlock it and get it off. Guests enjoying the evening were Marshall and Howard Tichauer, Wayne Hansen, Wayne MacGregor, Doug Hoodikoff, Dennis Keller, Richard Dickinson, Mike Levesque, Galen Olsen, John Stembridge, Glen Booth, Paul Begin, Mike Sveinson, Tom Pullen, Don Lindley and Bill Strelaeff.

On the same evening Jeanette was being honoured with a shower at the home of her cousin June Meston in Squamish and received many gifts to start her out on her married life. Guests included Jeanette's grandmother, Mrs North, Mrs Norma MacDonald, Mrs Critchley, Mrs Lindley, Mrs Pullen, Mrs Strelaeff and Jeanette's sister, Karen Levesque.

WEDDING

The Britannia Beach Community Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on February 28th, when Jeanette Lindley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Donald Lindley, became the bride of Brian Pullen, son of Mr and Mrs. Thomas J Pullen, all of Britannia Beach. Rev Michael Boulger officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Small white mums and deep pink carnations graced the front of the Church as Jeanette walked down the aisle on the arm of her father.

The bride chose a short white sheath with over-lay of floral lace with high Empire waist line style, long scalloped cuff sleeves with square neck line in front tapering to a "V" neckline at the back. She wore a short bouffant veil held with a bow and white satin shoes. she carried a small cascading bouquet of deep pink carnations.

Miss Daphne Baverstock was her maid of honour and chose a yellow fitted dress with a medium low round neckline and long sleeves, with wide bell cuffs, and wore a small whimsy held with yellow bow on her hair. Her shoes were matching yellow and she carried a nosegay of pale pink carnations.

The best man was David Pullen, brother of the groom and John Henderson acted as usher.

The bride's mother wore a pink suit with white accessories and wore a single gardenia corsage.

The groom's mother wore a blue waffle silk dress and jacket with white accessories and also wore a single gardenia corsage.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony. Mr Ken Schisler, uncle of the bride, proposed the Toast to the Bride to which Brian replied.

A telegram of congratulations from Mr and Mrs B Preston and Keith, form Bolton, England, was read by the best man. Mr Critchley phoned congratulations to the young couple from Canmore, Alberta.

The beautiful tow-tiered wedding cake topped with two doves holding wedding bands was the central attraction at the refreshment table, standing between two tall white tapers decorated with lily of the valley. Following the cutting of the cake the younger guests retired to the home of Mr and Mrs Pullen where Miss Ann Pullen hosted a party prepared for them.

The bride donned a grey dress topped by a grey coat with rust accessories for the honeymoon trip. Before setting out the couple went to the Pullen home where the bride tossed her bouquet to the group of waiting girls. Margaret McLeod caught it and Doug Hoodikoff caught the bride's garter. On their return from their trip Jeanette and Brian will reside at # 177-2, Plaza Apartments

NOTICES

St Patrick's Dance – Upper clubroom
Saturday March 15th
9:00pm – 1:00am

Music – Schdell's Band

\$3.00/couple Refreshments sold

Come and support your Community Club

The ladies Committee for the Scout and Cubs Banquet would like to thank everyone who helped clear up after the dinner on February 23rd, and special thanks to eh ladies who battled with plumbing troubles to clear up the huge pile of dishes.

Val Steenson

Many thanks to my friends for all the beautiful flowers, get well cards and the kindness of my neighbours during my recent illness. Thank you so much.

Mrs Catherine Harvey

Mr and Mrs A T Smith of Britannia are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Willa Jean, to Mr Joseph Barlow, son of Mr and Mrs Basil (Jim) Barlow of Tucson Arizona. The wedding will take place in September.

Mrs Millie Monet wishes to express her heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Steelworkers Union, The Firemen, Anaconda Company and all her friends, neighbours and residents of the Beach for their acts of kindness and monetary aid to her during her sad bereavement. Also grateful thanks to Dr Kindree and Dr Love and all the staff of the Squamish Hospital for their care & kindness to her and her late husband while he was a patient there.

PERSONALS

While a number of staff personnel were attending a lecture in the Lower club on Saturday, February 22nd, their wives were entertained at a tea at the home of Mrs Jack Anderson from 2:00 to 4:00pm. Mrs Ron Baverstock was co-hostess and Mrs Lindley and Mrs Ditto poured tea.

Miss Stephanie Horyza, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ted Horyza, arrived by plane from Toronto for a weeks visit with her parents.

The small son of Mr and Mrs Lewis Ferguson celebrated his first birthday on February 20th, with a party at the home of his parents. Helping Ryan enjoy a happy afternoon complete with hats, balloons and gingerbread men. Guests were Crystal, Angie and Marty Radakovich, Sharon Marie Fortier and Emil Fraser with their mothers and Kathy Corina Evans.

Mrs Elaine Balash and Mrs. Nat Burleigh were the guests of honour when 24 ladies enjoyed a get-together at a coffee party at the home of Mrs Mabel Andrzejczuk as a farewell gesture for them on February 19th.

Mrs Andrzejczuk presented Elaine with a wall clock and Natalie with a pair of large flamingo figurines as parting gifts from their friends and neighbours. The Balash family has moved to Peach land and Constable Burleigh is being transferred to Millardville and they will be living in Port Coquitlam.

The guests of honour arrived at her party wearing jeans and moccasins being totally unaware that her friends had arranged a shower in honour of her forthcoming marriage.

Miss Jeanette Lindley was the happy young lady who arrived at the home of her friend, Miss Daphne Baverstock, for a little "gab fest", only to find 30 of her friends awaiting her arrival.

A pleasant evening was spent in fun and games after which Misses Daphne and Paula Baverstock helped her open the many lovely gifts. Daphne fashioned a chic chapeau from the lovely bows and ribbons for Jeanette to wear.

The mothers supplied refreshments and Mrs Roe Baverstock assisted her daughters who were hostesses for the event.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr W R Boys and family on the passing of his mother, Mrs Lucy Boys of Youbou, Vancouver Island, on February 26th.

Six Scouts in the Sioux patrol under the leadership of Bill Kerr went to Brownings Lake ice fishing. The main purpose of the trip was to demonstrate that they could set up camp and get a good fire going to “cook” a meal and survive in an emergency in order to earn one of the merit badges that they work for throughout the year.

Anything is possible on the Squamish Highway. Did you hear about the fellow who rolled into the Store parking lot minus his gas tank? He was on his way back to Britannia when it fell off, so he pulled over to the side of the road and went back for it and put it into the trunk. Luckily for him he was just about to the downhill grade and by dint of a little muscle and coasting, got the car down to the parking lot. Just one of the many happenings chalked up to the bad road condition.

Belated congratulations to Mr and Mrs William McCall on the birth of their son, Gary William, who was born in the Squamish Hospital on January 22nd. A brother for Lisa, Lori and Glen.

Very belated congratulations to Mr and Mrs William Arsenault, on the birth of their son. Conrad Duane arrived just in time for Christmas, on December 24th.

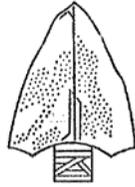
Congratulations go out to Mr and Mrs Yvon Essiambre who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary at a quiet dinner given for them by Mr and Mrs Bud Smith.

Birthday greetings are extended to Red Verdesio who celebrated his 72nd birthday on March 3rd.

We are happy to see Lloyd Johnston home again after undergoing an eye operation. Lloyd says the eye is coming along and he hopes for a vision improvement.

COMING EVENTS

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| March 6 | School “Open House” 1:15 to 2:15pm Annual Church Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner 6:00pm |
| March 8 | Pee-Wee Soccer Match – Squamish High School 1:00pm |
| March 11 | Guides & Brownies L A Meeting – upper clubroom |
| March 13 | B M S A Annual meeting – Mine Rescue Building |
| March 15 | St Patrick’s Dance upper clubroom 9:00pm |
| March 22 | Scouts & Cubs Bottle Drive 10:00am |
| March 26 | W A Thrift Sale Church basement 1:30 to 5:00pm |



VOLUME 3**NUMBER 6****MARCH 15, 1969****COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Elsewhere in this issue are reports of two meetings, one being the Mothers of Guides and Brownies, the other being the annual meeting of the Britannia Mine Safety Association.

We are informed that fourteen persons attended the Mothers of Guides meeting, of whom only ten were mothers of Guides and Brownies, the others being local and district officers, without daughters. There are forty Guides and Brownies in the Britannia group. After allowance for some families having more than one daughter in the group, an estimated one-third of the mothers were present at the meeting.

Seven persons attended the annual meeting of the Britannia Mine Safety Association. At the annual competitions last year, there were twenty-two juniors, ten ladies, and thirty-four men entered in the First Aid and Mine Rescue events. Some of the men were on shift at the time of annual meeting, but even so, the response was disgraceful.

As everyone is aware, the available housing at Britannia Beach does not meet the demand. Some individuals seem to have the idea that they occupy Company houses solely because they work at Britannia. This is not the case. All tenants and residents are required to take an active part in Community affairs. If you are not presently active in any Community organization, now is the time to become so. There is a great variety of activity going on. These activities are reported in the Newsletter. So pick out something that you are interested in, join up, and contribute your share to the Community. Incidentally, every resident of Britannia is automatically a member of the Community Club.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS

It has been reported to the Company that unlicensed drivers are operating non-licensed and/or non-insured vehicles on Company roads. The reports are under investigation and steps are being taken to put an end to these infractions. In the

case of drivers under the age of 21 years, parent's guardians are totally responsible for their actions, and will be held responsible if the situation should arise. For the information of residents, employees, and all concerned, motor vehicle regulations on Company property are as follows:

MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS ON ANACONDA PROPERTY BRITANNIA BEACH

All motor vehicles operated on roads on Company property by any person are subject to the same rules and regulations as vehicles operated on public highways, i.e., the Motor Vehicle Act, Province of BC. These rules and regulations apply to the operation of and operators of all trucks, cars, motorbikes, scooters, and other forms of driven vehicles, and also to bicycles and pedestrians.

The rules and regulations of the BC Motor Vehicle Act apply to all vehicles and operators while on Company property. Some of the more pertinent of these rules are:

Accidents; All accidents causing personal injury to any person, or property damage exceeding \$100. must be reported to the RCMP within 48 hours, and must be reported to the Company immediately. Phone 896-2221, any time of the day or night.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the accident must remain at the scene of the accident until the RCMP arrives, or until a Company officer arrives. Said driver shall render all assistance possible to injured persons, to the Police and to the Company.

Drivers' Licences; All drivers must be the holders of valid BC Drivers Licences.

Financial Responsibility; All drivers must be properly insured, i.e., must have a "pink slip". Parents are totally responsible for the actions of minor children under the age of 21 years, and for vehicles driven by such minor children.

Vehicles: Must be in good mechanical condition, and must be registered and have a valid licence plate.

Pedestrians: Have the right off way at crosswalks; otherwise they must yield to vehicles. They must walk on the left hand side of the road, facing on-coming traffic.

Alcohol and Drugs: Vehicles must not be operated while impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Bicycles and Play-Vehicles: A person who is operating a bicycle shall comply with the following provisions, namely:

- (a) He shall not ride abreast of any other person who is operating a bicycle upon the roadway.
- (b) He shall ride as near as practicable to the right side of the roadway.
- (c) He shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars.
- (d) He shall not ride other than upon or astride a regular seat of the bicycle.
- (e) He shall not use the bicycle to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

Speed Limit: The speed limit on all townsite roads and the road to 4100 level is 20 miles per hour.

SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to thank the ladies of PTA who assisted in the Open House program on March 6th by providing lovely refreshments at the conclusion of the presentation assembly.

On March 4th the Division 1 children attended a Student Matinee of the opera "Faust" at the Queen Elizabeth theatre. Thanks are extended to the following ladies who provided the transportation, Mrs Andrzejczuk, Mrs Hallinan, Mrs Greenlee and Mrs McNair.

The Easter Holidays will continue on April 3rd and we will return to school on April 14th.

CHURCH

About 60 adults plus a large number of children turned out for the community church potluck supper on March 6th at 6:00pm in the church basement. The supper consisted of many delicious varieties of food, from cold salads to stew, casseroles, hot vegetables and scalloped potatoes and a large variety of the most delectable desserts, which everyone enjoyed with many of the men and children going back for seconds.

A fifteen-minute break was held after the meal. for the tables to be cleared away and the dishes to be taken to the kitchen where the washing up was done. Chairs were placed in a semi-circle for the business meeting. Mrs A McNair read the minutes and financial report was discussed and accepted by the congregation.

Mrs P Emery's report on her Messenger group disclosed that their missionary program this year is China and the children are taking a "pretend" trip there for a better understanding of their ways and problems. They have 12 to 18 average attendances, with more lively meetings lately, having recently added little boys to the enrolment.

The Sunday school reported between 30 and 40 children attending, with help given to the minister by the members of his young peoples class in teaching the Sunday school children.

The election of the Board was conducted. There were four members retiring after completing their two years in office. They were Mrs Val Steenson, Mrs Baxter, Mr E Trace and Mr A T Smith. Board members serving their second year are Mrs June Higham, Mr Don MacGregor, Mr W Whiteside and Mr W Bechert. The four new members to the Board are Mrs Betty McNair, Mr Jack DeKroon, Mr Dale MacGregor and Mr Don Mack. Rev Boulger thanked the retiring members for their help and support and welcomed the new members to the Board.

A unanimous vote of confidence was given to Rev Boulger, by secret ballot another year of ministry.

A special vote of thanks was tendered to Mr A Smith for his many years of willing service to the Church, and also to Mrs K Pickard for her years of untiring service with the Sunday school of which she was Superintendent for many years.

The question period that followed brought forth some very interesting comments, such as: The reasons for the Church; What the Church should mean to the individual; What is the importance of the Church to the individual Community; Is the Church necessary; What influence can Church members have on residents of the community; What it really means to be a witness for Christ. It was generally agreed that Christianity is not just one hour Sunday mornings, but should be practiced throughout our daily living.

Mrs Pickard asked that the parents go to the Sunday school occasionally to help the minister and take a little of the load from his shoulders.

Mrs J Graney kindly entertained the children in the Messenger room so that the parents could stay for the meeting and the girls of the membership class finished the dish washing to let the WA members attend.

Rev Boulger announced that the six young people who have been attending the membership classes would be invited to be members of the Church at the special Easter service. They are Dawn Husted, Marine Sveinson, Delaine Pickard, Kathie and William Whiteside and Michael Steenson. Gordon MacDonald and Michael Steenson are Scouts helping Rev Boulger with the Sunday school classes to earn their "Religion and Life" award. Rev Boulger also announced that there would be an evening of fellowship at his home on Friday, March 28th and extended a cordial invitation to anyone who would like to attend.

The evening closed with tea and coffee, served by the girls of the membership class.

KINDERGARTEN

On Thursday afternoon the school and kindergarten classes were open to the public; parents and friends were allowed to inspect the work that the children have been doing and see the displays around the walls from 1:15 to 2:15pm when the school bell rang as a signal to assemble in the school auditorium for the program and presentation of the Emily Carr painting.

The kindergarten had quite a display of fish of every type and size hanging from the ceiling and fastened to the walls, even on the outside walls out to the sidewalk. On enquiring the reason for all that marine life...it seems that the children are learning about Eskimo people and their mode of life, what they do and what they eat, and fish being a mainstay in their diet gave them the incentive to draw all types, There were even flying fish and whales among them.

Mr Cope called the assembly to order and the choir led the singing of "O Canada". Mr Don Ross and Mr T J MacDonald of the Howe Sound School Board, Mrs Rae and Mrs English, nieces of Emily Carr, noted authoress and painter of Eskimo and Indian life, and Mrs Doris Hansen, President of the PTA were invited guests for the occasion.

Emily Carr was born in Victoria in 1871 and spent most of her life there. She spent a great deal of time with the Indians and Eskimos of whom she painted and wrote until her death in 1945.

The Centennial project of the Parent- Teacher- Federation was that they would purchase and present each school in BC with a reproduction of an Emily Carr painting. Mr Doris Hansen made the presentation on behalf of the PTA and gave a brief outline of BC's famous daughter and expressed the hope that the painting would be an incentive to some of the children at Britannia.

William Whiteside read one of Emily Carr's writings entitled "Stare" Mr MacDonald introduced Mrs Rae, who came to Squamish in 1918 as a very young girl, spoke briefly of her memories of the visits of her aunt with her animals at their home many years ago.

Twenty-six members of the School Choir sang a number of selections, accompanied by Mr Cope, at the piano. Miss Valerie Dyck announced the selections.

Coffee, and tea were prepared and served by members of the PTA.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR BRENDA TRACE

Miss Brenda Trace was the excited and happy guest of honour at a very enjoyable wedding shower given by Mrs Iona Horrobin with the assistance of the staff of the Chatterbox Café. About 50 guests were waiting inside the Café of March 10th, to

surprise Brenda who was in Britannia with her fiancé, Howard Tichauer. arranging for their wedding which will take place in Britannia on March 15th.

The Chatterbox was decorated with pink and white streamers, with balloons hanging above the chair Brenda was to sit in.

The evening was spent in playing bingo and the lucky winners received useful miscellaneous gifts, after which her side seated Brenda with her mother and her bridesmaids. The balloons above her were broken, showering her with rice. Her many lovely gifts were handed to her by Denise Critchley, assisted by Wendy Horyza, while Ann Pullen fashioned a beautiful creation from the many lovely ribbons and bows.

Mr and Mrs Horrobin and members of their staff and Mrs P Emery, Mrs A Smith and Mrs A Erdman supplied refreshments. Mr Horrobin made a beautiful decorated cake inscribed with "Happiness and Best Wishes" to Brenda.

Mr and Mrs Horrobin wish to thank all who helped to make the shower a success also the Club and Mr and Mrs Lower for lending the bingo sets and the wrapping of the prizes.

GUYS AND DOLLS CLUB

Members of the Guys and Dolls Club attended the bingo game on Wednesday night and a short recess was called to conduct a "Slave auction" for the purpose of raising funds with which to put on a dance. The idea is to bid for the services of the young folks for jobs as window washers, yard cleaning, baby-sitting, etc.

The bidding wasn't as spirited as the young people would have liked, but they will be back next week to try again, so get all those jobs lined up and come out and bid for one of these willing "slaves".

GUIDES AND BROWNIES

Mrs Brander, Division Commissioner, enrolled ten Guides and their Captain, Mrs Jacobson, on March 4th. New recruits are:

Brenda Toruriny
Wendy Depelle
Heather Brazeau
Penny Steenson
Theresa Tremblay
Jeanette Dyck
Debbie Adams
Melanie McNeill
Shiela Richards

On March 11th, at a meeting of the Guides and Brownie mothers, a new local association was formed, under the name of “Howe Sound District Local Association”.

Mrs Brander chaired the meeting, with Mrs Applin-Flouch, Badge Secretary Squamish District, and Mrs Wallenborn, District Commissioner, presiding. Mrs Scott was appointed Secretary, Mrs Adrzejczuk, Treasure, Mrs Greenlee, Badge Secretary, Mrs Rose, Social Convenor, Mrs Adams, Telephone Committee, Mrs Van den Hoek, Cookie Chairman.

Coming events include a visit to the 1st Squamish Company, a spring hike, Cookie week, April 25th, and a Mother and Daughter Banquet.

E Wallenborn

ATTENTION GOLFERS

The “Anaconda Open” golf tournament will be played at the Squamish Golf and Country Club on April 25th.

The tournament is open to all Anaconda employees and their wives, with a “special” handicap system for all to join in the fun. Tee off time will be at 8:30am. Refreshments will be served and trophies will be presented to the winners of the men’s and ladies titles.

Contact Tony Crane to register or for further information.

Tony Crane

HORSE OWNER’S CLUB

Did you know that the BC Sports Federation is having a SPORTS HOLIDAY DRAW? The prize is an exciting trip for the two plus \$1,000. Cash. Winners may travel to a choice of:

The site of World Cup Soccer – Mexico City

The site of The Stanley Cup Playoffs

The site of The World Series

Hawaii (for those that are not sports minded)

The price of a ticket is \$1. draw date will be October 31, 1969, and the winners may travel anytime up to October 31, 1970.

Obtain your tickets from any member of the Britannia Horse owners club. Limited tickets sales so hurry.

We also have manure for sale, cheap. Get your supply from our winter build-up. Just call any member of the club.

Horses are now available for children's parties, etc., Contact any member of the club, giving them the particulars. Donations to the club for use of the horses would be appreciated.

Wayne MacGregor, Secretary

NOTICES

The PTA meeting will be held in the School Auditorium on March 20th at 8:00pm. Guest Speaker for the program will be Mr Gordon McGillivray of Alcohol Research Foundation who will be speaking on marijuana and other drugs and he will show a film. Everyone is welcome with a special welcome to teenagers.

OBITUARY

Gerry Rose's mother.

Passed away March 3, 1969, Edith Mary Rose, widow of Percy of 8255 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby, in her 81st year. Survived by 2 sons, Gerald A Rose, Lillooet, BC and Kenneth P Rose, New Westminster 1 daughter Mrs Dorothy M McAlpine, Burnaby 4 grandchildren 2 great grandchildren and 2 brothers.

Vancouver Sun March 6, 1969

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I was most interested in reading the letters from Creighton Hawkshaw in your last issue. There are also several other names of old-timers, which crop up occasionally in your paper. Please give our best wishes to the MacGregors, Verdesios, the Archie Smiths, the Baxters, and many others who still remember us.

During our thirty years at Britannia *1928-58) I served in turn four General Manager (Browning, E Roper, Lipsey, J Roper) as Confidential Secretary.

Since coming here ten years ago, we have had visits from several old-timer friends – the MacGregors, Geo. Robinson's, "Hub" Pearse (who flew out from New York to visit us) and others. Walter Nelson worked here as geologist while Brynnor was in operation. Jack Donohue will remember the old orchestra and the clowning of B Hatch (who now resides in Haney).

Having been a good typist I now find it difficult to pick out the letters with one finger. After about nine months in the Vancouver General, culminating in open-heart surgery (Vineberg Procedure), I have been forced to enter the statistical column, which makes up the unemployed.

Our old friends the Fraser Crockers have recently purchased a summer home here at Long Beach – we saw them last Sunday.

Our son Bob is at Campbell River, and Pat (Mrs J W Davies) at Kamloops where she is able to visit the former Eloise Green and Donna Stewart (the latter now Mrs Tony Waterland). Irene keeps fairly well and is still teaching and librarian.

Enough of my ramblings for now and I hope it is intelligible enough – it has been hard work.

Our very best wishes to all our old friends.

Irene and George Hurley
Box 276, Ukulete BC
March 12, 1969

PERSONALS

Sorry to hear that Mr Minto Marchauk is in the Squamish Hospital and hope that he will soon be well and home again.

Mr Ernie Akers is also a patient in Squamish Hospital. Our best wishes go out to him that he may soon be feeling better.

It seems that a special vote of thanks is quite overdue to a group of our local musicians. It was just brought to my attention by neighbour who was at the Valentine Dance that, owing to the rock slide, the orchestra that had been engaged to play were unable to get through so an SOS call was sent out to Bill Whiteside, John MacDonald, Barry Green and Mr Elliassen to please come and play for the waiting crowd, which they very graciously did, and were just about to start when the first orchestra arrived, so the services of our local boys weren't needed. I was asked to print this vote of thanks form all the people who appreciated the time and effort they gave though it did turn out for nought.

Mrs C Critchley spent a few days in the Squamish Hospital for tests.
We are sorry to report that she will have to return to hospital for surgery.

Sorry to report that Mr Red Verdesio is suffering from bruises after falling from a tree that he was pruning.

The Baxter's are enjoying a short visit from Mrs Baxter's mother who is, incidentally, only 80 years young not 82.

Mr and Mrs w Whiteside and their family are enjoying a visit from Bill's sister, Mrs Molly Folan of San Francisco.

Mr Fred Baxter has been taken to Squamish Hospital following a heart attack. He has been transferred to Lion's Gate Hospital. Our sincere wishes to go out to him for a speedy recovery.

COMING EVENTS

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| March 19 | Britannia Mine safety meeting 7:30pm |
| March 20 | PTA meeting 8:00pm |
| March 22 | Scouts and Cubs Bottle drive 10:00 |
| March 26 | WA Thrift Sale 1:30 to 5:00pm |
| April 25 to May 3 | Guide and Brownie Cookie week. |
| April 26 | "Anaconda Open" Golf Tournament 8:30 Squamish Golf Club |



VOLUME 3**NUMBER 7****APRIL 1, 1969****MINING LEGISLATION**

There has been widespread controversy in the press, radio, and television and the legislature about strip and surface mining. Legislation has been proposed with little thought about the consequences. The proposed regulations, if enacted and enforced as originally written, would seriously curtail the mining industry in BC.

Natural resources are the basic essentials of any economy, and BC has been amply blessed – timber, fish, farm lands, oil, gas and minerals. It has been the mining industry that has put the frosting on the cake during the past five years and has helped to make BC the most prosperous and fastest growing province of Canada; as a matter of fact BC has an economic growth rate exceeded by very few areas in the world today. The mining industry has not only provided direct employment, and indirect through secondary industries, but has pumped large sums of money into the economy through its export revenue.

For over one hundred years mining has been the forerunner in the opening up and development of BC. Most provincial governments have recognized this, and have worked with the mining industry to that end. The present government of BC has been major contributor to that policy, as witness the development of remote areas of the Province by the construction of major mining roads, most of which have been directly subsidized to by the mining industry. It is difficult to measure the potential value of these roads to the Province. They make remote areas accessible not only to the sportsmen and vacationers, but too many others, who will, directly or indirectly, are responsible for the further development of these outlying areas.

The damage to the countryside by mining has been grossly exaggerated by irresponsible critics. The total areas occupied by mining plants in the Province, present and in the foreseeable future, take up less space than the City of Vancouver. We agree that, regardless of how small these areas are, damages, including that to scenic beauty, should be kept to a minimum. It should be pointed out that the tourists and the weekend sightseers do far more damage by carelessly depositing litter; they are also responsible for a large portion of the forest fires in the Province. Efforts for conservation, largely misdirected towards the mining industry, could be far more beneficially directed to include average tourists and weekend sightseers.

The mining industry is prepared to accept and recommend reasonable regulations pertaining to the careless disfiguring and abuse of our natural resources and to the reclamation of mined areas. The Select Standing Committee on mining, according to the news media, has revised its thinking and is now recommending such reasonable legislation.

Editor

OBITUARY

John Sawiski, age 54 years, was found dead in his mobile home on March 26th. Death is believed to have been from natural causes, but a coroner's inquest is to be held.

John first came to work at Britannia in December of 1942. From then until 1963, he quit several times to return to farming in Manitoba, but always returned to mining at Britannia after a few months back on the farm. From 1963 John was steadily employed here, latterly as B.D.C. Miner.

His mother in Erickson, Manitoba, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy on behalf of the Community, survives John.

BEAUTIFY BRITANNIA

The response to the Spring Clean-Up campaign has been terrific – the Townsite Maintenance crew has been kept busy picking up collected trash. However, the collections are not automatic, and some trash has occasionally been left uncollected. When you have the rubbish raked and piled, please call Townsite Maintenance at 896-2414, and a truck will be sent to pick up the trash. If no answer at that telephone number, call Personal at 896-2221, and your message will be passed on. Thank you.

TRACE- TICHAUER WEDDING

Miss Brenda Trace, daughter of Mr and Mrs Earle Trace of Brackendale, formerly of Britannia Beach, was married at a quiet ceremony at eh Britannia Community Church, March 15th, to Mr Howard Tichauer, son of Mrs Violet Tichauer and Mr Gunter Tichauer, of West Vancouver. Rev. Michael Boulger officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a short cream coloured lace dress, accented with a brown crepe bodice trim, high neck and long sleeves cuffed with brown crepe, cream coloured shoes and she wore pink carnations in her hair. Her bouquet was of deep pink carnations.

Miss Jayne Carrico was her bridesmaid and chose a short, pale yellow Grecian style dress and wore white carnation in her hair. She wore white shoes and carried a nosegay of white carnations.

Mr Marshall Tichauer was his brother's best man and Mr Russell Tichauer, another brother, was the usher.

The bride's mother wore a mauve Fortrel suit with white accessories and her corsage was of white carnations. The groom's mother chose a turquoise lace dress, blue shoes and white accessories and her corsage was a white orchid.

Mrs Astrid Karwaski assisted at the organ.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's parents' home in Brackendale. Mr William Wilson, uncle of the bride, proposed the toast the Bride, which was responded to by the groom. Mrs Trace prepared a delicious buffet supper. Miss Eleanor Wilson, aunt of the bride, made two "red velvet" cakes. Mrs Galsby of Squamish made the wedding cake.

For her going away costume the bride wore a soft blue brocade ensemble and wore a pert white hat and white accessories.

Instead of throwing her bouquet, Brenda announced that she wished to give it to her newly acquired grandmother who was unable to attend the wedding.

Out of town guests of the groom were Mr Fred Tichauer, grandfather from Haney, Mrs Elsie Zechoval, Winnipeg, Miss Ursula Walker, Los Angeles, Mrs Tichauer and son Arthur and Mr and Mrs Russell Tichauer, West Vancouver. Out of town relatives of the bride were here aunt and uncle Mr and Mrs W Wilson, her aunt Miss Eleanor Wilson, and her brother Mr Keith Trace and his wife Karen.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Olive

Just a note to say how much we enjoy reading the Newsletter, as there is always news in it that is of interest to old residents of the Beach. I'm enclosing an article that you may think will be of interest to your readers too, since Debbie began her Guiding at Britannia, with Mrs May Cripps as her Captain. Debbie will be going to Victoria April 9th to be officially presented with her Gold Cord Certificate by the Lieutenant Governor at Government House. She is a very happy and proud girl and very excited too, so I just thought you may like to have this little bit of news for the Newsletter. We are hoping to get out to Britannia while we are down at the coast, to see old friends as well.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Willa M Sintich, Fraser Lake, BC

HONOR AWARD FOR GUIDE

Debbie Sintich, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Sintich of Fraser Lake, received the Gold Cord, highest award and honor for a Girl Guide.

Nechako Division Commissioner, Mrs E Robertson, in Prince George, made presentation February 23.

Debbie is the first Girl Guide in the Tweedsmuir District to earn this award. Together with other Gold Cord Guides she will be formally presented to the BC Lieutenant Governor at the Government House in Victoria on April 9th. Here she will receive her Gold Cord Pin.

Miss Sintich joined the Girl Guides at 11 years of age in Britannia; here she received her tenderfoot pin, then her 2nd and 1st class badges. Swimmers badge, knitters, skaters, first aid, home nurse and pioneer badges were next. Then she received her Little House Emblem. She went on to get her woodsman, hikers, trackers and naturalist badges and wood lore emblem. All these qualified her to receive her all 'round cords.

SICK BAY

I have done quite some visiting since the last column. I called at Lion's Gate Hospital and tried to see Fred Baxter but he wasn't allowed visitors, so I sent up a note. I understand that he is feeling much better now. Best of luck, Fred.

I visited Mrs Critchley in St Paul's Hospital and Chris feels much better and expected to be home this past weekend. I visited Ted Soprovich and Mrs J Dickinson in the Vancouver General Hospital. Ted had improved and was allowed to leave hospital on the weekend. Ann expects to be in hospital for another week.

We had a visit from Tony Camacho last Friday. Tony was to see his doctor later that day and is feeling fine. His doctor, however, feels that Tony's leg has not quite cleared up and wants him off work another week or so. Karl Heinke has finally had his claim established by the WCB. This case shows the importance of reporting all accidents immediately. Karl has had quite a delay before this claim was recognized, even with the Company going to bat for him.

Fred Pickering has returned to work following his accident underground. Pete Dodyk has returned to regular duty after being off work two months.

We still have Tony Camacho, Manfred Kern, Ray Denny, Karl Heinke, John Komis and Mike Essiambre off on WCB.

BABY CLINIC

This clinic is held the Fourth Wednesday of each month. Beginning in April the Clinic will handle patients by appointment only. Appointments are not taken by Mrs Andrzejczuk, but by calling the Squamish Public Health office at 896-3585 or 892-3586.

Mrs M Andrzejczuk

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jack Dekroon on the birth of their son, Anthony, born in the Royal Columbia Hospital, New Westminster, on March 13th weighing 7 lbs. 8 ozs.

Congratulations are also extended to Mr and Mrs Ronald Sutherland on the birth of their daughter, Tracy Diane, on March 21st.

Mr and Mrs Lucien Lanteigne are enjoying a visit from Mrs Lanteignes's parents, Mr and Mrs Andre Chainey, from Kapuskasing, Ontario. They will be with their daughter for the summer.

On behalf of Fred and myself I wish to thank all of you for your cards and good wishes for Fred while he was so ill, and I am happy to say that he is responding to all the good care and treatment he is receiving. His condition wasn't caused from a heart attack as was at first suspected, but was pulmonary virus pneumonia.

Thank you for the daffodils, Mr Hallinan, they gave a cheery lift to all of us.
Mrs Baxter.

COMING EVENTS

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| April 4 | Good Friday – Statuary Holiday |
| April 6 | Easter Sunday |
| April 25 | Guide and Brownie Cookie Week |
| April 26 | Anaconda Open Golf Tournament 8:30 Squamish |
| May 10 | Britannia Mine Safety Association annual competitions In Mine Rescue and First Aid |
| May 19 | Victoria Day |
| May 24 | Vancouver Island Mine Safety annual competition At Bowen Park, Nanaimo |
| May 31 | Copper Queen Day |
| July 1 | Dominion Day |
| June 7 | Provincial Finals, Mine Rescue and First Aid Capilano Stadium, Vancouver |
| July 5 | Miners Day |



VOLUME 3**NUMBER 8****APRIL 15, 1969****FURRY CREEK CAMPSITE**

With the fine weather that we have been having in recent weeks, thoughts of camping, fishing, swimming, and other summer recreations are brought to mind. Company employees and residents of Britannia are reminded that the Furry Creek Campsite is available for picnicking and camping. This campsite is also used by Scout and Guide groups of the lower mainland area for training and camping purposes.

Furry Creek Campsite is a truly lovely spot, one of the best in the lower mainland. If you have never visited it, it is well worth the time to stop and take a walk through the area. You will be most pleasantly surprised. If you wish to use the area for picnicking, or for camping over a weekend or for a longer time, call at the Personal office and you will be issued with a permit and key to the gate. The Scouts and Guides are making reservations for the use of the campsite for the coming months; so if you are considering using it, get your requests in early. It is on a first come, first served basis, with employees being given preference.

The Furry Creek Campsite is located on the east side of Howe Sound, and is bounded on the north by Furry Creek, on the south side by the Construction Aggregate (ex Routledge) gravel plant, and on the east by the PGE Railway right-of-way. Entrance to the property is immediately north of the entrance to the gravel plant. Persons entering the campsite should not go through the gravel plant property nor the area occupied by Harnor Logging Company to the north of Furry Creek.

VISITORS TOUR OPERATIONS

In recent months there has been a full complement of tours of Company operations. Scouts, Cubs, and students have been visitors on the property as guests of the Company.

Early in the year about thirty students, graduates, and professors of the Department of Mineral Engineering of UBC toured the underground and surface operations.

The tour wound up with a question period in the Lower club, at which the budding engineers asked questions of senior staff, while everyone partook of sandwiches and refreshments.

Several Secondary School classes have visited Britannia, among them being twenty Grade XII vocational students of Howe Sound Secondary who toured underground and surface operations on March 27th.

On March 22nd about eighty Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Leaders from the 3rd Capilino Scout District were taken through the mine and the 2200 surface plants.

Twenty Cubs and a few mothers and sisters of the 7th Burnaby Cub Pack were taken through the mill on April 8th.

Grade XI of Carson Graham Secondary School will be visiting the property on April 16th, and a tour of for the Big Brother organization is in process of being organized for mid-May.

The Company arranges tours of this nature in the interests of good public relations, and to give as many young people as possible an idea of what mining is all about. Many Company employees participate in arranging and guiding these tours; their services in the interests of the public and of the Company are appreciated.

OBITUARY

The community was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Eric Piehler in a fall of ground accident in the mine.

Eric came to Canada from Germany as a young man, and after working in mines in northern Ontario and Quebec for eleven years, came to Britannia in May 1963. He left a short time later but returned in August of that year, and had worked here since then. Eric, his wife Ingrid, son Peter and daughter Jasmine, have resided at Minaty Bay for more than five years, and their house and garden has been one of the show places of the area.

Eric was a keen sports enthusiast, particularly in soccer, where he helped and coached the boy's teams. He was a supporter of the Toronto Male Leaf hockey team, and followed their fortunes with great interest. He was active in Mine Rescue work, and a member last year of Roy Fogarty's team.

To Mrs Piehler, Peter and Jasmine, we join the Community and our fellow employees in offering out most sincere sympathy and condolences in their loss of husband and father.

PERSONALS

Mr Mike Kingston and his wife Sue are staying with his aunt and uncle, Mr and Mrs A McNair, for a short while. The Kingston's have recently come out form England and will be taking up residence in Vancouver.

I would like to thank all those who dent cards and well wishes to me while I was a patient in hospital, with a special "thank you" to George Hallinan for his flowers and visits. Chris Critchley



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BRITANNIA MINE SAFETY ASSOCIATION

The third annual competition of the Britannia Mine Safety Association is scheduled to be held at Britannia on May 10. The Mine Rescue event will be run off at the Model Mine starting at 8:30am. The First Aid competitions will be held in the School Gym, starting at 1:30pm. There will be displays of Safety and First Aid equipment in the gym during the afternoon, put on by Fleck Bros., Levitt-Safety, Mine Safety Appliances, and Safety supply.

The following teams are entered in the Mine Rescue and First Aid events:

MINE RESCUE

J Krizek
R Sutherland
G Bowering
Z Witt
W Bechert
J Bailey

M Tichauer
H Tichauer
R Dickinson
A Stembridge
L Van der Ham
Alf Stembridge

H Yaky
M Denton
W McNeil
L Virs
A Blanchette

FIRST AID Men's teams

J Scott

T Crane
E Adams
R Knudsen
R Harris

M Denton
H Yaky
R Kreuzer
M Rak
W Whiteside

Ladies team:

F Ferguson
B Tourigny
C Hansen
D Hoodikoff
R Fortier

J Clark
S Dyck
A Van der Ham
L Evans
G Blanchette

JUNIOR GIRL'S

P Holowachuk
D Marion
L Tourigny
S Richards
K Ainsley
S Vukoslavceвич

D Holowachuk
J Brazeau
B Tourigny
R Scott
J Dyck
B Brian

K Greenlee
S Van den Hoek
T Tremblay
W Deyelle

C Price
P Steenson

JUNIOR BOYS

G MacDonald
L Sveinson
D Chisholm
B Chisholm
V Lindley

M Steenson
T Croteau
J Marion
N Blanchette
R Dickinson

PHIL LEVESQUE RECEIVES CERTIFICATE4 OF APPRENTICESHIP

Journeyman Phil Leveque received his Certificate of Apprenticeship form Manager Barney Greenlee at a brief ceremony held in the electrical shop. Phil also received his Certificate of Qualifications in the Industrial Electrical Trade.

Phil is the second Anaconda employee to complete his apprenticeship at Britannia, and the first to take his complete apprenticeship training at this operation.

Phil was born in North Bay, Ontario in 1946. He is the only son of Lionel and Mary Leveque. Phil moved to Britannia with his family in 1963. He completed his grade 12 at the Howe Sound Secondary School in June 1965, and then joined the Company as a helper in the electric shop. In February 1966, he was promoted to tradesman Class 3. In September 1966, he advanced to Tradesman Class 2, and in June 1967, to Tradesman Class 1.

Phil signed up as an Industrial Electrical apprentice in March, 1966. He attended the BC Vocational School, for eight-week training sessions in 1967, 1968 and 1969. At all of these school sessions Phil had out-standing marks, all in the 80's.

Phil completed his apprenticeship training on February 28th this year, and was thereby qualifies as and promoted to Industrial Electrical Journeyman. The qualifications that Phil now has are recognized throughout all of Canada.

Congratulations Phil on a job well done.

GUYS AND DOLLS

On April 12th we held a dance in the upper clubroom from 9 to 1. The Isle of Skye was the band that played for us. Special thanks to our chaperones, Mr and Mrs Essiambre, Mr and Mrs Brazeau, Mr Knudsen and Mr Baverstock.

The Guys and Dolls will be having the concession stands for both Mine Rescue Day and Copper Queen Day.

We've had two slave auctions held at the bingo hall on Wednesday night. Approximately \$21. was made. The leftover chips and pop were sold at the bingo that was held on April 16th.

Mike Horyza left his position as President and Rae Kennedy who was Vice-President moved up one position and took his place. Ed McLain was elected as the new Vice-President. Diana Gough left her position as Treasurer. The new Treasurer has not been voted for yet but will be at the next meeting on May 1st.

Bev Solowan, Secretary

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Little League Baseball is coming to Britannia this year. Due largely to the efforts of Mrs Van der Ham, parents have been canvassed, the Community Club has agreed to give financial and other assistance, a number of local residents have offered their services, the Company is supporting the organization, and 43 boys have been signed up and their registration fees paid by their parents, as of this date.

It is hoped to have three teams entered in the Howe Sound League, two teams of Peewees (9-12 years) and one team of Babe Ruth (13-15 years). The league schedule starts the second week in May, so there is little time remaining to complete the organization.

The following persons have volunteered their services to act as managers, coaches, umpires, and of such other assistance as may be needed:

Richard Dickinson
Marshall Tichauer
Joe Tourigny
Charlie Harvey Jr.
Paul Begin
Doug Francottie
Marcel Begin
Arnold Fortier
John Scott
Don Lindley

John Dyck
Don Gunn
Mike Radakovich

The first organizational meeting was held Tuesday evening.

Transportation of teams is a problem – car pools will be set up, and parents are asked to offer their cars for this purpose. The registration fee, paid by the parents, includes insurance coverage, it is believed, covers travel – this will be checked out.

The league schedule is not available as we go to press – we hope to be able to publish it in our next issue.

COPPER QUEEN DAY

Our 44th Annual Copper Queen Day is to be held on May 31, 1969. Our congratulations to Kathleen Whiteside who was selected as the new Queen.

This year the pet contest and best-decorated bicycle contest will be held again for the boys and girls. All dogs must be licensed and on leads. An adult must accompany each child and pet. All cats must be on a lead. Other pets are to be under suitable control according to the type of pet.

A complete program will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter designating the times of all events taking place on Copper Queen Day.

Charlotte Smith,
Entertainment Chairmen

SCHOOL NEWS

Parents who have children, who will be eligible for Kindergarten in September, may register their child at the school office during the week of May 12-16. The school office is open between 10am and 1pm Mondays and 9am to 3pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. Your child must be five years old before December 31, 1969. Please bring certificate of birth.

The School Sports Day will be held on May 9th, weather permitting. If it is raining the event will be held the following Monday.

Last week several children had to be punished for climbing onto the school roof. The children have been told repeatedly of the danger involved in this. If the parents could also remind the children about climbing onto the roof during evenings and weekends, it would be very helpful.

At the annual elections for the Copper Queen of Britannia the following girls were chosen:

Queen – Kathy Whiteside

Princesses –
Sonja Van den Hoek
Patti Holowachuk
Debbie Holowachuk
Susan Heinke

Practicing for Maypole Dancing has begun but we have not yet chosen the dancers. The required number will be chosen this week. If any of the parents of the children feel that these dancers cannot attend practices or will not be here on the weekend of May 31, would they please let me know so that we can find substitutes?

L Cope, Principal

SECURITY

An unhappy incident occurred in March when two young residents of Britannia were subject to obscene language and abuse by two young employees. The Company laid charges against the two employees. In police court this week, charges against one employee were dismissed but the other employee was convicted and given a six month suspended sentence, and required to post a good behaviour bond. He was also, being under the age of 21 years, told to refrain from drinking for this period, except for drinks served to him by his parents in their home.

Three other young persons, two former employees and the third a resident of Squamish, have been barred from access to Company property (except to visit parents), one for refusing to desist from driving on Company roads an uninsured car while not holding a valid driver's licence, the other two for drunkenness and creating disturbances on Company property and refusing to adhere to orders to stop.

The Company regrets the necessity of taking these actions but it is determined to put an end to such activities on Company property, particularly when it interferes with the peace and enjoyment of law-abiding residents.

GOLD TOURNAMENT

Anaconda Britannia Mines held its second annual golf tournament at the Squamish Valley Golf Club on April 26, 1969, with more than 20 golfers male and female, taking part.

Pat McRae won the trophy in the ladies division with John Bailey taking the men's trophy. The trophies, made by Tony Crane, were presented by Manager B B

Greenlee, at a gathering at the home of Mr and Mrs Ralph Lovlin in Garibaldi Highlands after the tournament.

Mr Greenlee said he was pleased to see more players were out this year and sure the event would grow and become larger each year.

BOWLING

The bowling banquet was held in the Bola Room in Squamish on April 26th. The Britannia team did very well, ending the season as runners-up. Missed the championship by 15 pins. Dot Knudsen won the trophy for Ladies High Three with 685, also a merit pin for bowling a hundred over her average.

Paul Hoodikoff got a trophy for Men's High Single, 344. He also was presented with his 300 pins and merit pin. Harry Yaky received a merit pin also. Joyce Yak and Mary Hoodikoff were the other members of the team.

M Hoodikoff

NEW ARRIVALS

Rolf Lowinger, his wife Martha and daughter Ursula have recently moved into house 315, Minaty Bay.

Allan Hewett, his wife Jean, son Allan and daughter Kimberley have just arrived at Britannia, coming from Saskatchewan. They are residing in the Guest House until their furniture arrives, at which time they will be moving into house 235, vacated by Jack and Edith Moore. Al is the new Personnel Director, taking over the position that Dave Reid recently left.

On behalf of the community, a hearty welcome to both families, may your future in Britannia be most happy.

PERSONALS

Mr Lorne Cope has taken up residents in Trailer 362 at Minaty Bay.

We wish to extend sincere thanks and appreciation for many kindnesses, messages of love and understanding and beautiful offerings from our many friends and fellow workmen tendered during the sudden death of our beloved husband and father.

We especially wish to thank Rev M Boulger for his comforting words.

Mrs Ingrid Piehler and Children Peter and Jasmine.

WEDDING JUDY DAWSON CONSTABLE GARY EDWARD REED

Mr and Mrs Borden R Dawson, announce the forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Judith Florence, to Constable Gary Reed, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Reed of Acne, Alberta.

The wedding will take place in Squamish United Church on May 17, with Reverend Wingfield officiating.

Editorial note Judith worked for the Company as receptionist-typist from September to February this past year.

COMING EVENTS

- May 4 Boat club meeting
- May 10 Mine Rescue and First Aid Competitions
- May 12-16 Kindergarten Registrations
- May 13 Community club AGM
- May 19 Victoria Day – Statuary Holiday
- May 24 VIMSA Annual Competitions – Nanaimo
- May 31 Copper Queen Day



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Once again the weatherman gave of his best for Anaconda's 3rd annual Mine Rescue and First Aid Competitions held on May 10th. The model mine, up beside the 4100 road, was the scene for the start of the day's events, where Marshall Tichauer, having drawn the number one ticket, proceeded with his team, Howie Tichauer, Richard Dickinson, Alf Stenbridge, Joe Van der Ham and Alan Stenbridge, to the starting bench for a thorough briefing by Mr Bill Robinson, Inspector of Mines. They then proceeded to the smoke room to test their respiratory equipment, then down to the supply store where they picked up stretchers, blankets, tools, etc., and then went to the "mine" entrance. They received the problem and were given 35 minutes to go into the mine and look for the four men in there. They had to examine the old closed mine, doing only such work as was necessary for the protection of the team and the safe recovery of any man found alive in the mine, with seeping gas, bad air and water to contend with.

Three teams were in the competition. The second team was captained by William McNeill, with Harry Yaky, Mike Denton, Laimonis Virs, Albert Blanchette, and Ulrich Buthge. The third team was captained by Jerry Krizek, with Ron Sutherland, George Bowering, Zoltan Witt, Wolf Bechert and John Bailey.

The Guys and Dolls were busy all morning selling coffee and soft drinks to the wives and children and friends of the participants who turned out to give moral support.

The First Aid competitions took place in the school auditorium. Nine teams were competing showing an increasing interest for First Aid, especially with the young folks. There were three junior girls teams, two junior boys teams, two ladies and two men's teams competing.

The junior teams were the first to compete and all did very well tackling their problems in a real serious and business-like manner, covering and bringing wounds, applying pressure where needed, and they showed quite a knowledge of First Aid.

The make-up men did such a good job of scarring, gashing and making open, bleeding wounds on the victims that a person had the feeling they were looking at the real thing (These gory victims were Len Deyelle, Reg Fogarty, Arnold Fortier, Wayne Hansen, Keith Knudsen, Rosaire Tourgny and Darwyn Rose).

The ladies teams were taken outside for their problem, as the victims had fallen from a pole and were tangled around it with broken bones and other injuries. Frankie Ferguson's team, comprising of Betty Tourgny, Rose Marie Fortier, Carol Hansen, and Debbie Hoodikoff, wore identical outfits, culottes dresses in blue with white daisies, and drew approving wolf whistles from some of the male audience. Janet Clark's team, with Sharon Dyck, Anneke Van der Ham, Lynne Evans and Germaine Blanchette, were wearing white blouses and jeans.

The two men's teams were given an outside problem also, differing a little from usual in the fact that there were two victims of a volunteer fire department having fallen from a ladder with one sustaining spinal injuries and cuts and bruises and the other had a ballpoint pen protruding from a punctured chest, plus other injuries. They were a mess, but the teams proved equal to the task of administering the correct First Aid. A few of the patients had the misfortune to succumb when some of the symptoms were overlooked.

There was a table set up along the length of the auditorium for the fine display of Safety and First Aid equipment.

Nearly 200 participants and invited guests sat down to the delicious hot meal prepared by Mrs Don Lindley and her committee, Mrs Walter Hansen, Mrs J B MacDonald, Mrs John Scott, Mrs Paul Hoodikoff, Mrs John Price and Mrs Ron Baverstock. Mr John Powell introduced the guests of honour at the head table then asked the guests to rise for the National Anthem and spoke the words of grace to commence the meal. Beautiful bowls of spring flowers graced the tables and the hall was decorated with coloured streamers and green foliage.

Mr B B Greenlee thanked all those who had participated in the contests and everyone who had contributed in any way to make the events of the day such a great success.

Mr J C Scorse of the St. John Ambulance Association, kept the winning junior competitors in suspense while he thanked Emile LeBlanc for his whole-hearted cooperation and help, and also thanked his aides who assisted with the judging.

Junior team winners

1st Kathy Greenlee captain

Sharon Van den Hoek

T Tremblay

W Deyelle

C Price

P Steenson

2nd Gordon MacDonald captain
L Sveinson
D Chisholm
B Chisholm
V Lindley

3rd Pattie Holowachuk captain
D Marion
L Tourigny
S Richards
K Ainsley
S Vuloslavceвич

Mrs Frankie Ferguson's team won the ladies event and the Centennial Bowl, and Mrs John Scott's team won the men's event and the Britannia First Aid Cup, dating back to 1926. Miniature totem poles were given to members of the winning teams and first aid kits to the other team members.

In the Mine Rescue Mr McNeill's team place third, Marshall Tichauer's team second and Jerry Krizek's team first, winners of the Ingelersoll-Rand Shield.

Mr Greenlee announced that all the first place teams would be attending the competitions in Nanaimo and the second place team in Mine Rescue would go along as guest of Anaconda, also Gordon MacDonald's second place team in First Aid would go along and represent the junior boys.

Helping John MacDonald in the Mine Rescue were: Bill Braiden (transportation), Bruce Husted (lock-up), Hans Millahn, John Dyck, Murray Croteau, Ted Horyza and Paul Hoodikoff (mine).

Coaches for the various teams were: Mine Rescue – Paul Hoodikoff and E LeBlanc. First Aid – Mike Denton, Dale MacGregor (assisted by Bruce MacDonald), Mrs Critchley, John Scott, Harry Yaky, Frankie Ferguson and E LeBlanc.

Acting as victims in the Mine Rescue were: Alan Husted, John Sametz, Keith Knudsen, Victor Lindley, Robin Dickinson and Ian MacDonald.

The BC Department of Mines donated \$300. towards the expenses of putting on the competition.

Mr Al Reusch, form Vancouver, and his group of five musicians supplied the music for the dancing, which continued until 1:00am.

COMMUNITY CLUB AGM

Forty-five members of the Community club attended the meeting held in the upper club on May 13th, including the executive. Three positions vacated since Miss Joan Ehler as secretary, Mrs Charlotte Smith, Entertainment Chairman, filled the last AGM and Anaconda as Houseman appointed Mr Allan Hewett.

It was noted that a letter had been received from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the historical signs to be placed on the viewpoints north and south of Britannia, explaining its origin and growth and value to the Province. They tell us we have been placed on the waiting list and so one of these days they will be erected.

Chairmen of the various committees gave reports and lots of lively discussion was indulged in regarding them.

Mrs Smith reported that plans for the Copper Queen Day were going forward and asked for a volunteer to take over the supervision of the Guys and Dolls Club as she felt that the two jobs were too much for one person.

Reports from the Sports Committee revealed that more co-operations is needed from the parents in offering cars for transportation and their attendance at the games. There is a need of more assistance with the Cubs in the way of leaders; volunteers with any qualifications for such would be greatly appreciated. Ice skating problems got a lot of discussion. It was felt by some of the members that if it were run as a club (like curling and bowling) there would not be so much likelihood of trouble with the collection of money in such cases as bad travelling conditions. Mrs Marge Adams volunteered to help Mrs Braiden who has carried the load for the past two years.

It was also decided to look into the purchase of an electric stove for sale by Mrs Doris Hansen for use in the upper club.

A suggestion that the beach at Minaty Bay be cleared to make better access for swimming was acknowledged. It was the opinion that the Club has no equipment to handle such a project.

Mr Hewitt, spoke a few words at the close of the meeting on his observations, as a newcomer, of the informality of our meetings in regard to others he has attended and noted that the only difference with our club is that we haven't quit yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

4th ANNUAL COPPER QUEEN DAY

May 31, 1969

9:00am – Races

Girls Events and boy's events

25-yard dash (2-3 years)
25-yard dash (4-5 years)
50-yard dash (8,9,10 years)
300-yard dash (13,14,15 years)
25 yard Relay (6-7 years)
50-yard relay (11,12,13 years)
50-yard relay (8,9,10 years)
25-yard 3-legged race (7,8,9 years)
25 yard sack race (9,10,11 years)
25 yard sack race (12,13,14 years)

Ladies – 100-yard egg race
Men's scramble race – 100 yards

11:00am – Ice cream (free)

12:00 – Judging Decorated Bicycles in front of stage
Judges: Mrs Clark, Mrs Pullen, and Mrs Marzocco
Judging Pets - Dogs- North east corner
Cats – Southeast corner
Miscellaneous pets Northeast corner
Judges: Mr a Stembridge, Mr A J Stembridge, Mr C Rose

Horse Rides sponsored by the Britannia Horse Owner's Club will be located on the East Side of the ball field.

REFRESHMENTS The Guys and Dolls club are manning the booths and hot dogs, hamburgers; chips, pop, and coffee will be available.

2:00pm – Parade

2:15pm – Opening ceremonies and crowning of the Queen
Special events – White Spot Junior Pipe Band and the White Spot Highland Dancers.

7:00pm – Grand March and dance for all under the age of 21 years.

9:30pm – Adult Dance – Refreshments sold. Admission \$3. per couple. Music by Al Moorman and his Band.

The Scouts and Cubs will be collecting flowers to decorate the stage for the Copper Queen crowning ceremonies. Would anyone donating flowers have them ready for pick up on May 31st at 9:00am.

PERSONALS

Mr and Mrs North are again enjoying a visit from Mrs North's father who, at the age of 93 still travels from the prairies alone for his visit. He will be going back in June to celebrate his next birthday with other members of the family.

Mr Saugstad of Bella Coola was a weekend guest of Rev and Mrs Boulger, and attended the Mother's Day family service at the Church.

Congratulations to Miss Kathy Whiteside whose school chums voted her the 44th Britannia Copper Queen. Miss Whiteside will be crowned on May 31st.

Mr and Mrs Archie Smith spent the weekend in Pentiction with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Harry Dodyk.

Mr and Mrs Ken Scorse and family were visitors at the home of his mother, Mrs Flo Verdesio, between judging at the First Aid competitions.

Congratulations to Manfred and Helen Kern on the birth of their daughter, Barbara, at the Vancouver General Hospital on May 8th. Weight 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

COMING EVENTS

May 17 Pool opens

May 19 Victoria Day

May 21 Kindergarten registrations

May 31 Copper Queen Day

June 7 Provincial Final- Mine Rescue and First Aid

July 1 Dominion Day

July 5 Miners Day



VOLUME 3**NUMBER 11****MAY 31.1969****VANCOUVER ISLAND MINE SAFETY ASSOCIATION COMPETITION**

Another district competition is over, and although we all had a very good time, there was a bit of disappointment in the results.

We wish to congratulate the Britannia Fire Department First Aid team, John Scott, captain, for bringing the McKenzie Cup (Novice) back to Britannia for the second year. Frankie Ferguson's Senior Women's team won it in 1968.

Texada Mines, with their year of practice and hard work, proved to be the best in Mine Rescue, taking the Mine Shield for the fifth consecutive year. We'll get them next year, fellows!! Benson Lake placed second.

We missed out on the Department of Mines Cup (Senior's Men's First Aid), placing third. The Crown Zellerbach team from Ladysmith won the first place spot, with Port Alberni placing second.

Some of you may not know about the challenge "hurled" against the Mayor of Nanaimo, His Worship Frank Ney. Mr Greenlee said that he could beat His worship in a hand-drilling contest, and darned if he didn't do it!! The young people who watched the contest said there should be great headlines stating "Mr Greenlee Does His Thing".

The Mayor blanched when he saw what was facing him – a slab of granite. He protested that since Mr Greenlee was an old hand at "hard rock" mining, and Nanaimo was noted as a coal-mining town, that the contest would be decidedly unfair. We are nothing, if not good sports! Mayor Ney was provided with a large lump of "Nanaimo coal" and preceded to make inroads in it. The spectators promptly informed His Worship that he was not to break into small pieces, but were to drill a hole. He was very inept in the writer's opinion.

Meantime, Mr Greenlee was still plugging away at the solid granite and the Mayor decided He was being unfair and promptly gave Mr Greenlee a large lump of coal too. I don't know Mr Greenlee's mining background but he certainly looked as if he knew what he was doing.

The work proceeded very well. Mayor Ney finally sneaked a look at the lump of coal that Mr Greenlee was quietly and diligently drilling and conceded that our Manager was the master. Mayor Ney at first thought to return the challenge to Mr Greenlee with a Bathtub Race but changed his mind during the banquet, stating that he could not bear the thought of losing. He instead named Mr Greenlee as Honorary Member of the Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society, presenting him with a straw boater and a miniature bathtub in which to store his coal dust.

Mayor Ney also made the captain of the Senior Men's First Aid and Mine Rescue teams Honorary Members of the Loyal Nanaimo Bathtub Society.

We wish to extend all the winners big congratulations for a job well done.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Mine Rescue Shield 1 Texada 2 Benson Lake

Department of Mines Cup 1 Ladysmith 2 Port Alberni 3 Anaconda

Lady Kathleen Cup 1 Victoria 2 Ladysmith

Col Villiers Cup 1 Vancouver Police 2 Ladysmith

R J Filberg Cup 1 Victoria 2 Cumberland

Comox Logging Cup 1 Vancouver Police 2 Ladysmith

McKenzie Cup Anaconda

Western Fuel Cup 1 Cumberland 2 Victoria

V I M S A Cup 1 Cumberland 2 3rd Courtney Scouts

Mike Poje Trophy 1 Cumberland 2 North Oyster

4TH ANNUAL MINERS DAY EVENTS SCHEDULE

9:00am Rock Drilling and Mucking Machine Contest
Simultaneous demonstrations

11:00am Women's Board Sawing contest
Women's Nail Driving contest
Men's Tug-of-war

- 9:00am the following booths will be in operation;
 Volunteer Fire department display booth
 Britannia booth copies of history of Britannia will be sold
 Free ice cream at the firemen's booth for children
- 2:00pm Britannia School Majorettes and presentation of prize
 Winners and Anaconda Service Awards
 Introduction of recently Naturalized Canadians
- 3:15 Firemen's display and demonstration
- 3:30 Bingo – Tennis court area
- 9:00pm Miner's dance in upper clubroom cost \$4. per couple

ANACONDA SERVICE AWARDS 1969

35 Years

G A Arnie Bennett

20 Years

C J Clint Nicholson
 A Alf Knudsen
 Walter Presunka
 J R Jack Evans
 Walter S Freeman

15 Years

D W Dave Mullen
 Walter James
 T J MacDonald
 D L Don Lindley
 Paul H Sametz

10 Years

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| | E R Ernie Adams |
| J Bill Melnechenko | Frank Mihalac |
| A E Art Buckmaster | R S Reno Marty |
| J J Joe Berwing | Sulo Makela |
| Carl Blanes | W M Bill McCall |
| John A Price | D E Del Porter |

Maurice Cote

Agostino LoGiacco

Harry R Selander

m L Mel Erdman

W W Walt Hansen

A A Alf Erdman

Ingolf Eliassen

P Pat Holowachuk

Service Award Insignia

The award for long service is an insignia consisting of a yellow gold spearhead mounted on white gold. Length of service is shown by precious stones mounted below the spearhead as follows>

10 years – 3 rubies

15 years – 3 sapphires

20 years – 1 diamond, 2 rubies

25 years – 1 diamond, 2 sapphires

30 years – 1 diamond, 2 emeralds

35 years – 2 diamonds, 1 ruby

40 years – 3 diamonds

45 years – 4 diamonds

RECENTLY NATURALIZED CANADIANS

The Company is proud of the fact that certain of its employees, not native born Canadians, have adopted Canada as their home, and have become naturalized Canadians, under the procedures outlined in the foregoing article. We welcome them to the ranks of Citizens of Canada, and wish them the best of everything in this, their voluntarily adopted country.

EERO KYLLONEN was born in Finland. Prior to coming to Canada as a young man in 1963, he attended a mining school. Since arriving in this country, he has worked at logging, farming and mining. He has been employed at Britannia for two years and is currently working as a miner.

Eero married his wife, Helmi, after coming to Canada. They have a son, Eric, and a daughter, Norma. They reside in Burnaby.

JULIUS SWECERA came to Canada from Hungary in 1957, where he had been in the locksmith trade for ten years. Since arriving in this country he worked in the construction industries until starting at Britannia two years ago, where he is now employed as a trackman. Julius and his wife, Roza, reside in Vancouver. They have two sons and two daughters. The oldest son, George, is married and has two children. Daughters Eva and Katy were born in Canada, so there are now two Canadian citizens in the Swecera family.

STEVE TOMSICS was born in Hungary, where he worked in the mines. During the revolution in 1956, he escaped at night to Austria. He travelled from Austria to England, and after three months in England, where he learned to speak English, he immigrated to Canada in the spring of 1957. He worked at odd jobs and logging prior to coming to Britannia in October 1965, and he is now employed as a Long hole Loader. Steve and his wife, Martha, with daughters Theresa and Susan reside in house 102, at the Beach.

LAIMONIS VIRS was born in Latvia. He came to Canada in 1957, and has been employed in mines at Virginatown, Elliot Lake and Britannia. He came to Britannia in 1962 as an employee of Canadian Rock, and has worked as a Long hole Driller since that time. Laimonis and his wife, Helena, have four sons and one daughter, Eric, Allan, Richard, Rita and Tommy. Until recently they lived in Squamish but now reside at Horseshoe Bay.

BOAT CLUB

A meeting was held by the members of the Britannia Boat Club on June 8th, and the following motion was passed unanimously regarding Membership dues: That any person who has not paid his membership dues to date shall be charged \$10. Membership from June 15th, and each week after June 15th the dues will be raised \$5., to a maximum of \$25.

Any resident using the facilities who is not a member shall pay launching and mooring fees at the same rate as outsiders, which is \$1. per hour tie-up, \$2. launching fees, and \$3. for overnight tie-up.

The following regulations were also passed: No trailers are to be left in parking area at the wharf. Parking area is restricted for resident members only.

Work Parties: There are evening work parties each night. Any member who has not been on a work party to date report to Paul Hoodikoff or Yvon Essiambre at the wharf at 6:30pm. We have float and boom work to complete and need your assistance to get the jobs done by July if possible.

A reminder regarding a regulation of the Club – each member must participate in the work parties. Anyone called on and refusing to work three times in succession will be assessed a \$20. fine by the Club.

Let's see a few new faces working at the wharf in the coming weeks.

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SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Tony Rader and Ted Hopkins advise that those interested in competitive swimming should contact them as soon as possible to make arrangements for inner-pool meets through out the summer. The hours of training in the summer months will get underway at 7:00am. Some of the Britannia students attending High School are now training for up-coming competitions at Squamish next week.

The Personnel department has distributed a list of the levels of swimming instruction that will be available under both the Royal Life Saving and the Red Cross programs during the summer months. It is important that we receive an application from the youngsters and adults who would like to become involved as soon as possible. Only in this way will we be able to efficiently set up an acceptable summer schedule. As a note, consideration is now being given to a "Mummy and me Program" whereby the mother teaches the young child, under the direction of an instructor.

A Hewett

PERSONALS

Many thanks again to my friends for the flowers, get well cards and gifts they sent me during my last lengthy stay at the Squamish and Vancouver General Hospitals, and thanks to Gloria Begin and Rose Holowachuk for helping the guys at home. It's great to be home again.

Catherine Harvey

Peter, Jasmine and I would like to thank all of those who so generously donated their hard earned money to assist us in this difficult period. The efforts of all those who organized the collection of the donations is most appreciated. The Company's concern, shown by matching the amount collected from the men, means a lot to us.
Ingrid Pielhler

Mr and Mrs Andy Proudfoot of Elsa, Yukon Territory, were at the Coast for the convocation exercises for the conferring of degrees at UVC on May 31st, at which their daughter, Linda Ann, graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree. While in the vicinity they visited old friends at Britannia and their son, George, and his family, at Squamish.

PTA

Annual Report of the Britannia PTA 1968 –1969

Membership – The membership drive was again a success, resulting in an increased membership to well over seventy.

Films – The Walt Disney films shown to the children on Saturday afternoon were very popular. Nine full length and four short feature films were shown and the cost approximately balanced out against takings,

Traffic Patrol Boys – Raincoats were provided for the school traffic patrol boys.

Beginners Mother's Tea – Four members offered the use of their kitchens and supervised the Grade 7 girls in producing some first class baking for this tea.

Fund Raising dance – The Halloween Fund raising dance realized a profit of \$183.12

Presentation of Emily Carr Painting – The President Mrs Hansen, presented a reproduction of an Emily Carr painting to the school on March 6th. This was a BC Parent Teacher Federation Centennial project for the schools in BC.

Decision to Re-organize the Britannia PTA – It was decided that owing to the considerable increase in Association dues payable to the BC PT Federation, Britannia should become a self-supporting unit and not in future connected with the BC Federation. Following a majority vote a letter to this effect was written on March 24th

Reference Books – Following the decision by Mr Cope to discontinue the Awards system, it was agreed that reference books for each classroom should be purchased for the school.

Programs – A panel of guest speakers discussed “Teenager Today and Yesterday” at the November meeting. This program proved to be of great interest to teenagers as well as adults, and over 100 people attended.

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PTA Funds – It was decided that the most beneficial use to which PTA funds could be put was to hand over the remaining funds to the PTA account after all commitments were met to the principle of the school. This sum of \$250. was to be used to purchase the reference books preciously referred to and to provide field trips for the school children as the principal saw fit.

Doris Hansen, Past President PTA

CHURCH PAYS TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE AND MARY SMITH

A very heart warming and sincere tribute was extended to Mr and Mrs Archie Smith and family at a Community Church luncheon following the Sunday service

on June 22nd, when a large congregation gathered for the final service before the summer recess.

During the service Rev Boulger inducted Marina and Terry Sveinson, daughter and son of Mr and Mrs M G Sveinson, into the membership to the church. Mr Archie Smith extended the hand of friendship to each of them as his closing act of service for the board.

Members of the children's choir sang two children's hymns and Mr Bill Whiteside sang a solo.

Mrs June Higham presented a gift of appreciation from the church board and congregation to Mrs Astrid Karwtski for her two years of service as church organist.

Just prior to the delivery of his sermon Rev Boulger called Mrs Mary Smith to the front of the church to stand by her husband and thanked them for their long and faithful service to the church and community, commenting that no gift could begin to repay them, but hoped that the one chosen would convey the grateful thanks of the church and its members. Mr Wolf Bechert presented them with a framed Scroll of Dedication, honouring them for their many years of service to the old Townsite and the Beach Churches.

Following the service the congregation proceeded to the basement of the church where the ladies of the Women's Association and the church board had prepared a delicious buffet luncheon. Orange blossoms, Shasta daisies, pink lupines and orange lilies graced the T-shaped table. Mr and Mrs Smith and daughter Willa and members of the board were seated at the head table.

Grace was said by Rev Boulger and everyone did full justice to the well filled tables which featured turkey, ham, beef and cold cut meats, green, jellied and potato salads, pickles, etc. For dessert there were two beautifully decorated cheesecakes and fruit slices and cupcakes.

Mrs Boulger, accompanied by Mrs Karwtski at the piano, sang, "Bless this house".

Rev Boulger introduced the head table guests and read a letter from Rev Evan Fullerton who had been invited to attend but who was unable to be present. In his letter Mr Fullerton paid tribute to the help and work that the Smith's had given him during his ministry at Britannia.

Rev Boulger proposed a toast to Archie and Mary. He remarked on their attendance, not just as members but as a family who had all worked diligently, in good times and bad, of which there have been many, to keep the church alive at Britannia.

Mrs Kay Pickard, a long time friend of the Smith family during their years of residence at Mt Sheer and Britannia, gave them a warm and personal tribute, touching on events long past when Archie then, as at the present time, was always available when called upon and was always willing to get the leaking pipes fixed or the broken widows mended. Mrs Pickard also paid tribute to Mary who has also been a faithful worker in both Communities for the church and the women's organizations, and a good friend in the community. She also gave a word of praise to their three daughters, Willa, Jennie and Mary Loise (Mrs Harry Dodyk) who all taught Sunday school and attended church with their parents.

Mrs Pickard stressed that the true sense of Christianity is sadly lacking in a lot of families today.

In closing, she wished them success and happiness in their new home and their future and hoped that we would still see them back in their pew.

Mr Smith thanked the Board, the Minister and the assembled guests for the gift and hoped that the new members would work together for the continuance and growth of the church at Britannia.

SKROLL reads:

Well-done, good and faithful servants

To Archie and Mary Smith

In recognition of a long and faithful service in Christ's Church at Britannia Beach.

The passage of the years will not cause the memory of discipleship to fade, or the fruit of your labour to die.

You have left a lasting example and inspiration for those who follow.

With affection, esteem, and gratitude,
The Congregation of Britannia Beach Community Church

Signed by Mr Betty McNair
Secretary of the Church Board

Signed by Rev Mike Boulger
Minister

June 22, 1969

ARTICLE FOWARDED TO MCLEAN'S RE ARTICLE ON MIKE BOULGER

OPEN LETTER TO MACLEAN'S

The Editor, MacLean's

Although Fotheringham's article on Boulger the working priest makes interesting reading, the typical little mining operation that he describes as Britannia, BC, is not Britannia at all but a distorted figment of his imagination.

It is unfortunate that MacLean's usual high standards for accuracy failed to stop the nation-wide maligning of a long established community and the slandering of the citizens who live and work at Britannia.

Fotheringham obviously spent little time at Britannia researching his story and the scarcity of correct facts compared to the numerous errors and ill-informed conclusions seems to indicate that he spent most of his time enjoying the fresh sea breezes of Howe Sound and the beautiful fjord setting of the town nestled at the foot of five-thousand-foot mountains with higher snow capped peaks showing as well. But that is to be expected when a man finally finds a way out of the rush and noise of Vancouver as he did when he visited the blue waters of upper Howe Sound.

Thousands of other city dwellers have also discovered the great out-doors that surrounds Britannia Beach (Squamish, Garibaldi Park and Whistler Mountain – the proposed site of the 1976 Winter Olympics). The visitors not the residents are the ones mainly responsible for littering the roadside with beer bottles. No beer is sold to the public at Britannia. It has to come from Vancouver, 30 miles to the south, or from Squamish, 8 miles to the north, and does that sound like an isolated town?

Of course my 30 years contact with Britannia – 18 of them in the same house that Boulger now occupies – has provided me with more information that Fotheringham could gather in an afternoon, but why didn't he at least check his story with reality?

Only two strikes since the Union organized in 1943 is twisted by Fotheringham into a history of bitter labour relations, and management and miners know that Britannia led the way to better contracts in Canada mining industry.

Ask the residents of Britannia about the dreary life of the mining community and they will tell you that the dreariness exists only in Fotheringham's story, not at Britannia.

The hundreds of single, lonely immigrant men that he thinks live in the big office building than at Britannia. There are three rows of houses and a trailer court higher up the hill than the manager's house.

Furthermore, the typical little mining operation that he dreamt about has operated successfully for more than 60 years and a new multi-million dollar development now underway promises many more years.

Already my letter is becoming an article and will not likely be published because of its length. Unfortunately the same criteria weren't applied to his article, which contains still other errors not pointed out by this letter.

It would be fitting, I think, that since Fotheringham wrote the article about a man who is attempting to combat deceit, hypocrisy, and selfishness and since the article is obviously deceitful and hypocritical, the best unselfish thing that Fotheringham could do to help correct his errors would be for him to donate the fee he received for his article to Britannia Community Church.

I'm sure the working priest would not object.

Yours truly
James Balderson

ALL PURPOSE COURT IS GO

Final financial arrangements have been made between Anaconda and the Squamish School District on material costs for the all-purpose court immediately adjacent to the swimming pool.

The court will replace the former tennis-playing surface, in the processes of being torn up at the time of this edition. It has been designed for volleyball, tennis, badminton, and basketball and roller-skating.

Volunteers are a vital part to any community, project, particularly one such as this, which involves a large number of man-hours.

It is essential that sufficient people be available to lend a hand if the court is to be utilized this summer. The Guys & Dolls have already pledged their support to the program.

All other groups and individuals who recognize the value of the court and wish to do their "fair share" are requested to contact Mr Greenlee, Project Co-ordinator, immediately.

F A Hewitt

SCHOOL TRACK MEET TEAM

On Friday June 6th, our school track team managed to win the small schools trophy at Mamquam School. At the end of meet we had 30 points. this is a tremendous achievement compared with Britannia's past record – 7 points last year and 3 in 1967. The small schools trophy will be held for a year and if this year's effort is any indication, it's going to stay in Britannia for quite a while.

The star of our team was Clement Godin who broke the senior long jump record of 15 feet, 6 inches, with a jump of 15 feet, 2 inches, on his last jump. However, Clement's effort is still a credit to him. Clement also excelled in the high jump with a first place jump of 4 feet, 10 inches. Allan Begin also jumped 4 feet, 10 inches, but on a count back Clement took first place and Allan second place. In the senior 100 yard Allan Begin ran a good third.

Young Jim Ainsley came a close second in the junior boys 50 yards and he also led the junior relay team to second place. Assisting him were 3 Allan Stembridge, Kerry Afflek and Dag Soros.

Jeanette Dyck, Melanie McNeill, Robin Scott and Janet Husted came second in the junior girls relay.

Patti Holowachuk, Cindy Abar, Dawn Husted and Valerie Dyck came in third in the senior girls relay.

All competitors excelled and it was most pleasing to see such a determined school spirit. This is an achievement for all to be proud of.

Well done, boys and girls. Don Riding

SCHOOL SWIM MEET TEAM

A team of hard working and enthusiastic youngsters represented Britannia at the inner-elementary school competition at Squamish on June 19th.

The meet, sanctioned by the Squamish School District, saw our local kids finish fourth on overall points. Other schools competing were Woodfibre, Squamish, Brackendale, Stawamus and Mamquam.

Instructors Tony Rader and Ted Hopkins were pleased with the team work and sportsmanship demonstrated by their crew, who had a total of 99 points Squamish won the meet with 137 ½ points.

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs T Butler on the birth of their second son, Sean Alexander, who was born in the Squamish Hospital on June 3, weighing 8 lbs. 6 ½ ounces, a brother for Wayne.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Dale Blanes on the birth of their son, Dale Andrew who was born in Langley Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations to Brain and Jeanette Pullen on the birth of their son, Christopher James, born in the Squamish Hospital June 17th, weighing 8 lbs.

Mr and Mrs a Hopper have moved from Minaty Bay and are now residing at Fauquier, BC. Mr Hopper worked on the Woodfibre Ferry and was transferred to his present job as Mate for the Government Ferries. Their daughter Dianne, who recently graduated in nursing has enlisted in the Canadian Navy and is stationed in Esquimalt on Vancouver Island.

Mr and Mrs Ed Johnson, cousin of Captain Roy Johnson, will be moving into the house vacated by them. Mr Johnson is also employed on the Woodfibre Ferry.

Recent visitors to the home of Mr and Mrs Hugh Chisholm of Minaty Bay were Mr and Mrs Gordon Thompson and their son Barry. Old timers remember the Thompson's from Mt Sheer and Gordon for his association and work in the Community church. Their son Barry is now a Physical Education Teacher in New Brunswick and is currently in BC attending a convention in Victoria.

Mr and Mrs Joe Jarvis of Bellingham were visitors at the home of Captain and Mrs Roy Johnson of Minaty Bay.

Mrs Kay Harvey, who is still convalescing from her recent operation, is happy to have her sister Mrs Gertrude Kwekenboon, of Hamilton, Ontario, staying with her. Mrs Kwekenboon will be staying through July and is enjoying the ladies swimming hour.

Mr and Mrs Clint Nicholson wish to thank all their friends and Clint's fellow workmen for their cards and visits and acts of kindness to him during his illness and sojourn in the Squamish Hospital.

Mrs M Fowler, 3rd and 4th grade teacher, flew to Calgary over the weekend of June 21st, where she and her husband attended the 21st wedding anniversary of her brother and sister-in-law and enjoyed a reunion with many relatives from various parts of Canada and the United States.

Out of town guests attending the church service and luncheon on June 23rd were, Mrs Don MacGregor and daughter Sherry, Pt. Coquitlam, Mr Montgomery from Lions Bay, Willa Smith, Vancouver, Mr Don McCallum, Student Minister at Pemberton and his friends Ted Van Ryn from the University of Waterloo and Pat Prodlock of Pemberton were passing through Britannia and decided to call in at the church to meet our minister and were immediately invited to stay for lunch, an invitation which was quickly accepted and enjoyed by the three young men.

Mrs Ingrid Piehler, Peter and Jasmine are looking forward with pleasure to a seven week visit with Ingrid's mother and brother, Mrs Ann Klaus and Freddy from Berlin, Germany, whom she hasn't seen since he was ten weeks old when she left Germany sixteen years ago.

Anaconda will have a float in the Logger's Day Parade.



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Once again the weatherman relented from the rain and clouds of the past week and Britannia opened its eyes to the familiar tones of John Powell's sound truck with his cheerful voice telling us to be up and about, the sky was blue, and the sun was up, and Britannia's 44th Copper Queen Day celebrations were about to begin.

Races were first on the agenda for the day and the children were out in full force to take in the running, relay, sack and three legged races. Pony rides were being enjoyed at the far end of the ball grounds and the Guys and Dolls hamburger, hotdogs, coffee and pop stand did a thriving business all morning. At the conclusion of the children's races free ice cream was handed out to one and all.

The last race of the morning was one for all ages to participate in, which was to see who could gather up the most paper and trash, the one gathering the most to receive a prize. Believe me that is the finest idea for a cleanup that you can get. In no time flat there was soon a beautiful clean field ready for the afternoon.

Next followed the decorated bicycle event. Mrs Tina Marzocco, Mrs Doreen Clark and Mrs Elsie Pullen were the assigned judges and had quite a time picking the winners who were:

First – Jennifer Braiden

Second – Stan Jacobson

Third – Cindy Price

Al Stembridge, Mr Clarence Rose and Mr Yvonne Essiambre were the judges for the various pets. In the dog section "Wiggles" belonging to the Rose family was first in the toys, and in the pups "Major" belonging to the Hinchcliffe family was first and "Rex" the Andrzechuk families dog was second. In dogs Deyelles "Champ" was first and Clarks "Pierre" was second.

The parade got underway from the school auditorium at 2:00pm with Constable Leach of the Squamish RCMP in the lead followed by the Scouts, Cubs and Girl Guides. Retiring Queen Dawn Husted and her entourage followed them and Crown Bearer Jimmy Ainsley preceded the Queen elect Kathy Whiteside and her

attendants to the decorated stand. Mr Tom Pullen then called on Rev Boulger to ask a blessing on the day's events. Queen Dawn Husted gave her retirement speech, commenting on her years reign, and wished her successor well as she removed her crown and placed it on the head of Kathy who in turn told of her wish for the well-being of the residents, of Britannia, and all its undertakings throughout the coming year. Mr Pullen next presented all the children of the Royal party with gifts as mementos of the day.

Mrs Pickard's Kindergarten class, as usual, were one of the highlights of the afternoon. They danced to their own music, having previously sung and been taped by Mr Al McNair. The small Maypole Dancers, trained by Mr Lorne Cope, performed a number of intricate Maypole dances without a flaw and added much to the colour and entertainment of the afternoon.

At the close of the program Mr Pullen announced that a few minutes would be allowed for picture taking, then the parade members returned to the school auditorium where the school majorettes entertained parents and friends with a fine precision drill.

The Grand March took place at 7:00pm in the upper clubroom with Queen Kathy and her father at its head, leading the parade around the hall and up the centre, with the proud father escorting their lovely daughters and the mothers being escorted by their handsome sons. The dance was officially opened by Kathy who started it with her father, then the rest of the Royal Party joined in. Mr Al Mooreman and his band provided the music.

Among the visitors to the Beach for Copper Queen Day were Mr Bill Lowther (Mrs Bruce Husted's brother) and his wife and son Jimmy from Coquitlam, Jack Cochrane and Mrs Gertrude Fairburn of Vancouver, Gertrude Kullman, friend of Charlotte Smith, also Charlotte's cousin John Weber, both of Regina, and her young niece Gail Senft of North Vancouver; Tommy Sigger and his wife Jean and children of North Vancouver. They attended the children's dance with Kathleen and Cecil Fleming and their children. Miss Elsa Eliassen and Miss Willa Smith also attended the day's events. It was nice to see Mrs Joyce Bloom (Bud Smith's mother) who is a friend of many years, who tells me she has retired from her café at Parksville owing to ill health.

4TH ANNUAL MINERS DAY

9:00am – 12:30pm Rock drilling and mucking machine contest
 Simulated demonstration
 Alimak Raise Climber
 Eimco Model 912, diesel powered

11:00am Women's Board Sawing contest

11:15 Women's Nail Driving contest

11:30 Men's Tug-of-war

The above time on the various events will vary depending on the length of each contest.

9:00am Following booths will be in operation'
Britannia Volunteer Fire Department Display
Britannia Booth – Copies of history of Britannia will be sold.
Vindicator food booth – Try our Cornish Pasties
Free ice cream for children at Fire department

2:00pm Britannia Elementary School Majorettes
Presentation of Prizes
Presentation of Service awards
Introduction of new Naturalized Canadians

3:15 Fireman's Display and demonstration

3:30 Bingo

Men's Softball Game

9:00pm Miner's Dance – Upper clubroom - \$4. per couple, door prizes and spot dance prizes.

SICK BAY

We are pleased to hear that Clint Nicholson is well on the road to recovery and is expected to be out of hospital within the next week. Also still on the sick list: Fred Baxter, Ted Soprovich and Bill Bull. We wish them a speedy recovery.

ERNEST RAYMOND ADAMS

Ernie Adams received his Certificate of Apprenticeship and his Certificate of Qualification from manager Barney Greenlee. Ernie earned his papers as a Journeyman Millwright as the result of ten years employment and three years as apprentice in the trade.

Ernie is an old timer resident of Britannia, having moved here with his parents in 1945, his father being employed in the electrical department. Ernie attended school in Britannia and Squamish. After two summer jobs at Britannia in 1952 and 1953, he started full time in November 1953, as a mill sampler. Between then and early 1959, he quit and returned to Britannia three times, finally, in, February 1959, starting again as a mill labourer, and he has since been employed continuously in the mill. By 1965 he had advanced to crusher man, in June, 1965, he was promoted to

tradesman 2nd class in the mill maintenance, in June 1967, he advanced to 1st class and at the end of March, 1969, upon successful completion of his apprenticeship, he earned his position to journeyman millwright.

Ernie signed up as a millwright apprentice in March 1966. He completed the training in March of this year, obtaining a very satisfactory standing in the final examinations, and a rating of 79% in the Inter-Provincial exam. After having been out of school for 13 years, and having completed only grade 8, Ernie really had to work to attain such good results.

Congratulations Ernie, on a job well done.

Ernie and his wife Marjorie and daughters Debra, Sandra and Linda, reside in house 167 Britannia. Ernie and Marjorie are both active in Community affairs, and both have held office in the Community Club.

W B Montgomery

BOAT CLUB

The members of the Boat Club held a meeting on June 8th, and the following motion was passed unanimously regarding Membership dues. That any person who has not paid their membership dues to date shall be charged \$10. membership from June 15th, and each week after June 15th the dues will be raised \$5., to a maximum of \$25.

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Tele-Signal will become Anaconda Electronics Ltd. operated by John McKay and Sulo Koskinen, from whom the company was acquired, and managed by Anaconda Electronics Company of Anaheim, California.

Our new cousin manufactures a wide variety of products for CATV (community antenna television) and MATV (master antenna television for hotels, apartment houses, etc.). It has an excellent reputation. Its products complement the Anaconda Electronics line and will add the new line of MATV equipment to be sold in the USA, as well as here at home. It employs approximately 20 people.

Anaconda Electronics Company has been selling to the Canadian market and has installed CATV systems here, and the acquisition of Tele-Signal will give it a Canadian base from which to operate. The sales organization of Anaconda Electronics will also be used to market products made at Vancouver.

Anaconda News Release.

SCHOOL NEWS

A number of children in Grade 7 wrote to the Prime Minister and the following letter will show their interest in federal politics:

Dear Mr Trudeau

Is kissing girls for your public figure? If I were you I would not overdo it because most of the people don't enjoy it. You are making the people of Canada embarrassed to think that they elected a Prime Minister that goes around kissing women. I think you should be with women in private, not public, and get busy and do some work for Canada.

Your sincerely
John Sametz

REPLY (Office of the Prime Minister).

Dear Mr Sametz

On behalf of the Prime Minister, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 5. Your comments have been carefully noted. Thank you for making your views known to us.

Your sincerely
Mrs Olga Maxwell,
Secretary

LITTLE LEAGUE

On June 10th a bunch of kids who had congregated around the Chatterbox piled into cars and headed into Capilano Stadium to watch the Vancouver RCMP play against Eugene, Oregon. Not an unusual occurrence on the surface, there was something unique about this group; all of the youngsters wore their almost new Little League uniforms. The drivers were parents and supporters of Little League Ball players at Britannia.

There hasn't been any Little League Ball at Britannia for ten years and it all happened because some residents felt it was time the youngsters became involved in an additional organized sport which taught them co-ordination, teamwork, and above all, good sportsmanship. one of the most notable persons involved in the planning, initiating and co-ordinating of the Little League was Mrs Johanna Van der Ham. She approached the Community club in April to see if there was any way in which the club could assist in the establishment of the program. The Community club responded enthusiastically and assisted financially. The next step was to locate uniforms. Again she got total support, this time from Anaconda. Doug Francottie at this point became involved, and was extremely helpful during the organizational period in setting up the teams for the youngsters aged 9 to 12 years, and the Babe Ruth team for boys aged 13 to 15.

Now the program had gained momentum. She found assistance being volunteered from many directions – almost 50 youngsters wanted to be part of the club and would play against five teams in Squamish.

The end result was two Little League teams and one Babe Ruth team, with each team playing 8 games. Babe Ruth Ball players also include in the schedule games against Pemberton, one of which took place at that location on June 7th. Those lending support to Mrs Van der Ham include Howie Tichauer who works with the Little League team #1; Paul Begin and Mr J Tourigny team #2; Richard Dickinson, Mike Horyza and Marcel Begin working with the Babe Ruth team. As well, Len deyelle is lending assistance along with Paul Sametz and many others, whenever possible.

The Little League season got under way June 1st and Mr B B Greenlee hit the first ball somewhere between the pitcher's box and second base. They boys have been turning out regularly for games ever since. The schedule for the season was shown in the last issue of the Newsletter.

A Hewitt

MINE RESCUE & FIRST AID PROVINCIAL FINALS

A warm, slightly overcast day, greeted the four Mine Rescue teams and the seven First Aid teams, representing all the districts of BC, at the Annual Mine Rescue and First Aid Competition held at Capilano Stadium on June 7th. A number of interesting problems lay in wait for the competitors in the two divisions of the competition. This, combined with the diligent fashion in which the teams went about their challenges, kept the crowd (estimated at 500 throughout the day) busy following the competitions closely.

The Mine problem was basically that of ventilation, with a number of complications, which kept the men hard-pressed to complete their job within the prescribed time limit.

The First Aid problem was made even more complicated by an additional accident occurring while treatment of their original patients took place. The large number of Anaconda folks who visited the competitions, we are sure, all sympathized with the "painter" who made his 10-foot fall dozen times during the morning and early afternoon.

Mr and Mrs B B Greenlee, President of Vancouver Island Mine Safety Association, hosts of the event, represented Anaconda Britannia Mine Ltd. at the awards banquet the same evening. Other distinguished head table guests included the Attorney General and Minister of Labour, L R Peterson, Q.C., and his wife, Mr and Mrs Frank Mottishaw, First Aid Superintendent of Workmen's Compensation, Mr and Mrs Bill Peck, Chief Inspector of Mines, who did a fine job of narrating the Mine Rescue problem during the day, Mr Cyril White, Chairman of Workmen's Compensation, and the Honourable and Mrs Frank Richter, Minister of Mines and Petroleum.

The Vancouver Island Mine Safety Association was well represented. Texada Mines, winner of the competition in Nanaimo on May 24th, came second in the Mine Rescue competition, and the fine First Aid team from Ladysmith, representing Crown Zellerback and the Regional competition in Nanaimo, for the second consecutive year, took first place.

Our congratulations to these teams, and our best wishes to Mastodooon Highland Bell as they continue on to National Mine Rescue Finals in Saskatoon on June 17th.

SWIMMINIG POOL SERVICE

Swimming has been made available to the ladies of Britannia from 12:30 to 1:30 Monday through Friday.

Mrs Tourigny, who had volunteered her services for the month of June, has now reluctantly advised us that she will be unable to complete her term as paddling pool supervisor.

Competitive Swimming

Tony Rader and Ted Hopkins advise that those interested in competitive swimming should contact them as soon as possible to make arrangements for inter-pool meets throughout the summer. The hours of training are going to get underway at 7:00am. Some of the Britannia students attending High School are now training for upcoming competitions at Squamish next week.

The Personnel office has distributed a list of the levels of swimming instruction that will be available under both the Royal Life Saving and the Red Cross programs. It is important that we receive an application from the youngsters and adults who would like to become involved as soon as possible.

An associated summer recreation program is planned for the months of July and August, which will be included in the next issue of the Newsletter.

PERSONALS

Many thanks again to my friends for the flowers, get well cards and gifts they sent me during my last lengthy stay in hospital. Thanks to Gloria Begin and Rose Holowachuk for helping the guys at home. It's great to be home again.

Catherine Harvey

Peter, Jasmine and I would like to thank all those who so generously donated their hard earned money to assist us in this difficult time. The efforts of all those who organized the collection of the donations is most appreciated. The Company's concern, shown by matching the amount collected from the men, means a lot to us.
Ingrid Piehler

Mr and Mrs Andy Proudfoot of Elsa, Yukon, were at the Coast for the convocation exercises for the conferring of degrees at University of Victoria on May 31st, at which their daughter, Linda Ann, graduated with a Bachelor of Education Degree. While in the vicinity they visited old friends at Britannia and their son, George, and his family, at Squamish.
Mrs A Graney

Missed the old-timers this year at the Copper Queen celebrations. Hope to see a lot of them with us for Miner's Day.

Mr Andre Chainey from Kapuskasing, Ontario, is enjoying an extended visit with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Lucien Lanteigne.

NOTICES

We are looking for old style miner's hats and caps for use in the Miner's Day program. If you have a miner's canvas cap, or leather hat, or any other old style miner's equipment, and are prepared to lend it to us, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. W B Montgomery

The nameplates on the trophy won at Britannia Mine Safety Association competitions, have now been received. If winners have not already done so, please bring your trophy to the Personnel office, and your nameplate will be attached to it.

MOUNT SHEER ROAD

As a clarification on our earlier item on the use of the Mt Sheer road. The Company is concerned that all residents, employees and other citizens of BC should be able to enjoy the beauty of this part of their province whenever practical.

Unfortunately vandalism of a few makes it necessary to exercise control over those who enter, however, permission will be granted to responsible tourists who make application to the Personnel office.

Local residents and other employees can obtain access through the Mt Sheer Gate at 4100 Level at any time and should contact their supervisor or the duty officer for a key.

All the above is dependent on the level of fire hazard. From time to time the gate will be closed without notice. A sign will be attached indicating the fire hazard is at a dangerous level, and no one will be permitted access except in the course of their duties.

The Powerhouse and switchboard will be informed of the gate closure.

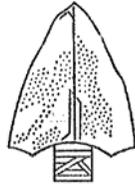
COMING EVENTS

July 1 Dominion Day

July 5 Miner's Day

July 13 Boat Club meeting

BRITANNIA BEACH



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FOURTH ANNUAL MINER'S DAY

Service Awards

35 years

G A Arnie Bennett

20 years

C J Clint Nicholson

A Knudsen

Walter Presunka

Jack Evans

Walter Freeman

15 years

Dave Mullen

Walter James

Jim McDonald

Don Lindley

Paul Sametz

10 years

Bill MeInechesko

Art Buckmaster

Joe Berwing

Carl Blanes

John Price

Ernie Adams

Frank Mihalac

Reno Marty

Sulo Makela

Bill McCall

Del Porter

Maurice Cote

Harry Selander

Walter Hansen

Ingolf Eliassen

Pat Holowachuk

Agostino LoGiacco

Mel Erdman

Alf Erdman

PTA

Annual Report of Britannia PTA 1069-1969

Membership drive was again a success, resulting in an increased membership to well over seventy.

The Walt Disney films shown to the children on Saturday afternoon were very popular. Nine full-length movies were shown and the cost approximately balanced out against takings.

Raincoats were provided for the school traffic patrol boys.

Four members offered the use of their kitchens and supervised the thirteen Grade 7 students in producing some first class baking for this tea.

The Halloween Fund Raising Dance realized a profit of \$183.12.

The President, Mrs Hansen, presented a reproduction of an Emily Carr painting to the school on March 6th. This was a BC Parent Teacher Federation Centennial project for schools in BC.

It was decided that owing to the considerable increase in Association dues payable to the BC Parent Teachers Federation, Britannia should become a self-supporting unit and not in future connected with the BC Parent Teacher Federation. Following a majority vote a letter to this effect was written on March 24th.

Following the decision by Mr Cope to discontinue the Awards system, it was agreed that reference books for each classroom should be purchased for the school.

A panel of guest speakers discussed "Teenager today and yesterday" at the November meeting. This program proved to be of great interest to teenagers as well as adults, and over 100 people attended.

At the March meeting a representative of the Alcohol Research Centre gave a talk and films on the effects of marijuana and other drugs on the mind and body.

It was decided that the most beneficial use of which PTA funds could be put was to hand over the remaining funds in the PTA account (\$250.) to the principle of the school. This sum was to provide money to purchase books and provide field trips for school children.

Doris Hansen

Past President

RECENTLY NATURALIZED CANADIANS

The Company is proud of the fact that certain of its employees, not native born Canadians, have adopted Canada as their home, and have become naturalized Canadians. We welcome them to the ranks of Citizens of Canada, and wish them the best of everything in this, their voluntarily adopted country.

EERO KYLLONEN was born in Finland. Prior to coming to Canada as a young man in 1963, he attended a mining school. Since arriving in this country, he has worked at logging, farming and mining. He has been employed at Britannia for two years and is currently working as a miner.

Eerro married his wife, Helmi, after coming to Canada. They have a son, Eric, and daughter, Norma. They reside in Burnaby.

JULIUS SWECERA came to Canada from Hungary in 1957, where he had been in the locksmith trade for ten years. Since arriving in this country he worked in the construction industries until starting at Britannia two years ago, where he is now employed as a trackman. Julius and his wife, Roza, reside in Vancouver. They have two sons and two daughters. The oldest son, George, is married and has two children. Daughters Eva and Katy were born in Hungary, but Julius, Junior, was born in Canada, so there are now two Canadian citizens in the family.

STEVE TOMSICS was born in Hungary, where he worked in the mines. During the revolution in 1956, he escaped at night to Austria. He travelled from Austria to England, and after three months in England, where he learned to speak English, he immigrated to Canada in the spring of 1957. He worked at odd jobs and logging prior to coming to Britannia in October, 1965, and he is now employed as a Longhole Loader. Steve and his wife, Martha, with daughters Theresa and Susan reside in house 102.

LAIMONIS VIRS was born in Latvia. He came to Canada in 1957, and has been employed in mines at Virginia town, Elliott Lake and Britannia. He came to Britannia in 1962 as an employee of Canadian Rock, and has worked as a Long hole Driller since that time. Laimonis and his wife, Helena, have four sons and one daughter. Eric, Allan, Richard, Rita and Tommy. Until recently they lived in Squamish but now reside at Horseshoe Bay.

TRIBUTE TO ARCHIE AND MARY SMITH

A very heart warming and sincere tribute was extended to Mr and Mrs Archie Smith and family at a Community Church luncheon following the Sunday service on June 22nd, when a large congregation gathered for the final service before the summer recess.

During the service Rev Boulger inducted Marina and Terry Sveinson, daughter and son of Mr and Mrs M G Sveinson, into the membership of the Community Church. Mrs Lillian Boulger and Mr and Mrs Jack DeKroon transferred membership to the Community Church. Mr Archie Smith extended the hand of friendship to each of them as his closing act of service for the Board.

Members of the children's choir sang two hymns and Mr Bill Whiteside sang a solo.

June Higham presented a gift of appreciation from the Church Board and congregation to Mrs Astrid Karwatski for her two years of service as Church organist.

Just prior to delivery of his sermon Rev Boulger called Mrs Mary Smith to the front of the Church to stand beside her husband and thanked them for their long and faithful service to the Church and the Community, commenting that no gift could begin to repay them, but hoped that the one chosen would convey the grateful thanks of the Church and its members. Mr Wolf Bechert presented them with a framed Scroll of Dedication, honouring them for their many years of service to the old Townsite and the Beach Communities.

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Butler on the birth of their second son, Sean Alexander, who was born in Squamish Hospital on June 3rd weighing 8lbs 6 ½ ounces, a brother for Wayne.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Dale Blanes on the birth of their son, Dale Andrew who was born in Langley Memorial Hospital.

Congratulations to Brian and Jeanette Pullen on the birth of their son, Christopher James, who was born in Squamish Hospital June 17th weighing 8 pounds.

Mr & Mrs A Hopper have moved from Minaty Bay and are now residing at Fauquier, BC. Mr Hopper worked on the Woodfibre Ferry and was transferred to his present job as Mate for the Government Ferries. Their daughter Dianne, who recently graduated in nursing has enrolled in the Canadian Navy and is stationed in Esquimalt on Vancouver Island.

Mr & Mrs Ed Johnson, cousin of Captain Roy Johnson, will be moving into the house vacated by the Hopper family. Mr Johnson is also employed on the Woodfibre Ferry.

Recent visitors to the home of Mr & Mrs Hugh Chisholm of Minaty Bay were Mr & Mrs Thompson and their son Barry. Old timers will remember them as long time residents of Mt Sheer and Gordon for his association and work in the Community Church. Their son Barry is now a Physical Education teacher in New Brunswick and is currently in BC attending a convention in Victoria.

Mr & Mrs Joe Jarvis of Bellingham, Washington were visitors at the home of Captain and Mrs Roby Johnson of Minaty Bay.

Mrs Kay Harvey, who is still convalescing from her recent operations, is happy to have her sister Mrs Gertrude Kwekenboon, of Hamilton, Ontario, staying with her. She will be staying through July and is enjoying the ladies swimming hour.

Mr & Mrs Clint Nicholson wish to thank all their friends and fellow workman for their cards and visits and acts of kindness to him during his illness and sojourn in the Squamish Hospital.

Mrs M Fowler, 3rd and 4th grade teacher, flew to Calgary over the weekend of June 21st, where she and her husband attended the 21st wedding anniversary of her brother and sister-in-law and enjoyed a reunion with many of their relatives from various parts of Canada and the United States.

Mrs Ingrid Piehler, Peter and Jasmine are looking forward to a seven week visit with Ingrid's mother and brother, Mrs Anna Klaus and Freddy from Berlin, Germany, whom she hasn't seen since he was ten weeks old when she left Germany sixteen years ago.



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ANACONDA

Most of us associate Anaconda with copper, and rightly so, because it ranks with the world's mightiest producers and is Number 1 on earth in fabrication of copper and copper alloy mill products.

Most of us also know that Anaconda has made its mark in iron and aluminium production and sales, too. For example, Anaconda Aluminium household foil in the U.S. enjoys comparable sales with Alcoa and Reynolds Wrap.

BUT WERE YOU AWARE THAT ANACONDA PRODUCES:

Lead – for batteries, shielding nuclear plants, cable sheathing and solder.

Silver – for numerous uses in photography, industry, electricity, tableware and jewellery

Indium – for transistors, electronic devices and tele-communications.

Zinc – to protect steel from rust and for die-castings essential for everything from boat fittings to refrigerators.

Cadmium – for rust proofing hinges, locks, etc, - an important by-product of our zinc operations.

Tellurium – Helps make steel and copper easier to machine. Toughens rubber for cable insulations. A valuable by-product of copper refining (which in the case of Britannia concentrate occurs at American Refining & Smelting in Tacoma, Washington).

Selenium – for colouring glass and ceramics; steel alloying.

Molybdenum – for alloying in stainless tool steels and jet engine super-alloys.

Then there are Anaconda's uranium reserves (one of the largest in the U.S.) along with beryllium and iron ore deposits; plus other metals like platinum, bismuth and palladium, a strange word to most of us; plus timber and its by-products.

No wonder Anaconda is one of the great natural resources of the Americas, and it utilizes 35,000 employees to make it that way.

CENTENNIAL 71

The Community Club, at their regular monthly meeting last week, entertained a discussion on the role they might play, through an appropriate sub-committee, in recognition of BC's 100th year of Confederation.

The BC Centennial Committee in Victoria will make available about \$1. per resident for approval projects under somewhat the same guidelines as set out two years ago by the Federal Government.

The Executive shelved the proposal that Britannia residents do something until the next meeting, in order to allow sufficient time to be given to the feasibility and suitability of proposals put forward by interested citizens.

Some of the suggestions to date: a permanent Museum adjacent to the highway depicting the history of the mine and its people; new library facilities; and re-routing of the PGE Railway.

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CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

Ideas are still invited on a proposed 1971 project to commemorate BC's decision to join in efforts to help a struggling new nation become a land of opportunity.

Britannia Mines will shortly be celebrating its Diamond Jubilee- perhaps we will hear some ideas from our readers that will assist us in combining both memorable events in a long or short term project.

By the way limited copies of the "Story of Britannia" are still available – an ideal Christmas gift for those former residents who have everything. Contact Miss Joan Ehler, Secretary, Britannia Community Club.

COMPENSATION BOARD NEWS - FORMER PATIENT MEDAL WINNER

Michael Hepburn of Vancouver, an honours graduate in Broadcasting and Communications from BCIT, has won the BC Association of Broadcasters Silver Medallion and \$100.

Three years ago this man was a miner. Today he is a film editor at CHAN – TV in Burnaby.

His success story, however, is not an ordinary one. On June 30, 1966, Hepburn, then 28, was working underground at a mine on Vancouver Island. He was caught and badly crushed between a mine motor and an ore car.

The injury was so severe that he was unable to return to his job and was faced with the problem of finding a new occupation.

His interest in creative writing prompted him to appeal to the Worker's Compensation Board to sponsor him in a two-year course in Broadcasting and Communications at BCIT in Burnaby.

A recommendation to pay for tuition, books, and subsistence allowance for one year was approved, and WCB Vocational Rehabilitation Consultants also undertook to find him summer employment to assist him to pay for the remainder of the course.

The WCB policy of retraining disabled workmen proved to be beneficial for Hepburn and gratifying to the Board. Hepburn has now resumed employment again as a valuable and skilled worker.

NEW COMPENSATION LAW PROCLAIMED (for good Samaritans)

BC residents are now able to claim compensation for injuries received while assisting police officers in their duty as a result of the official proclamation May 8 of an Act passed during the last session of the Provincial Legislature.

The new law provides for compensation to persons suffering personal injury while attempting to assist the police, as well as for injuries incurred by persons witnessing a crime being committed and attempting to make a citizen's arrest.

Under the new legislation persons will receive the same compensation benefits they would receive if they were injured in the course of their employment and covered by WCB.

Employers in the province pay all compensation costs for work caused injuries, but in the case of the new law the WCB will bill the government just as if the Provincial Government employed the injured person.

The above articles form the WCB News Bulletin, June – July 1969

VINDICTOR CAR CLUB

Most of us associate the "Vindicators" with automobiles in various stages of dismantling and repair and this, of course, are their prime objective as a club.

However, as in the past, they have not confined their activities to education on the road and in the shop, but have become closely established with many Community projects.

One of the interesting feature of their “make-up” is that they often Volunteer their services, for instance in 1969; ball field fence, BBQ on Miner’s Day, and tables for the upper clubroom (which most of not have the opportunity to enjoy as minors), and most recently – all-purpose court.

Our “Hats Off” to these “Young Men of Action”.

FAREWELL TO NORMAN SETTLE

Norman Settle’s fellow workmen surprised him with a farewell retirement party at the end of his last shift in the mill at Britannia.

Mr Settle has worked at Britannia since the 1940’s with the exception of a few times when he was away. With his wife Sue and their three children, he resided a number of years at Minaty Bay and then in various houses at the Beach. He moved to Ashcroft where he worked for Bethlehem Copper before returning to Britannia three years ago.

Frank Bruce printed a number of signs pertaining to Norman, and Mr Kreuzer built a model ball mill, which was presented to him as a memento of the years he had spent repairing them.

He was also presented with a piece of polished ore from the mine, which had been drilled and made into a pen stand, complete with pen.

WELL KNOW SUPERVISOR LEAVES

Friends and associates gathered on July 19th, in the First Aid Conference Room to bid farewell to Don Lindley, Senior Mine Foreman, who has left Britannia after 15 years with the operation. Active in the Community over the years, Don will be greatly missed by all.

Fellow supervisors paid tribute to Don and presented him with an engraved, hand carved argillite totem pole as a token of esteem. Mr Lindley remarked that it was one of the few times in his lifetime that he was speechless.

Refreshments and lunch were served and the evening was spent pleasantly reminiscing Britannia’s past. One and all extended Best Wishes to Don and his family in the future endeavours.

Jim Elliott.

SWIMMING POOL SUMMER FIRST AID PROGRAM

Summer First Aid classes are progressing well, with 27 youngsters attending the sessions. On Tuesday the class will be held at the pool from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. This session is devoted to artificial respiration and water rescue and in order to effectively demonstrate the techniques we will use the swimming pool. Spectators are cordially invited to attend.

NEW RESIDENTS

Russ Moroz, with wife Mildred and sons Daniel and Allan moved their mobile home to the Beach trailer lot T103.

Les Atkinson and wife Bernardina also lie in a trailer, located on lot T5 of the Trailer Court.

Real Lalonde, with wife Georgette and daughters Giselle, Françoise and Jacqueline have recently moved to Britannia and reside in the mobile home T105.

Charles Boutilier together with wife Joan and children Leslie, Naomi and Kathryn moved their mobile home to the Trailer Court, trailer lot T4. John Sarna has moved into apartment 132-5, where he resides with his wife Evely and son Danny.

Don Collins, with wife Agnes and children Roy, Deborah, Lindy Lee and James are recent arrivals to Britannia and reside in # 176-1, Plaza Apartments.

Jim Brandke with wife Mary and children Cheryl, Mark, Nancy, James and Mary are the most recent arrivals at Britannia, and reside in house 203.

To all you new residents of Britannia, may we offer a sincere welcome on behalf of the Community, with the earnest hope that your stay here may be enjoyable and rewarding. This is a lively Community, with activities to suit almost any taste, and all age groups. Please feel free to participate in any of the many organizations.

PERSONALS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs David Mullen on the birth of their second child, a daughter, Laura Jane, born in the Squamish Hospital on July 17th, weighing 6 lbs. 5 ½ ozs. a sister for David James.

The Guys and Dolls club raffle was drawn for at a bingo game and the winner of the BBQ was Mrs J Burns of Brackendale. Mrs Marchauk of Britannia won the metal tackle box and L MacDonald of North Burnaby won the consolation prize.

Mr George Crane and his daughter Cheryl are enjoying a visit with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Tony Crane and family. Mr Crane and Cheryl are

here from Africa on an extended visit. Happy to see that Mrs. Bev Richards is home again after undergoing surgery in the General Hospital.

Mr and Mrs Jack Graney had the pleasure of a visit from Mr and Mrs P O'Neil of Oshawa, Ontario, and their daughter and her friend Mr Reader. Mr Graney knew and worked for Mr O'Neil's father years ago and hadn't seen their friends for over 12 years. The Graney family are also happy to have their son Bruce home again for a visit. Bruce has been at Tasu for the past year and a half and he will be enrolling at Queens College in Kingston to further his studies in mining engineering. Mr and Mrs Jack Elmer and their two sons from Vancouver will be staying at the Graney home; Mrs Elmer is Mrs Graney's sister.

Mr and Mrs Gus Manson of Willow Point, Campbell River, who have been vacationing at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Elof Manson of Squamish, spent a pleasant day recently with their friends Mr and Mrs A Fors at Minaty Bay.

Mr and Mrs F G Baxter enjoyed visits from Mrs E Payton of Hawaii along with Mrs Baxter's sister, Mrs E Collins, and stepson Michael Innes of Vancouver and her nieces and nephews Mr and Mrs H Bushman and their three children from Coquitlam, and another niece Mrs Marion Bigsby. Their son Dave and his wife Leila were also visiting.

Mr and Mrs Bruce Husted and family have returned from a week's vacation on the Prairies. Mr and Mrs U Buthge and family were away on a short vacation and Mrs Buthge's sister and family stayed in their home during their absence.

Visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Bill Gillis and Mr and Mrs Ernie Malm were Mrs Gillis daughter and her husband Mr and Mrs W E Stark and daughter Heather from Hope, and also Mr and Mrs Mel Buckmaster and son Riley from North Vancouver.

Mrs Norman Settle was the delighted recipient of a pair of slim tapering Blue Mountain pottery geese, the gift of friends and neighbours on the eve of their departure for Aldergrove. She and Norman will be living in their mobile home beside her daughter Marion and her husband and family.

COMING EVENTS

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| August 2 | Loggers Sports Day, Squamish |
| August 7 | Swim Meet, Kelowna |



VOLUME 3**NUMBER 17****AUGUST 27, 1969****CARL SHELTRUD MINE RESCUE**

A young girl, impatient with the BC Airlines flight from Vancouver to Castlegar, pushed hard with her feet against the seat in front of her. Carl Sherlrud stirred from his light sleep and noted that the aircraft was beginning to descent into Castlegar. This was the beginning of the memorable day – not only for himself but also for many others. August 18th would go down in records as the date of recognition for the courageous efforts of many men to save the life of another four months earlier.

The highlight of the day, as most of us now are aware, was the presentation of 11 awards, ranging from the parchment level, through the bronze, silver, and the first presentation of the Workmen's Compensation Board's "Gold Award" to Carl Shelrud.

The dinner got underway with a reception at 6:00pm at the Terra Nova banquet room in Trail, with 50 selected guests and the head table of 11 distinguished speakers.

The Honourable Wesley Black, Minister of Highways and Provincial Secretary, handled the introductions remarks and referred to his familiarity with mining people and mining companies, through his 7 ½ years association with Britannia Mines. He mentioned the perils of working in the bowels of the earth and the tragedies that have been averted through bravery, and closed with what he considered a small thing but nothing more appropriate than simply "Thanks".

Mr Donald Brothers, MLA for the area, representing the Honourable Frank Richter, Minister of Mines at the time of the incident, commented on the appropriateness of the occasion and the presentations to be made, and expressed a wish that the sort of thing that prompted the awards did not recur.

Mr Sol Rothman, President of BC Mining Association, mentioned that mines have always tended to look after each other because of their isolation, and that this public recognition was a new departure and brought a new dimension to mining, but with the continuing emphasis on safety, those awards would not be numerous.

Chief Inspector of Mines, Mr Bill Peck, then described the series of incidents, which led to the rescue of Gilbert Mosses (a summary appears at the end of this news item). Mr Peck mentioned that his department has always been proud of the men of the mining industry. Some people say miners tend to be slow on the draw, but on occasion we see trained men come to the fore in the time of need. Mr Peck went on to say that the theme of the Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources is to never jeopardise the mine rescue team. A job must be done without anyone receiving personal injury. It is one thing to be involved in a rescue operation where you do not recognize the hazard – it is another thing to be aware as an experienced men rescue man and still continue to function.

Cyril White, Chairman of Workmen's Compensation Board, then presented the awards, commenting on how pleased he was to be Chairman on such a momentous occasion.

Mr Shelrud, who joined Anaconda Britannia Mines last month as a Shiftboss, expressed surprise at the award and summarized it very simply and modestly by suggesting that it was just part of the job.

On August 19th, the men involved in the rescue re-enacted the scene in the Jersey Mine, 15 miles from Salmo. The impact of the constant 40 degree temperature, the dampness, the pouring water from the unloading chute, plus the darkness which was partially offset by raise lamps, must have added greatly to the feelings of futility during the 11-hour rescue operation. During the period of enactment, the writer found the chill and dank environment to be an unsettling experience. This situation was a true test of man's endurance and courage.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS APRIL 18,1969

The dramatic rescue operation began about 2:15pm April 18, when truck driver Jim Wiewor found the ore-pass he had been hauling from in the underground operation empty, and decided to check number 65 to see if it had been cleared.

He positioned his unit under the unloading chute and prepared to operate the controls that would allow the tons of ore to pour into his huge Euclik dump truck to be hauled from the tunnel for processing.

For some reason, unknown even to himself, Wiewor called out to see if the area was clear, an unusual thing to do, as normally the truck driver is the only one in the area of the chute.

Much to his surprise, he heard a voice from behind the closed gates of the chute. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he ran to the nearest mine phone and called for help. A rescue team of Mosses fellow workmen was quickly assembled to begin the long, dangerous job of freeing him.

It was impossible to determine the exact location of the victim because he was behind the timbers and gate holding back the tons of rock. To open them would have dislodged the entire load of ore, which would surely have crushed him.

On inspection, the shaft proved to be completely full of broken ore, which would be impossible to remove from the top, so the rescue team had to face the highly dangerous task of approaching the trapped man from the bottom of the chute without disturbing the precarious position of the rocks under which he was buried.

It was decided to use an air-powered chain saw to cut through the upper restraining timbers of the chute bulkhead and gingerly work toward the trapped man.

An opening about two feet square was provided and after removing several of the large rocks at the bulkhead, Mine Manager Edward Lawrence and Shiftboss Carl Shelrud were able to carefully crawl into the area where Mosses was trapped to evaluate his condition and determine what would be required to prepare him for the long ordeal that was to follow.

A plan was evolved whereby it was decided to try and place timbers to prevent the ore in the upper 70-foot section from coming down, and then carefully draw the remaining 22-foot portion of the broken rock past the trapped man.

This plan worked well for a time and about 25 tons of ore had been removed when suddenly the timbers over the junction area collapsed from the weight of the rocks above.

By this time, Mosses had been trapped approximately seven hours.

The only alternative now was to attempt to place timbers against the “hung up” rocks in the lower portion of the ore-pass and carefully remove the material trapping Mosses.

The shoring was completed and removal of the rock began about 9:30pm. Progress went well for the first half hour and by 10:00pm the trapped man was free down to his knees. However, the rescuers were now faced with a large boulder under his knees, which had to be carefully broken so as not to disturb the “hang up” rocks supported by the timbers.

To accomplish this, the rescue team had to take turns lying on their stomachs in the crawl space and carefully use a hammer and steel to chip the unseen rocks, all the time facing the threat of rock fall, which would have surely meant serious injury or death.

By 11:30pm several more large rocks were discovered closely packed around the trapped man’s ankles.

This problem seemed almost insurmountable because of the distance the rescuers had to reach under the man to work.

The continual pounding had loosened the supporting timbers and these also had to be reset.

At this point, it appeared that amputation of Mosses legs might be the only way to free him, but the rescuers persisted and at about 12:50am. Shiftboss Shelrud reported he was able to free one of Mosses ankles. By 1:00am the second ankle was freed and the man was carefully lowered down the chute into a stretcher, and by 1:15am he was on his way by ambulance to the Kootenay Lake General Hospital at Nelson.

At the hospital, Mosses was found to be suffering from shock and bruises in addition to several fractured ribs, a miracle considering that after attempting to dislodge the hang up in the upper 72 feet the ore shifted, taking him down the remaining 22 feet of the ore-pass.

He is now recovering and hopes to return to work in early September.

RECIPIENTS OF THE WBC AWARDS

At a presentation dinner in Trail the following men received WCB awards:

Bronze awards

E Gladu
A Grotkowski
Dr Ian Stewart
Dale Burgess
Brian Martin
Wayne Ritter
G Bingham
J Voykin

Gold award

Carl Shelrud (shiftboss)

Silver awards

A Burgess (shiftboss)
E Lawrence (manager)

L Heroux (First Aid Attendant, Parchment)

In addition to medals and plaques listing their deeds, the value of the awards was \$500. for Parchment, \$750. for Bronze, \$1,000. for Silver and \$2,000 for Gold.

Most of the men were from Mr Shelrud's crew.

BLACKTOP

The printing of this Newsletter sees the finishing touches being put to the paving of the school grounds and the all purpose court.

The children can now look forward to a mud and gravel free play area, along with the new all purpose court designed for a number of community requirements

Fencing will be next, and those wishing to lend a hand are requested to contact Mr Greenlee or Mr Lovlin.

As a note, Archie Smith, Bill Strelaeff and other volunteers help combined skills to come up with the straight retaining wall, which will be the eastern perimeter of the court.

MINE RESCUE

As a follow-up to the Provincial Mine Rescue Competition in Vancouver in June, we were pleased to not that BC's representative to the national competition, Mastodon Highland Bell Mines Ltd. of Beaverdell, came in a close second behind Cape Briton Development Corporation, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

We understand that the competition was keen, and Jim Brandle Mine Foreman, formerly of Saskatoon, who observed the competitions, thought the calibre of teams was very good.

Well done, Highland Bell!

PNE PARADE 69

It all started at 5am August 16th. Plan of attack – move the float to stall number 47, Georgia Street, under escort from its overnight site in North Vancouver. Move the jumbo from its overnight storage near Woodward's Marina. Monty to look after project #1, Bill and Bill to look after project #2. By 5:30am Mr Braiden and Mr Strelaeff were in position – no problem. Monty, the escort service and dispatcher, were still looking for the driver of the float – by 6:00am the second driver was on his way. Time is light – judging starts at 7:00am everything must be ready and everyone in place. Mr Montgomery arrives at 6:40; the float should be there for 20 minutes.

Tension builds as the float moves into position. Last minute repairs and final decorations are now in full swing. Frank Bruce co-ordinates well and the float are ready by 7:30am. Jack Dickinson is having trouble chain-smoking cigarettes through his beard; he has misplaced his cigarette holder. Sylvia Makela, Cheryl and Nancy Brandle continue to send out scout parties in search of the judges.

Dick Kreuzer, still with his shirt on, spots the judges – everyone in place False alarm! Anyone with a pencil ad clipboard gets close scrutiny from Joe Van der Ham, Duro Tutush and Bruno Lowinger. They confer- then reject. Dan Brede give Bill Braiden a hand with the compressor. It roars and all the participants other floats are startled by this noise from the sleeping giant. Jerry Freiberger and Nick Velenosi smile to themselves – little do the spectators know!

Then the judges are gone, some thought a little fast, there was lots of unused noise left....Shut it all down and grab another coffee.

Nellie arrives and is an immediate heart stopper. The crew reaches out and gingerly touch – the girls are fascinated by the charm and composure this lady demonstrates despite all the attention. People stop and talk awhile – Nellie shrugs and the limelight like flies. Jack's donkey has made its appearance fully equipped for a season of prospecting – 1888 style.

Now it's the excitement and fun of the 2-hour parade – and no one was disappointed.

The frosting on the cake – Third Place, Commercial Division, plus an invitation to return next year.
F A Hewett

BEST OF THE GARDEN CONTEST

This year's judging of residential property has been completed, according to the President of the Community club and Chairman of the gardening committee, Tom Pullen. Other members of the committee who spent 3 mornings evaluating the state of each yard were:

Mrs J Booth
Mrs G Higham
Mrs E McLain

The 4th morning was spent on tiebreakers.

Tom advises the procedure is as follows; each of the following categories has a maximum value of 10 points:

Fence
Lawn
Old Garden

New Garden
Weeds (lack of)
Vegetables
Over-all appearance (patio, paths, trellises, etc).

The awards for the following will be presented at the pub night on September 13th.

TRAILERS

| | |
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| Mr & Mrs Bud Smith (first) | 27 points |
| Mr & Mrs Don Kerr (second) | 26 points |
| Mr & Mrs Jim Vinnell (third) | 21 points |

GARDENS

MINATY BAY AND TRAIL

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Mr & Mrs Ernie Malm (best old) | 62 points |
| Mr & Mrs Red Verdesio (most picturesque) | 50 points |
| Mr & Mrs A LoGiaccio (most improved) | 50 points |

BEACH AREA

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|--|-----------|
| Mr & Mrs Walter Hansen (best old) | 44 points |
| Mr & Mrs Bill McCall (most improved) | 49 points |
| Mr & Mrs Marcel Begin (most picturesque) | 40 points |

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Capt & Mrs Johnson
Mr & Mrs Lewis Ferguson
Mr & Mrs Al McNair
Miss Ruth Broderick
Mr & Mrs Norm Hilborn
Mr & Mrs Bruce Husted
Mr & Mrs Del Porter
Mr & Mrs Paul Hoodikoff
Mr & Mrs Bill Gillis
Mr & Mrs 'Arne Fors
Mr & Mrs Phil Emery
Mr & Mrs Clint Nicholson
Mr & Mrs Wally Andrzejczuk
Mr & Mrs Gerald Freiberger
Mr & Mrs Tony Marzocco
Mr & Mrs J B MacDonald

Our congratulations to those mentioned above, good luck (based on hard work) to those other residents next year, and the Community's thanks to the 69 Garden Committee.

Gardens help make the transition of house into a home, and town into a community.

D A McClellan LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mrs Baxter:

Maybe I made a mistake in addressing this as Britannia Beach, it may be Anaconda, but it is force of habit extending over 50 years.

I promised to send you some snaps that a few might recognize and it may show the people of today that there was quite a village at Mt Sheer (townsite to us). We had some 100 houses and 2 big hotels to up-grade our bunkhouses at the townsite, and one each at Barbara Camp at 500-foot level, Empress at 1200-foot level, I think, and the Victoria Camp at 1600-foot level.

I well remember arriving at Victoria Camp on April 9, 1923. Later I moved to the staff house 55 at the townsite where I was on staff until I went on contract work on 2200 tunnel from the No. 1 shaft to Victoria Mine. That took us 13 months to run to join our opposite shift form Victoria end.

There were approximately 1500 men billeted and we were separated by that three-mile distance and the incline skip. There was quite a community at Mt Sheer then, including a Community Hall, Theatre, Store and Post Office, swimming pool and tennis court, hospital, elementary school and two churches. They tell me these are no more. I would like to have visited this area but have been told all have been destroyed excepting the powerhouse and, I presume, some shops.

We operated quite a railway underground and down to the incline, where I was when I left. We were proud of our camp and sat down in a 400-person dining room. The food was good, but as usual there were complaints, but all in all we were lucky for charges of \$1.15 a day for board and lodging, but you carried your own blankets. We worked 7 days a week and 8 hours a day, with some overtime, wages basic of \$4.25 per day for muckers and kindred employees and miners \$5.25 for 8 hours, bank to bank, with a few deductions for club etc. One was lucky working 30 – 31 days (without income tax) to have a take home pay of \$90. to \$100. per month. How would our people of today like that?

The community was developing sports-wise in the middle of 20's and the townsite always had a fair baseball team, with the veteran Charley Hinsen as umpire.

For transportation we had the Union boat to the Beach, the incline skip, then the 2 or 3 flatcars to the townsite.

I have now been receiving your Newsletter for some time but fail to see many names that hint of the old gang. Of course I must remember that it is 40 years ago since I left. They were memorable days, as you will see by the enclosed pictures that may not mean much to the present day population but will give you an idea of the past. I have to hint to you what hiring out was in 1923, when I went up with 60 to 75 others and 2 of us were hired – the other guy lasted one day. My story must be getting tiresome to you, stranger, so I must say after leaving Britannia in 1929 I purchased 140 acres of land here and settled down to the usual hard times of the 30's. My wife and I have 3 sons and 3 daughters (the last one was married this week). We have now sold our farm to our son. Our oldest daughter taught at the Beach school in 1952. We travel through the Beach often now as my son is expanding up to Pemberton, so I will be dropping by some time.

So much for now, I'll be seeing you all for a few years yet, I hope. Must tell you where I live so if anyone should call – it is 6 miles east of Fort Langley or 7 miles north of Aldergrove at 27625 – 84th Avenue, and anyone is welcome.

D a McLellan
R R #6 Langley

If we should get a museum at Britannia I think Mr McClellan's pictures will be of added interest.

PERSONALS

Mr & Mrs Larry Marion are happy to have had Mrs Marion's sister Jacqueline and her husband Marcel with their tow children, Claudette and Linda, here from Montreal. Mrs Germaine and the children arrived on July 29th and Mr Germaine came on August 9th. This has been their first trip to the west coast and they were enthralled with out magnificent scenery. Their trip coincided with Larry and Lillian's vacation so they have been able to take them to many places of interest.

Mr Marcel Begin took the men out fishing in the big Derby where they fished for two consecutive 12-hour stretches and caught nothing but few stiff joints. their reaction to Stanley Park and Skana and whale were "beautiful". "Tremendous" described a trip to Vancouver Island's Long Beach, with a sight-seeing tour up the east side of the Island of Comox, a ferry trip over to Powell River, with a leisurely tour down the Sunshine Coast before returning to Britannia was a finale to their visit before leaving for home on August 24th – being truly impressed with BC.

Mrs Germaine is also a sister of Mrs Dave Mullen, and visited them in their mobile home at Minaty Bay.

While three men were fishing, they rode into the little cove just below Minaty Bay and were surprised to see what looked like Indian drawings on the sheer rock wall. (I remember seeing them there when we used to fish in the cove). Mr Marion was interested to know if they are authentic and is curious enough to make enquiries about them.

Sorry to hear that Mrs Rose Colica is in Lions Gate Hospital.

Mr & Mrs Mathew Kenny and children, Marry Delia and Tommy, for San Francisco are visiting Mrs Kenny's brother, Mr Bill Whiteside, and his family at Minaty Bay.

Miss Elsa Eliassen who is at present visiting with her parents will be taking a position as teacher of the grade 3 and 4 pupils in Blue River, BC at the beginning of September. Her brother, Roy, is also at home for a visit before taking a position at Tahsis on Vancouver Island.

Congratulations to Sue and Norman Settle on the birth of their latest grandson born to their daughter Marian (Mrs Tony Ebanal) of Aldergrove, BC.

Robbie and Jamie Chisholm of Bella Coola who were at Naramata with their parents for their vacation at the same time the Boulgers were there, came back to Minaty Bay for a few days stay with Mark and Sean before returning home.

Mr & Mrs Pete Boys have recently returned from an enjoyable vacation. They flew back East and picked up a beautiful new garnet red Chevelle in Oshawa, then spend 3 days with their son Bobbie, visiting with relatives, then after returning Bob to his base they drove to New York State and from there made a leisurely trip back home.

Welcome guests at the Powell home this week were one-time residents of Britannia, Mr & Mrs Perry West, their youngest daughter Linn and her friend Mira Ardans from Elko, Nevada.

As some will remember, Perry was Senior Mine Geologist at Britannia during 1963 and 1964. The West family remembered for the active part they took in the community and were very impressed with the changes that have taken place here since they left.

Although Willy and Perry managed to contact most of their friends, to those they missed they would like to say "Hi". They report that their eldest daughter Angie departs to University of Nevada next week and son Maurice has just returned from Gymnastic Camp in California.

The Powell family were surprised at dinnertime one evening by a knock at the door and lo and behold! found strangers asking for accommodations. Having already has 6 guests in the house; they were rather surprised at being selected for his request. But the couple at the door insisted and referred to the sign in the window. On

investigation it was found that the Lions Gate dry cleaners card had inadvertently been left in the window – and what else would a large “LG” mean of two new Canadians but lodging????

WELCOME

Welcome to Jim Brandle, wife Nancy and five children, who have moved into the former Cal Erne residence; Mine Shiftboss Carl Shelrud, Evelyn’s and 5 children from Salmo, now residing in Marty Sveinson’s former abode; Neville Foran’s wife Sylvia and family have just joined him from Sooke, residing in the Macrae residence next to the Denchuks.

The McEwans of Sudbury are new faces in the former Moore home. Mine Planning Engineer Tom starts work Tuesday.

The Sarnas and Lalonds have been in camp part of the summer and trust they have settled comfortably in their new residence.

Les Atkinson and wife are now re-locating in the Ramsay trailer, Minaty Bay. Mrs Ramsay and two girls have taken up residence in Moretto apartments while Bud is busy in the north.

Sorry to see the departure of the Allan Stembridge and Frank Salt families to Port Coquitlam; John Scott and family to Kitimat and Bill Ainscough and family to Port Coquitlam.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to Joan Ehler on her recent appointment to the Purchasing Department where we know she will be the “same girl Friday” to Len and crew as she has been to the main office staff. Sylvia Makela, receptionist-switchboard operator and daughter of Sulo, machine doctor on the Beach, will take over Joan’s desk. Marshall Tichauer re-located in the Warehouse earlier this summer.

Our apologies to the people inevitably missed in a summary of this sort – we’ll bring the readers up-to-date in the next issue.

PROVINCIAL VOTE

Mrs Betty McNair, Returning Officer for the August 27 elections, advises that the turnout was good in the Lower Clubroom as residents of the Beach cast their ballots for their favourites to champion the causes for the next few years.

NEW HOSPITAL GATE

The hospital entrance to the property will be closed at all times for the following reasons:

This is a bad intersection and the new raised grade of the highway makes it even more hazardous than it was before.

The traffic hazard to the children of the area will be reduced.

Inconvenience to the residents of Britannia will be small compared to the advantages mentioned above.

I would appreciate hearing any comments or suggestions that you may have.

B B Greenlee

BROWNIES AND GUIDES

It's nearing that time of the year again to start the Guide and Brownie program, a program of recreation and fun for girls from 7 to 15 years of age.

I know the girls will be ready and anxious to get started soon – but what about Guiders? Do we have anyone in the community interested in becoming a Blue or Brown Guider?

Our Brown Owl, Mrs Fortier, would appreciate some assistance. The Guides require a Captain before their program can get underway.

A training program will be held in Squamish shortly to help you get started. For more information please contact Mrs Wallenborn.

MOVIE MAKING AT BRITANNIA

A number of residents had the opportunity for little more insight into the production of films when CBC-TV crew visited Britannia August 21st.

The sequence which was filmed at the Britannia Creek vehicle crossing east of the ball field showed a speeding automobile failing to negotiate turn at the crossing, smashing through the guard rail, hitting the rock abutment on the south side of the creek and hopefully moving down the embankment to the creek.

Mr G Barry, Producer of the CBC series "Marauders" advised that the 4 cameras shooting the scene were geared down to permit a speeded-up final print. The crash scene was followed by a close up and dialogue of the driver and passenger.

The chase scene of which the local shooting was the finals will be introduced on one of the shows on CBC network about February 1070.

This is the second time that CBC has used our location for footage. Two years ago Furry Creek camp grounds was the site.

NOTICES

United Steelworkers of America Local 663
LABOUR DAY DANCE

Place – upper clubroom

Date – August 30th

Admission – open to all employees over 21, \$3. per couple

COMING EVENTS

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| August 30 | Union open dance |
| September 1 | Commencement of second and last year of current Union- Management Agreement |
| September 2 | School starts |
| September 13 | Pub Night – upper clubroom |



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PERSONALS

The Jim Rynn's and Jim Ainsley's have relocated their families in Vancouver – sorry to see them leave the property.

Jack Anderson is back from a pleasant two weeks vacation in the Sudbury – Windsor area.

Lucien Lanteeigne, miner in number eight will be relocating his family momentarily to Revel stoke where he has accepted employment with a new mining venture.

John and Lorraine Greenlee are new residents of the Royal Apartments.

Visitors to he property last week were Mr G V McLachland, his wife Anna and son John, form Chile Exploration Corporation, Chuquiemeta, Chile. Mr McLachlan knew Mr Glen Waterman, when Glen was working in Chile, and they had the opportunity to talk over old times. Accompanying Mr McLachlan was Mr Jim Bavester, ad relative living in Vancouver.

Pleased to note that the September 15th edition of the United Church Observer in a photo mintage of church activities around the world has included Reverend Michael Boulger plying his new trade underground.

OBITUARY

LELAND LIONEL HARRISON

Leland Lionel Harrison passed away on September 4th, 1969 in his 62nd year. A long time resident of Britannia Beach. Mr Harrison had been employed in Britannia Mines since July 1941. Affectionately known as “Lee” by his many friends, he had worked as a motorman on the 4100 level main halageway.

The eldest son of the late Judge and Mrs P Harrison of Nanaimo, BC he is survived by two brothers, Delsay of Union Bay, BC and D'Arcy of Nanaimo BC. Four

sisters, Mrs Claudia McIntyre in Ireland, Mrs. Muriel Shand of Peterborough, Ontario, Mrs Pauline Home, Union Bay BC and Mrs Olga Young, of North Vancouver.

The remains were transported to Nanaimo for the funeral service at the Westwood Chapel of Flowers at 3:00pm September 8th, 1969. Interment in the family plot in Nanaimo Cemetery.

J M "Jim Elliott.

BC MAN IN HEAD OFFICE

Archie J McDonnell will join the Anaconda organization on September 1 as assistant director – North America mining operations. His office will be located in the primary production department at 25 Broadway.

Mr McDonnell comes to Anaconda from Foote Mineral Company, where during thirteen years he has held various positions, including plant manager, general production manager, vice president – production, and vice president and general manager of the Company's ferro alloy division.

Mr McDonnell is a native of Trail, BC. Following graduation from the School of Mines at the University of Idaho, where he received bachelor degrees in mining and metallurgy in 1942, he held positions with Bra Lorne Gold Mines in BC. Cuuyini Goldfields Ltd. in British Guiana, and Bunker Hill and Sullivan in Idaho. Prior to joining Foote Mineral in 1956, he served as chief engineer and assistant plant manager of National Lead Company's operations at Tahawus, N.Y.

C E Shwab
Director North American Mining Operations.

AW OBSERVATION

Young Ian MacDonald who in the tradition of all newspaper boys, delivers the Sun faithfully on the Beach 6 days a week, has now added yet another point to his credit. Upon the recent completion of the Upper Level Kiddies Playground, he donated his trucks and tanks to the sand pile under the guise that he was too old to play with them any longer. A gesture, which cannot be overlooked in this era of apparent disinterest in one's fellow man. One sad note however, older boys whose parents have not been as concerned as Ian's Mother and Father in the development of their children's character, maliciously damaged some of the toys. We would like to think that at the Beach this element is in the minority. However, only parents sensitive to the role their offspring are to play in tomorrow's society will keep it that way.

F A Hewitt

WEDDING BUCKMASTER – GODIN

Reverend Michael Boulger conducted the intimate early fall ceremony which united Lena Godin, daughter of Mr and Mrs C Godin, residents of the Beach to Arthur Buckmaster, son of Mr and Mrs Buckmaster also of the Beach on September 6, 1969.

The bride wore a lilac suit at the ceremony and the reception for family and friends at the home of her parents.

Bridesmaid was Edna Radakovich, sister of the bride. Best man was brother of the groom, Manville Buckmaster. After the short honeymoon trip the couple will make their home in Lillooet, BC.

HELICOPTER

Not a strange sight around Britannia but noticeable by its regular takeoffs and landings in the Aggregate Pit is the Okanogan Flying Service unit.

Pilot Mike Swartz advises that the contract with BC Hydro for spraying five miles of line clearing through rough terrain is nearing completion. The Chemical dropped is intended to kill the new undergrowth adding another touch of automation to what used to be back breaking job.

PAVING

The large piece of equipment seen puffing in the centre of the gravel pit is sending out smoke signals of good news to employee commuters from Squamish and north.

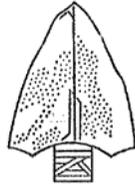
Paving has commenced on the seven-mile stretch north of Britannia Creek and by all appearances the base coat of blacktop should be completed shortly. The final continuous ribbon of hot mix will result in a fine 60 MPH speed zone that marks another milestone in our contact with the "outside world".

F A Hewitt

BRITANNIA CREEK BRIDGE

The presence of equipment around the lower vehicle bridge is the introduction of a major overhaul of the present one lane crossover to an enlarged conventional two-lane roadway.

Ralph Lovlin, Maintenance Superintendent advises that the renovated bridge will be three feet wider in a week.



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THE GREAT FLOOD

People predicted the rain – it happens every year at the same time, the same way – showers, heavy showers and maybe a downpour introduce the fall season.

The Premiere of fall 1969 has a different flair, which certainly attracted the attention of many who would have not normally noted the departure of summer.

Most people on the Beach made the sub conscious observation that rain was heavy between the hours of 6 and 9 on September 17th. Some statistics said 1.5 inches to 2 inches.

The Vancouver bound afternoon shift left in the usual manner after being relieved by the graveyard shift. Nothing was out of the ordinary when the men coming in for midnight made the drive form Vancouver. A lot happened, however after they passed Lions Bay at 11:15 and 1:00am when the afternoon shift arrived at Strachen Creek #2, two miles south of Lions Bay. The usually mild creek was a torrent; it had torn out the highway bridge, which in turn tore out the railway bridge.

Jack Anderson, General Superintendent and Ron Baverstock, Mine Superintendent got the message at 3:00am. Later that morning “Operation Shuttle” was in its first stages of development.

The crew that drove in for midnight shift were anxious to go home at 8:00am.

Clearance was received form Squamish RCMP to progress past the road closed signs to Lions Bay Marina where the cars were parked and water taxis moved the men to Horseshoe Bay where conventional cabs took them the last leg home.

Needless to say the demand for water transportation was overwhelming. The owners of the three taxi services in the Howe Sound area were desperately attempting to find water units to satisfy this windfall of business. Anaconda was

fortunate (partially through perseverance) to come up with the early transportation of the men.

Mr W Horrobin of the Chatterbox was one of eh many with early commitments that had to be satisfied. He was one of the lucky few that made it on time. A single engine Cessna landed at his front door and squeezed him into the last seat at 9:00am.

Challenge number one – getting the graveyard shift home was solved.

Challenge number two – how to get the next shifts on the job on schedule.

A number of alternatives were investigated. Negotiations were conducted on a 35 passenger Hovercraft – however, no agreement could be reached on the machines availability and our shift schedule.

Pacific Great Eastern lined up to provide an 11 passenger; two engine Otter for movement of men from Horseshoe Bay to the Beach.

Water taxis were tentatively booked with tow companies to move the men around the trouble spot.

Ron Baverstock and Jack Anderson in the meantime were checking out the damage to the bridge. By now (11:00am). Personnel were receiving conflicting reports on how long the road and railway would be out of use.

After assessing the damage, and receiving permission form the Department of Highways Regional Superintendent it was agreed that buses meeting on either bank of the washout was most practical. A quick meeting was reconfirmed with Squamish Coach Lines and by noon Thursday, “Operation Shuttle” took its final form.

Jim Elliott, Emile LeBlanc and Sylvia Makela started phoning advising 150 men of the temporary transportation arrangements. Permission for use of the parking lot at the PGE station for the remainder of Thursday was cleared and thereafter parking at the Park Royal Heliport was arranged through their management.

Squamish Coach Lines had only one bus on the side – we needed from one to three of the three on the other – day shift meant 100 men at once. Ralph Lovlin and Bill Braiden set up additional transportation for movement of men who traversed Strachen Creek on foot.

The final schedule after lengthy meeting with the Bus service was finally arrived at and vaguely reminded the writer of a multi-flight plan out of Vancouver International Airport. All systems were “go” by 1:30 and the first load left Vancouver on schedule at 2:15 Thursday. There were no “hang ups” to speak of

from that point on. The trip involved an additional fifteen minutes over the usual commute time.

Travel resumed a near normal schedule with the installation of a Bailey bridge, which opened at 11:30am Sunday.

An interesting exercise, to say the least.

F A Hewitt

OUTSTANDING SAFETY RECORD RECOGNIZED

September 19, 1969 started out as a normal shift for Hans Millahn, Shiftboss on the 4100 main line haulage way. However, before the day was many minutes old, it had been taken on a special significance for Hans. At the 4100 Mine Office, Manager BB Greenlee presented Hans with a letter of recognition for an outstanding Safety Record in compiling 8,783 shifts without a lost time accident. Mr Greenlee in congratulating Hans on his achievement emphasized that it was the result of his attitude and dedication to his job, and the constant concern for the safety of the men of his crew.

In recognition of this enviable record, which dates back to June of 1967, Mr and Mrs Millahn are being given a trip to Chicago to attend the National Safety Council Annual Convention from October 27th to October 31st. While in Chicago, they will stay at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Mr Millahn was born December 19, 1939, in Wranmunde, Germany, a small town on the German-Danish border, and took his early schooling in Denmark and Germany. He immigrated to Canada November 15, 1951, going to work first at O'Brian Gold Mine, at Malartic, Quebec until 1954. For the next two years, he worked for a construction firm in Edmonton, Alberta, leaving them in 1956 to return to the mining field at Tech Hughes Gold Mine, Kirkland Lake, and Ontario until 1963.

On November 4, 1963, Hans joined Britannia as a miner where he worked until April 1965, when he transferred to the main haulage way. In January 1967, he was promoted to Acting Shiftboss and has been a Supervisor on the main line since that time.

Mr & Mrs Millahn became naturalized Canadian citizens in 1958 and now resides at Britannia Beach with their 4-1/2 year old daughter Elka.

September 18, 1969
Mr Hans Millahn
Britannia Beach BC

Dear Hans:

In recognition of the enviable Safety Record you are establishing – 8,783 shifts worked underground by your crew without a Lost Time Accident over a 26 month period – the Company is most happy to give you and Mrs Millahn a trip to Chicago to attend the National Safety Annual Convention October 27th.

Your record is not happenstance – it is the result of your dedication to your job, and your constant concern for the safety of your men on your crew. You, your foreman John MacDonald, and each member of your crew are to be congratulated.

Reservations have been made for you and your wife to leave the Vancouver Airport on October 25th, returning the following Saturday, November 1st.

We hope you will enjoy every minute of your trip.

Yours sincerely BB Greenlee
Manager

WELCOME

A hearty welcome is extended to Ron Evans, Norman Poole and their families, who have recently taken up residence in Britannia. We trust their stay with us will be a long and happy one.

John D Kerr, his wife Margaret and sons Bruce and Douglas have just arrived on the property and will be moving into the house vacated by Jim Ainsley. Mr Kerr has taken up the appointment of Comptroller of the Company. A warm welcome is extended to the Kerr family.

FLOOR HOCKEY

We are informed that floor hockey practices will take place in the School Gym every Monday and Thursday evenings. All those who are interested should meet at the gym on Monday September 29 at 6:00pm for the first practice.

BINGO NIGHT

The public is advised that the upper clubroom will not be available for bingo on October 22nd. Instead, the usual weekly session will be held on October 21 at the usual time.

BROWNIES AND GUIDES

The 1st Britannia Brownie Pack will meet on October 1st after school, under the leadership of Mrs A Fortier, Brown Owl.

Girls between the ages of 7 and 9 are welcome; membership is \$1.40 payable in advance.

Guides will meet as soon as volunteer leaders are obtained.

AMBULANCE

As a follow-up on the proposed purchase of an ambulance for the operation. The First Aid teams got a look at a second unit, this time a highway machine for comparison to the St John Association unit. This unit is a long wheelbase, custom built, fully equipped machine capable of handling two patients.

J M Jim Elliott

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The summer of 1969 has a lot of fine memories for a lot of the Britannia children, thanks to the efforts of the five young people.

Aneka Van der Ham, who was involved with the aiding pool the previous two summers, spent this year supervising and instructing the children in various levels of Red Cross classes. Her formal training at Richmond last winter assisted in giving the children the necessary assurance to progress through the classes on schedule.

Pat Baverstock also attended classes last year with Aneka and earned her Red Cross Leaders certificate.

In addition to assisting with class instruction Pat co-ordinated the activities of the wading pool. Her cheerful approach to both jobs made her popular with both mothers and children.

Daphne Baverstock was busy this year – up bright and early for her job as instructor and Life Guard at the Squamish Pool, rush home for a fifteen minute lunch, then down to the Scout Hall where he lined up the afternoon's activities for the 50 – 60 regulars who attended Monday through Friday.

Machete, paints scissors and paper were plentiful as the children ranging in age from 4 to 14 tried on their creative skills for size.

Pat and some of the other girls gave Daphne a hand on "camping" trips and wiener roasts, plus other games.

Our thanks to Daphne for the initiative and interest she showed towards making the summer an adventure-filled experience for so many of our youngsters.

Tony Rader who was employed two summers ago as Life Guard and Ted Hopkins spending his second consecutive summer at the pool put their heads together and came up with an impressive list of achievements. When the program was first presented in early June, there were a number of us who felt that the schedule was too rigorous and too ambitious for the swim staff to undertake. Not so they assured us and showed us ton paper how the summer would go. With some reservations the Company said, “go” and they did! Over 100 hours a week of available pool time, two complete schedules of instruction during the summer and special emphasis on competitive swimming for all of those interested. The end product speaks well for the industry and optimism of Ted, Tony and the girls.

Twenty-one kids on the Swim team, seventy kids who successfully completed classes and moved one step closer to swimming proficiency, a trip to Kelowna for nineteen youngsters, eight swim meets, plus hundreds of kid hours in constructive activity.

First aid will hold a special place in the memories of a number of the children, a custom designed first aid training class which ran from mid July to mid August gave twenty-seven children a new insight into initial care and treatment of the victim. F Ferguson, C Critchley, J Yaky and G Blanchette guided the children through the schedule, which complimented the summer camp and swim pool programs. Our thanks to those ladies and St John Ambulance for their expert guidance. Our thanks also go to all those adults who helped at the swim meets as judges, scorekeepers, chaperones, and cooks at Kelowna included:

Miss Strelaff
Miss Chisholm
Miss Holowachuk
Miss Dickinson
Miss Kerr

Geoff Pickard and Don Kerr were there to help when needed at Kelowna. Others that showed up; regularly to help at meets included:

Mr & Mrs Turley
Mr & Mrs McNeill
Mr & Mrs Yaky
Mr & Mrs Ainsley
Mr & Mrs Van der Ham
Mr & Mrs Knudsen
Mr & Mrs Begin

Following is a list of awards earned and recipients:

SWIM CLUB MEDALS

Robin Dickinson
Janet Husted
Chad Kerr
Debbie Kerr
Melanie McNeill

Simon McNeill
Joel Turley
Cheryl Yaky

SWIM TEAM CREST

Aneke Van der Ham
Patty Holowachuk
Val Dyck
Marie Begin
Dawn Husted
Danny Knudsen
Keith Knudsen
Jimmy Ainsley
Bill Chisholm
Robin Dickinson
Debbie Kerr

Debbie Holowachuk
Melanie McNeill
Simon McNeill
Janet Husted
Kim Ainsley
Jeanette Dyck
Cheryl Yaky
Marla Baverstock
Joel Turley
Chad Kerr

SWIM CLASS AWARDS PREGINNERS

MINNOWS

Kim Hewett
Robert Fleming

FLOUNDERS

Mat Ditto
Dominic Turley

SHARKS

Sahara McNeill
Sonia Blanes
Lisa Green
Shelley LoGiaccio
Gloria Holowachuk
Arlene Greene
Chris Yaky
Tina Deyelle

Cathy Brandle
Rachael Turley
Michael Rynn
Lila Fraser
Greg Knudsen
Janis Anderson
Ursula Bechert
Lori McCall
Sandy Adams

SWIM CLASS AWARDS

RED CROSS BEGINNERS

Linda Adams
Ian McDonald
Michael Chisholm
Boris Krisek
David Krisek
Robert Anderson
Kenny Knudsen
Tanja Blanes
Noreen Rynn
Susanne Essiambre

John Price
Frieda Van den Hoek
Derwyn Rose
Roy Collins
Debbie Collins
Laurie Deyelle
Lisa McCall
Sheila Richards
Ricky Van der Ham
Mark Higham

RED CROSS JUNIORS

Joel Turley
Paul Yaky
Jimmy Ainsley
Danny Chisholm
Vincent Hilborn

Shelley Hilborn
Wendy Deyelle
Laddie Vukoslavceivich
Chad Kerr

RED CROSS INTERMEDIATES

Melanie McNeill
Debbie Holowachuk
Janet Husted
Cindy Price

Vicki Andrzejczuk
Allan Husted
Debbie Kerr

RED CROSS SENIORS

Patty Holowachuk

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

ELEMENTARY LIFE SAVING

Janet Husted
Allan Husted
Melanie McNeill

INTERMEDIATE LIFE SAVING

Sonja Van der Ham

BRONZE MEDALLION

Janet Clark
Sharon Dyck

BRONZE CROSS

Aneke Van der Ham

SAVE A LIFE BADGES & CERTIFICATES

Vincent Hilburn
Vladimir Vukoslavcevic
James Brandle
Carol Blanchette

Wendy Deyelle
Paul Yaky
Sandra Deyelle
Sylvia Vukoslavcevic

Shelley Hilborn
Cheryl Yaky

Nancy Brandle

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

While browsing through the original Beachcombers of the early 1950's we were thinking of some appropriate introduction for the new editor to the Newsletter.

We finally decided on the opening comments of the editor in the December 1950 edition (Volume 1 Issue 1), which summarized the ideals, and objectives of our present Newsletter and its new co-ordinator George D'Arcy Crane. George recently arrived initially to visit his son, and daughter-in-law Janice and his grandchildren. Mr Crane, who was in the employ of Anglo American of South Africa for thirty-seven years, left early this year like many others because of the unsettled political climate in Central Africa.

During peacetime he has developed an enviable record in International Sports, which has taken him around the globe. He has chaired or been President of National Sports groups encompassing Boxing, Cycling, Amateur Athletics and Olympic, Commonwealth and African Games Associations. Her Royal Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 as a Member of the British Empire culminated his participation in the recognition of Mr Crane in 1965 for development of athletics and cycling in Northern Rhodesia.

George has also shown an interest in company-employee relationships as demonstrated by his eight years as President of Northern Rhodesian Mine Officials and Salaried Staff Association.

In addition to the Newsletter he will act as Personnel Officer, responsible temporarily for the administration of housing as well as sundry jobs in the department.

We know we express at the wishes of the Community in welcoming him and his nine-year-old daughter Cheryl Ann to Britannia.

EDITORIAL STAFF OF THE BEACHCOMBER

R M Alexander – Editor
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Olive Baxter – Social Editor
Jack Dickinson – Literary Editor
Bill Okell – Entertainment Editor
Eric McDonald – Cartoonist
Joan Bishop – Associate
Clayton Dunnington – Associate
Bill Bells – Associate
Bill Parsons – Associate
Pat Driscoll – Associate
Ton Keall – Associate
Kay Morrison – Associate
Ellis Mossley – Associate

December 1950 Editorial

With this, our first issue the Editorial Staff of the Beachcomber takes pleasure in presenting to the residents of Britannia a monthly paper.

At the last semi-annual meeting of the Britannia Community Club, held in September, a special committee was formed to investigate way and means of improving club activities and member's participation in those functions. From meetings of this committee it was felt that a common medium was needed to apprise the residents of events that were to take place, and that a community paper was the answer. The special committee approached the club executive, and received that body's approval to start the Beachcomber.

The members of the special committee appointed the Editorial Staff of the paper.

It is the plan of the staff, not only to use news of the Community Club, but of any organization where it affects the residents socially; news of our friends and neighbours who may be sick or hospitalized; news of the school children or any news of general interest.

The plans of the committee are to publish this paper on a trial basis until the semi-annual meeting in March. At that time it will be brought to the floor of the meeting as to whether or not you wish it to be continued and made a regular part of the Community Club.

This is your newspaper, the success or failure of which is dependant on your contributions of news items and articles of interest.

A vote of thanks is due to Mr Ernest Hayes, Mr Bill Lewis, the Mount Sheer branch of the Canadian Legion and all others who have assisted us in overcoming our initial obstacles.

SCOUTS

The 1st Britannia Scout Troop had its first meeting in the Scout Hall, on September 25th. Any boy, between the ages of 11 and 14 years inclusive, who wishes to continue as or become a scout, may register at the Scout Hall on Thursday evenings.

SKATING

A meeting was held in the upper clubroom on September 18th, for the purpose of establishing skating rates, both for families and individuals for the 1969 –1970 season.

In spite of the fact that the meeting was not very well attended, it was agreed that skating would take place Sunday form 4:30 to 6:00pm.

Mrs Marge Adams was elected chairman of the Skating Club; Mrs G Pickard very kindly volunteered her services to assist her in her duties.

The rates were set at \$5.00 per month for families and 50 cents for single persons.

BASEBALL DANCE

The baseball dance, scheduled to take place in the upper clubroom this Saturday 27th is not confined to ball players, but is open to the public also and deserving of support. Tickets are \$1.50 and will be available at the door, and those who wish to attend are reminded to supply their own refreshments.

2ND ANNUAL PUB NIGHT

The 2nd Annual Pub Night was held on September 13th, in the upper clubroom and was a very happy affair.

Mr Brian Stanhope of Vancouver played Honky Tonk piano with an assist fro Sid Smith on harmonica; also some Scotch and Irish ballads by Mr McLean of Minaty Bay who also played the piano, as did Al Stembridge. Bill Whiteside arrived later in the evening with his guitar to help out with the entertainment. Song sheets were provided for the audience to sing along in typical Pig and Whistle style. At around ten thirty emcee Mr F A Hewett called on Mr Tom Pullen and Mr B B Greenlee to present the awards and gifts to the winners of the "Beautify Britannia" contest. Prizes consisted of lovely heavy glass vases, steins and ashtrays. Mr and Mrs Ernie Malm won the overall prize of their lovely garden, as well as the prize for the best garden in Minaty Bay. They received a lovely Horn happed glass vase and a beautiful wall barometer. Their names were also entered on the shield along with Mr and Mrs Bill Strelaeff. Bill who has worked hard on many of the Community projects was unable to attend, having been confined in the hospital after undergoing surgery. Mr L Deyelle conducted the "Chug a lug" contests. The patrons enjoyed beer, dancing and Cornish pasties and all had a good time.

Note: Happy to see that Bill is home and back at work again.

PERSONALS

Rev Boulger christened the two sons of Mr & Mrs T Butler of Minaty Bay at the Sunday service on September 21st.

A warm welcome is extended to all residents of the Protestant faith to attend the 11:00am services in Britannia Community Church.

Mr & Mrs Bud Smith have recently arrived in Britannia after a most enjoyable vacation, part of which was spent visiting Spokane in Washington and Priest Lake in Idaho. A restful week was also had on Anvil Island in Howe Sound.

The circulation of our Newsletter increases with every edition; the latest one asking to have the paper sent to him in Ken Noble whom I remember as a baby living on the "Trail" (as we called the Minaty Bay) with his parents and sisters. Dave, Doreen and Janet Clark who enjoyed a motoring vacation to the Caribou called in at Fraser Lake and were talking to Ken who is now the resident manager of the Fraser Lake Inn at Fraser Lake BC.

It is getting to that time again, ladies, so how about the first week in October to get started on the Keep Fit Classes? In the past we have held them each Tuesday night at 8:00pm in the School Auditorium. All ladies are cordially invited to attend this fun and exercise starting October 7th.

Little Miss Sharon Marie Fortier was the happy guest of honour at the party given for her by her mother Mrs A Fortier to celebrate her 1st birthday on September 5th. Guests enjoying the party were Mrs Frankie Ferguson and son Ryan and their friend Yvonne Ramage, Mrs Bernice Mullen and son David, Mrs Linda Thomas and

daughter Dianna, Mrs Ann Dickinson and Mrs Jean Kerr. Unable to attend were Mrs Kathleen Fleming and children Cindy and Robert.

The wedding of Miss Arlene Mikkila, daughter of Mr & Mrs K Mikkila of Minaty Bay, to Mr Raymond Randle, son of Mr & Mrs R Randle of Chatham, Ontario, took place in Vancouver on September 2nd. The young couple are honeymooning in Ontario and will reside in Chatham.

Mr & Mrs Mrchawk celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary at the home of their son Eddy and his wife. They were entertained to dinner and had the entire family and close friends present to do the honour.

Mr & Mrs Fred Baxter celebrated their 36th Wedding Anniversary with a small family party in the Red Garter room at the Royal Towers Hotel in New Westminster.

Mr & Mrs John Powell have recently returned from an enjoyable vacation in the interior of BC. Eileen's parents accompanied them, Mr & Mrs J Brunton, who have been on an extended visit to Britannia, where they have made many new friends.

They will be flying home to England on October 2nd and we wish them a safe and pleasant journey.

1969 GRADUATES

The under mentioned Howe Sound Secondary students from Britannia have received graduation diplomas and are to be congratulated on their scholastic achievements.

Daphne Baverstock
Derek Lovlin
Jean Misiurka

ADULT EDUCATION

Tentative courses in Adult Education are planned this fall, to commence on October 6th. Courses will be both academic and non-academic or recreational.

Planned courses in the non-vocational or recreational group include:

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| Badminton | Men's Keep Fit |
| Volleyball | Round and Square dancing |
| Golf | Fly Tying and casting |
| Gardening | Home Nursing |
| Cooking | Languages |
| Public Speaking | Bridge |
| Mountaineering | Dressmaking |

Photography
Pottery and Ceramics
Hunter's Training program
Stock market
Crafts
Painting

Drama Table tennis
English for new Canadians
Tailoring
Sports Coaching Clinics

Vocational courses include:

Welding
Bookkeeping
Basic Auto Mechanic
Industrial First Aid
Finished Carpentry
Heavy Duty Mechanic
Equipment Mechanics
Truck Driver Training
Secretarial upgrading
Typing
Basic Construction and Maintenance

The Adult Education Director for the Squamish area, Mr Bob Ellison, has indicated that not all these courses could be held, but he hoped to hold as many as possible, depending on the availability of suitable instructors.

BILL WHITESIDE AND CLUBROOMS

Mr Whiteside recently promoted from the warehouse department to Sr. Club Custodian in charge of the upper and lower clubrooms and immediate area advises that changes have been implemented in the utilization of the limited facilities, especially for the teenagers.

Any groups wishing to use the clubrooms are reminded to make reservations early in order to guarantee availability. Requests should be directed to Mr Whiteside or George Crane – Personnel Office.

As a note- Effective this date, Bill will be responsible to Mr B B Greenlee who has always maintained a continuing interest in youth and other Community activities.

SICK BAY

Quite a number of people have fallen victim to the flu virus around the area and some have been hospitalized because of it. Gerry Freiburger, Ed Leveque, Frank Pollock, Frank Bruce, Bill Strelaef, M Bourque and Z Milekovic have all been in the hospital over the past two weeks.

We are pleased to see Mrs Eileen Powell with a happy smile back in the accounting office. Talked to Joe Van der Ham, Len Candow and Dennis Weeks, all convalescing at home. Ted Soprovich, Tonay Camache and Roy Champion all still off at home. Mrs Ingrid Piehler is also on the sick list.

PTA

The first 1969 – 1970 AGM of the PTA will be held October 16th at 2:30pm in the school library. This is an extremely important meeting where the election of officers will take place.

Your high school representatives will be on hand so that nay problems you may have concerning your high school children may be discussed.

A vote will be taken at this time on whether or not to continue this type of afternoon meeting or revert to the evening meetings.

Mr Cope informs us that grade 7 will baby-sit pre-school children during the afternoon meetings.

All residence of Britannia, whether you have children in school or not are invited to join the PTA.

SCHOOL NOTICE

When phoning the school would parents please call during the secretary's hours otherwise it means a teacher would have to leave his or her classroom.

Hours are:

Monday – 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00
Wednesday – 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00
Friday – 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Mrs Mary Hoodikoff will be in charge of the youth activities which are scheduled to take place in the upper clubroom on Thursday, October 2nd, between the hours of six and eight pm.

In addition to music, these activities will include darts, table tennis, and other games, and will be confined to those boys and girls who are presently in grades 6 to 9, inclusive. A cordial invitation is extended to all those eligible to attend this function, which promises to be both interesting and entertaining.

It would also be appreciated if several of our ladies could offer to demonstrate subjects such as home crafts to the girls.

SOCCER

Bill Whiteside reported a large turnout of boys who are anxious to participate in the forthcoming soccer league. Parents, too, have shown a great deal of enthusiasm, which is to be highly commended. However, Bill would like to appeal for assistance – he is in urgent need of a few coaches.

All three games, scheduled for this Saturday are being played in Britannia. Kick-off for the under 10 game is at 9:00am.

BASKEBALL

A number of employees may be interested in learning of a proposed Senior Basketball League, which is shaping up nicely. At present there are two teams from Squamish and one from Woodfibre. A fourth team will permit the chance to play double headers weekly.

Contact either Gerry Bell at Woodfibre or Bill Whiteside, Community Club Sports Chairman, right away in order to let the other teams know of any interest. Both these locations have regulation courts.

COMING EVENTS

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| September 27 | Baseball Club Dance |
| October 2 | Youth Activities |
| October 4 | Winter PTA Cartoon Series start |
| October 7 | Keep Fit |
| October 18 | Soccer dance |
| October 24 | Guys and Dolls Dance |
| November 1 | Halloween Costume dance |



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It is with deep regret and utter chock that we learnt of the tragic death of Mrs Glenda Ann Anderson, wife of Mr J F (Jack) Anderson, and mother of Robert John (7) and Janice Susan (6). Mrs Anderson passed away in a Vancouver hospital at 6:00am October 11th at the age of 30.

We, the community of Britannia, wish to express our profound sorrow to Jack and his children and also want to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives and friends of the family. We trust that Jack and his young children will derive some measure of comfort from the fact that they are living here amongst sincere friends, who would be only too pleased to assist them in every possible way. The funeral service will leave the Walter D Kelly Funeral Home, Windsor, Ontario, on Thursday morning October 16, 1969, with interment at Victoria Memorial Cemetery.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Probably one of the worst ever and most serious car accidents which involved members of our community occurred at Furry Creek, on the Vancouver Britannia Highway, on the afternoon of October 8th.

Mrs Glenda Anderson, wife of J F Anderson, General Superintendent of Anaconda Britannia Mines Limited, Mrs Rose Baverstock, wife of Mr R T Baverstock, Mine Superintendent, and Mrs Susan Ditto, wife of Mr A H Ditto, our Chief Engineer, were the occupants in one of the cars involved in the collision. All three were seriously injured and taken to the Squamish Hospital, from where they were later transferred to Vancouver. The driver, only occupant of the other car, was killed in this unfortunate accident.

The impact of this unexpected and sad news shocked and stunned the community. It was as if a deadly, ghastly silence had descended on us from above. It was unbelievable, yet, inevitably true; and, when we realised the truth, we hoped and prayed that our three friends would soon recover from the injuries they sustained in

this dreadful accident. But, alas, that was not to be – we have since learnt of the tragic death of Mrs Glenda Anderson.

It is our ardent wish and fervent prayer that both Rose and Susan will recover very soon, in order that they may be able to take their rightful place in our midst once again.

George Crane

BIOGRAPHY IN COMMUNITY

Mrs Betty McNair

Meet Mrs Alan J McNair (nee Williams), housewife, community worker and a long time “New Canadian”, who arrived hereon August 13th, 1946.

Betty was born on December 24, 1925 in Southill, Bedfordshire, England. She attended the Southill School as well as the Luton Technical College, where she studied commerce and bookkeeping.

After various office jobs, she joined the Women’s Territorial Service, and served with the 93rd Searchlight Regiment for a few years. She met, and later married Alan McNair in England on October 16, 1945. Allan was born and raised in Vancouver, and served with the Calgary Tank Regiment, which was a unit of the Canadian Armed Forces serving overseas.

The McNair’s are the parents of four children; the two surviving daughters Marilyn and Patricia, are presently living together in an apartment in Vancouver.

The McNair’s lived in Vancouver until 1951, before going to Hedley, where Al worked at the Nickel Plate Mine. When the mine closed down during 1955, the family spent six months living in Lake Cowichan.

Al joined the mine here in January 1956, and lived with his family at Mount Sheer. they subsequently moved to Minaty Bay when that old townsite was demolished.

Betty showed great interest in Community work, and soon became a member of the PTA. She rapidly graduated form the ranks and held the offices alternately of Secretary, Chairman and President of this Association. Betty was also the PTA’s representative on a joint recreation commission and on annual conventions. She was the leader of an Explorer group at Mount Sheer and organized the Christmas Concert in 1957.

Mrs McNair worked with the public health nurse form 1956/1959 and was also employed by the School Board as the Custodian of the Mount Sheer School from

1958 – 1960. She was honoured to be asked to become a member of the Centennial Committee for the years 1966/1967. She particularly enjoyed working on the book “Britannia: The Story of a Mine”, and co-operated with Mrs Mary Smith in writing and producing the “Centennial Pageant”, which depicted stories in “The Book”, as well as of many ethnic personalities in the community of that time.

Betty wrote the “Britannia News” column for the Squamish Times for approximately three years, and also worked as Secretary in the Union office from 1965/1967. She is currently working as the Local School Secretary, a position she has held since September 1967; she is also secretary of the Community Church Board.

Apart from the enjoyment she gets from going fishing with her husband, perhaps one of her most outstanding attributes has been that she has always been able to make her own clothes!

George Crane

BRITANNIA BEACH – SQUAMISH ROAD

In view of the fact that the black-top on the road between here and Squamish is now almost completed, it might be appropriate and opportune to quote the two telegrams exchanged between the Premier of BC and Mr J E Nelson, formerly of Britannia Beach.

The exchange of telegrams was printed in the May 1954, issue of “The Beachcomber”.

Premier’s telegram

J E Nelson
Britannia beach

It is the intention of this government to build a highway to Squamish at the same time as the Pacific Great Eastern Railway extension is being built. No doubt by this time you have heard of the announcement by the minister of public works to his effect.

W A C Bennett
Premier of BC

Nelson’s Telegram Mr

Honourable W A C Bennett
Premier of BC

Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC

On behalf of the Howe Sound Highway Committee and all residents of East Howe Sound may I express sincere appreciation for your efforts on our behalf and thank you for your wire of even date? You Mr Premier and your colleagues will never regret this decision, which will open a vacation paradise to all citizens of and visitors to the lower mainland.

Personal Regards
J E Nelson

CAPILANO COLLEGE

We have been asked by Capilano College to bring to the attention of mine employees the fact that the College is commencing a new Community service programme for the people of the North Shore. The programme presents a series of discussions on Labour – Management Relations and will be held on October 15th, 22nd and on November 20th at 8pm in the Old Park Royal Lanes Building, (adjoining Park Royal Twin Theatres), Marine Drive, West Vancouver.

These evening sessions will permit representatives of the trade unions, employers, university specialists on labour management relations and the Mediation Commission of BC. to present their points of view.

Admission – Series \$4. Single \$1.50 Students \$.50. For further information regarding Community Service Programmes, please contact Capilano College at 2604367, or the Personnel Department of Anaconda Mines Ltd.

G Crane

WEDDING LAVONA LOVLIN – ROY CLARKE

The wedding of Lavona Lovlin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Lovlin and Roy Clarke, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Clarke, both of Squamish, recently took place in the Devine Anglican Church in Squamish. Miss Brenda Lovlin, sister of the bride, was the maid of honour, and Mr Ian Clarke, Roy's brother, officiated as best man.

A family reception followed at the Lovlin's residence, where Mr Harold Bailey proposed a toast.

We all join in wishing the young couple much prosperity and a long and happy marriage.

G Crane

BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CHURCH HISTORY

Britannia Church was built with local funds and volunteer labour. The 1952 edition of the Beachcomber newsletter states that the Church building program was fund raising in order to build the Church.

Unique in its erection and perhaps the only one in Canada, is the fact that the Protestant and the Catholic faiths in the community are housed in one building, under one roof, with just a wall separating them. This tended to cut down costs for both denominations and has worked admirably for the past seventeen years. Britannia Mining and Smelting Company, which enabled the “mortgage burning” ceremony to take place much sooner than was anticipated.

A work bee was held on October 4th at the Britannia Beach Community Church for the purpose of painting the inside of the Church. Anaconda Company had kindly arranged for the ceiling to be done and for the painting of the walls. Volunteer help was called for and those who cheerfully gave their time and effort were:

Mr and Mrs Dale MacGregor

Mr and Mrs Al McNair

Michael Boulger

Mrs Mary Emery

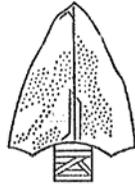
Mrs June Higham

Mrs Mary Brock

The painting went along smoothly, with tea, coffee and donuts served during the break. The work bee will be held on October 8th in order to paint the bottom half of the church and to put up the new altar drapes.

COMING EVENTS

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| October 18 | Soccer dance – upper clubroom |
| October 21 | Bingo – upper clubroom |
| October 29 | Tea & Bake sale – 2pm upper clubroom |
| October 31 | Children’s Masquerade party |
| November 1 | Halloween costume dance- upper clubroom |



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INTRODUCTION TO NEIL GEORGE

We were honoured and very fortunate to be able to have Neil George, whose name is synonymous with accident prevention in the mining industry in Canada, present “The Principles of Safety” and “Safety as a State of Mind in the Mining World” on October 23 and 24 to our supervisory personnel.

Over the many years I have been in the mining industry I have attended many courses and heard many lectures on supervisory management and safety, but I was never so impressed as by Mr George’s mastery of the subject and presentation of the basic, fundamental principals of supervision and safety in such concise, practical and clear form.

The sessions were well received and we will have Neil George back again next year to conduct more detailed courses in supervision and safety for both supervisory staff and others who are interested.

The sessions were held in two sections in order to accommodate shift workers and were held form 1:00 to 3:00pm and from 7:00 to 9:00pm on October 22 and 23.

An international known figure in the field of safety and one who may be aptly described as “The Apostle of Accident Prevention and Safety” arrived with his wife at Britannia on October 22nd 1969. He has over the years travelled tens of thousands of miles to many parts of the world on behalf of the cause of accident prevention, which is considered to be of great and vital importance in the mining industry, especially where operations are conducted on a large scale.

Such a man then is Mr N H George, better known as “Neil George” presents Director of the Quebec Metal Mining Association.

The purpose of his visit ot Britannia was to speak on “The Principles of Safety”, “Sources of Authority” and other aspects of safety and accident prevention.

Mine employees who attended these talks, found them not only interesting and stimulating, but also helpful and informative.

We wish to thank Mr and Mrs George for their very brief visit to Britannia and trust that it won't be too long before they will be in a position to renew the many friendships made here. The Guest House was put at their disposal during their stay at the Beach.

George Crane

BIOGRAPHY OF NEIL GEORGE

Neil George is a Canadian who was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He attended St John's Technical High School, before he studied at the University of Manitoba, where he obtained a B. Sc. degree in Mining Engineering.

Soon after he completed his University education, he was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway, first as a section man, and then, successively, in the bridge and building, signal maintenance, and the survey – engineer's construction and maintenance – of- way departments.

He left the service of the CPR and, for eight years, was employed by the giant International Nickel Company, at Sudbury, Ontario. He became a stope and development miner (he was actually at the end of shovel), then a shiftboss, before he was promoted to Mine Safety Engineer, senior shift foreman, and ultimately to the position of General Safety Engineer in the Company's Head Office.

He is a member of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Parent Body) and also of the Professional Engineer's Corporation of Quebec. His overseas activities thus far have included visits to attend conferences in Europe, Central Africa, Rhodesia, South Africa and Australia.

Mr and Mrs George are happily married and have two children.

George Crane

ACCIDENT

On October 27 at about 8:30, Mrs Rita Whiteside was returning home from Horseshoe Bay, where she works, when a truck crowded her off the road, on the bend near Minaty Bay.

Rita lost control of the car, which was badly damaged. Although she suffered several cuts and bruises, we are pleased to report that she was not seriously injured in the accident.

MINERALS AT BRITANNIA BEACH

Minerals of economic importance at Britannia are:

Sphalerite (ZnS – Zinc Sulphide). The most common colours are brown and grey. When scratched with a knife, a brown powder is seen in the groove – this is called a “streak”.

Chalcopyrite (Cu Fe S₂ – copper and iron sulphide). This mineral is distinguished by its deep, yellow colour, and can be scratched with a knife. It is a golden yellow, compared to the brown yellow or brassy colour of pyrite. It rarely occurs as crystals, unlike pyrite, which is commonly crystalline.

Pyrite (FeS₂ – Iron Sulphide) This pyrite is sometimes called “Fools Gold”, and is of a rather coarse variety. It is distinguished by its pale, brassy colour, it frequently occurs as cubes it cannot be scratched with a knife.

Abundant pyrite occurs with these minerals.

The different minerals sometimes occur by themselves, or, very commonly, are found as a mixture of two or more minerals. Gold and silver are rarely distinguishable to the naked eye, but may be seen through the use of a microscope.

BIOGRAPHY OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTS

In each future issue of the newsletter, readers will find a short biography concerning a personality either living or working at the Beach. The scope may even be extended to cover more than a single person, such as that of a husband and wife, or even a whole family. “Personalities” will be selected from the old and the young; the rich and the poor; male or female. It does not matter whether you belong to the categories known as Management Supervisory Staff or the Union. We are only interested in your story. Please don't be shy, or hesitant when approached for your biography.

BIOGRAPHY

Mr Hugh Lawrence Chisholm

Three score years and ten! Well, that about sums up the age of Hugh Lawrence (Hughie) Chisholm, who was born in Springhill, Nova Scotia, at the turn of this century; to be more specific – on July 16, 1900. It was during 1910 when his family arrived to settle in North Vancouver, where, a few years later, he met Lily Beatrice (Toots) Hayden. (Very few people living here now refer to her by her Christian name). She was born in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, U.S.A. but when only a year old, her family first went to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, before they moved once again to settle in North Vancouver in 1912.

Hughie and Toots were married in Seattle on January 12th, 1922. Their only child, Lawrence Hayden, was born on November 5th, 1922. He attended Britannia School and later became a student at UBC, where he obtained the degree of Bachelor of Commerce. He is now married, without a family yet, and is presently employed by the Department of Internal Revenue in Toronto.

Hughie arrived at the Beach, with his father, in the spring of 1922. The two had the job of painting the houses, which were severely damaged in flood at that time, as well as the new houses, which had just been built in the Shaughnessy area.

Hughie worked with the Surface crew at Tunnel Camp, before he transferred to the Railroad crew, which worked on the ore trains between the 2200 and 2700 levels. He also worked with the men who developed the Victoria Tunnel on the 2700 level.

After having been closed, the Tunnel Camp was re-opened in 1922 and the Company allocated House # 42 to the Chisholm family. During his spare time, Hughie painted the interior of the house – and so created a precedent! The other houses only had their walls stained halfway up. No. 42 was therefore the first house, which was painted inside and became the envy of other housewives of that era. The Company, shortly afterwards, decided to undertake the responsibility of interior painting for all its houses in the future.

During May 1924, Hughie left Britannia for the sunny south and was employed as a powerhouse operator in California. This particular sub-station supplied San Francisco with all of its power requirements then. He next worked with the Safeway stores in Hollywood, but soon found that working in a store was not the life for him (perhaps there were too many ladies to please!). He returned to Britannia in 1929, and once again became a motorman on the ore haulage. Later on, he transferred to the 2700 care shop and remained there until the strike in 1946.

He accepted, during the strike, a job as maintenance man in his brother-in-law's logging camp at Phillip's Arm. This employment only lasted for three months, just long enough for him to lose his seniority when he returned to the mine in December 1946. He resumed work in the car shop, which was later moved to the Beach. After another strike had been settled, he transferred from the car shop to the Powerhouse, also at the Beach, where he still works.

It is noteworthy that during his 40 years of employment here, since 1929, Hughie has been accident free – a proud record indeed.

The Chisholm family bought their present home (House 342) in Minaty Bay in 1947.

Now Hughie is about to retire from Anaconda after almost a lifetime of hard work. During his long service, he has had many enjoyable moments, such as when he played the drums in the local orchestra. Hughie and Toots were also most active in Community affairs and they received a letter of appreciation from the mine manager of that time. The Chisholm's have made many good friends during their stay, and, it goes without saying, that they also have many pleasant memories to reflect on.

We all join in wishing this charming couple a very happy retirement and lots of good luck for the future.

RECOVERING

We are pleased to hear that Mrs Susan Ditto and Mrs Rose Baverstock are recovering from their injuries as well as can be expected. see both of you, soon!

APPRECIATION

Mrs Rose Baverstock and Mrs Susan Ditto wish to convey their grateful thanks to all the numerous well-wishers and friends, who have sent them cards, flowers and messages during their present confinement in hospital.

BOAT CLUB

A general meeting of members and their wives belonging to the Britannia Boat Club will be held on November 9th in the upper clubroom.

Business: Nomination and Election of Officers

Projects for 1070

Please bring receipt books you may have from the club, to be turned in.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Let us have a good turnout for this meeting, which will be the last of the season.

The dock area operated by the Boat club is taking on a new look with the additional floats built this season by the club members. The work is by no means finished and we look forward to the 1070 season, when we hope the Project can be completed. A hearty "thank you" to all the men who came out and worked so hard this year.

A new look has also been added with the Boat Club Hut, with Sid Smith as attendant. We hope to utilize the hut facilities more next season, with items available for sale to members for the fishing season. Scales were purchased this year and were made available at the dock to weigh the big one's. Sid's presence at the wharf cut down on thefts and damage to boats and equipment by nearly 100%; in addition, he was of great assistance to all the members and visitors. Thanks, Sid, for a job well done.

The Club held its first Annual Fishing Derby in July; this was confined to members only. Herb Wagner took 1st prize with a 36-pound salmon. The second prize went to John Dyck with a 19-pound salmon. Sulo Makela won third prize with a 14-pound salmon. Congratulations to these three fishermen.

Let us try and make next year's derby even bigger; perhaps you have some good ideas regarding the derby. Please bring them to the meeting and let us hear about them.

Charlotte Smith
Secretary-Treasurer

PERSONALS

Doug & Bernice Murdock, who moved from Ste 4 of the Royal Apartments to Apartment 178-3, recently returned from two weeks vacation in Saskatchewan, where they visited with relatives and friends in Biggar, Saskatoon.

Mrs Murdock's mother, Mrs Alice Gillis, accompanied them home and spent three weeks in Britannia; she is almost 80 years old.

On October 5th Mrs Murdock's youngest sister Doreen and her husband, Stan Laycock, of Freemont, California and Mrs Laycock Sr. of Vancouver, were visitors and Mrs Gillis left with them to spend two months in California, before returning to Britannia for an extended stay.

Congratulations to Mr Laurie Dickinson, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Dickinson, of Britannia, on his engagement to Miss Paula Bancroft, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bancroft of Calgary, Alberta. Miss Bancroft is studying at UBC.

Congratulations to Al and Betty McNair on their 24 wedding anniversary. Betty received a dozen beautiful carnations from Al. How did they spend their anniversary? Al attended his First Aid meeting and Betty went to her night school class.

Mrs Ann Erawood of Vancouver was a weekend visitor to the home of Mr and Mrs Jack Graney; they also enjoyed having their daughters Jeanette and Linda home for the weekend.

Mr Atkinson, Sr. left for his home in Emo, Ontario after spending a few weeks at the mobile home of is son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs L Atkinson at Minaty Bay.

Mr and Mrs Arne Bennett have recently returned from a very enjoyable vacation tour, which took them to California. Their programme included sightseeing in Los Angeles, with a delightful tour through Disneyland and a stay in Palm Springs.

Mrs Rose Holowachuk was hostess to twenty-seven ladies who attended a Tupperware party at her home. The ladies enjoyed games organized by Rose Marie Fortier. This was followed by a demonstration of many Tupperware articles by Miss Sharon Krieger of Squamish. Mrs Hollwachuk's daughters served delicious refreshments.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs (Red) Verdesio on their 33 wedding anniversary.

COMING EVENTS

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| October 31 | Children's Masquerade party |
| November 1 | PTA presents Children's movies |
| November 1 | Halloween Costume party |
| November 9 | Boat Club General meeting |
| November 18 | Community Club AGM |



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PERSONALITY AT THE BEACH

Mr Frank Bruce

Half a Scot

Frank's grandfather, Robert, a Glasgow accountant, had evidently read Dr. Samuel Johnson's remark that "the finest sight a Scotsman ever sees is the highroad to London". At any rate, he settled in London, where Frank's father was born. Frank was born in a village in Essex, England.

Years after, I saw the place; I passed through it on a British Army route march, and would have traded it then for a good drink of water, said Frank.

Goodbye Sergeant – Hello, Japan

Dull years at boarding schools and tough hitch in the Army were just the incentives he needed for a trip to Japan, via the States and Honolulu, in order to join his father. For the first time in my life, I really felt free. The world, after all was big, beautiful and full of possibilities.

The Big Earthquake

On September 1923, I opened the mail to my Tokyo office, checked that the Japanese employees were at their jobs, before I caught a fast train back to Yokohama. The train never arrived there – the Big Earthquake struck at 12 noon. This was probably the longest day of my life. A twenty-five mile hike, a few panicky gallops through hot ashes of the burnt-out city, a night on the ground and a struggle over two miles of rubble with women and children, filled in the first 24 hours.

Our charges were pushed through a hostile crowd of Orientals on the beach, and then loaded into lifeboats from an American ship. We, the rescuers, went with them. Three days and four hundred refugees later, this small freighter left Tokahama harbour for Kobe, two hundred miles to the south. In the spring, with

the office safely re-settled in Osaka, I sailed for England, via India and the Mediterranean.

Hi Canada

October 1924 found Frank on the Campus of MacDonald College, Faculty of Agriculture, McGill University, where he had enrolled for a one-year special course. One year was enough for him to qualify, run a dance orchestra, just miss a bronze medal for boxing and meet a co-ed, who afterwards became his wife.

Go West, Lad

Frank continued with his story. A long summer as flunkey to some 200 purebred Jersey cattle in the deep pastoral valley of the St. Francis River, some 32 dollars saved up for an excursion ticket to Alberta; and a blanket roll were all I needed to start making a fortune at stoking wheat and harvesting. At Olds, Alberta, the rain was holding up the cutting. We hazed cows a horseback, milked, chopped willow-brush, and eventually stoked wheat, barley, oats, and thrashed it out.

A telegram from my brother drew me to a whistle-stop east of Moose Jaw. The town had a Chinese restraurant, hotel, barbershop and poolroom, a livery stable, coal dump, wood yard and a grain elevator. a wagon and team overtook me – the driver was the farmer looking for me; they were already thrashing – the weather was very hot. I took the reins. Later, we threw a load of wheat into the wagon, and went into supper.

Prairie Fire

The day was burning hot. We trashed steadily all morning in a hell of noise, dust and heat. As I turned my team and empty rack from the separator, the flames started down the outside of the straw pile. Within a few seconds, it was an inferno, the flames licking at the rig, at the full wagon of wheat, and at the team. I pulled them away at a gallop, fifty yards, unhitched by pulling the pin on the equalizer and headed the horses back for the grain-box. The boss lent a hand to back the terrified team against the flames to get pole and pin in place. They needed no rebel yell from me to take it on the run. (The next day, it took two teams to move it from where I had left it clear of the fire). The boss then fainted with the heat and excitement, and had to be dragged out of the embers. The tractor man hauled the separator clear by using he drive belt. The fire ran before the wind a half-mile and died at the summer-fallow.

Lost at sea with 400 Cows

By the time Christmas rolled around that year, Frank had made a free trip to Vancouver as “just plain broke”. Frank continued, “Only tow or three farms is a

UBC. Survey was in the black, and that only because the interest on capital was ignored. Christmas on the train, ten dollars fee to a Swede in a sleazy little office near the CPR in Montreal, two or three bottles of Ketchup un my grip, and in a few days I had helped load about four hundred cattle on to a small Liverpool freighter.

At sea, we soon forgot the zero weather, bucked heavy seas and a northern for several days; then we were hit by a screaming gale and mountainous waves. The pounding broke the rudder, rolled us into the trough, stove in lifeboats, flooded through the chartroom, captain's quarters and Stewart's pantry and washed overboard nearly everything aft of the galley. Taffrails, then crew's deckhouse, cattle sheds and many cows were gone; the hatches were leaking and the stokehold awash. The gale blew unabated for a week, but on Captain's orders, we cleared off all the deck load, cows, cattle sheds and litter. Dead and dying cows first, then 186 head of live cattle went over the side to relieve the ship's heavy list to starboard.

With no radio operator, we somehow got out an SOS and wee towed at tow knots to the Azores. Two of us left with the Captain's permission, after being entered in the logbook as deserters. With so few cow passengers, we were not needed. It was then Lisbon, Paris, London, and at last, home, to hot baths and English food and family circle.

Two years later, I returned to Canada, quite satisfied that here I would stay and make my home. I made four hundred dollars thrashing in Alberta; worked for CPR land survey all winter in Vancouver, then hooked a job as mucker and sampler at Britannia in the spring. During the depression, men were shifted around like dominoes in the Mine Superintendent's effort to keep the mine operating, even on half-time basis.

Mucking, hand-tramming, chute punching, BDC. track laying, copper precipitation plant, assay office, sampling, warehouse, geo-physical exploration, time-office, hard-plans, geologist's helper, survey gang, even spare hoist man – all claimed a bit of me.

Running a dance hand, club committee work, tennis, swimming, hiking, skiing and partnering the school teachers, kept me very content with "closed – town" life. After five years, I left to spend two years as mine accountant on a Bridge River mining prospect. Later, I settled in Vancouver, where, for many years, I led the dull life of an accountant. Then, with four years of art school (at nights) to help, I made the switch to advertising production for the last fifteen years. Work was backgrounder by Board of Trade Committee work, twenty years of Canadian Reserve Army, Art Groups, Film Council and helping to organize the (expensive) Film Festival as a committee member.

Retiring solved no problems, so it was with relief and pleasure that I entered once more the busy and always interesting life of the Britannia Community, with its

peerless setting. After all, it is the people who have climbed all the ridges, fished the waters and adopted the community who really own it.

At any rate, it becomes a part of them for keeps.

CATTLE INDUSTRY

In 1793, Captain George Vancouver, British explorer, damaged his ship on a reef off Hawaiian Islands and was obliged to stay there while repairs were made. In return for the Islanders hospitality, he left them a Jersey bull and five cows. These were turned loose and multiplied so fast that by about 1815 they were already a nuisance. Eventually, they were brought under control, and, with other cattle introduced, later formed the basis of a great and prosperous cattle industry.

Frank Bruce.

COMMUNITY EFFORT SUPERB STATES REVERAND OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

I am now well into my third year of coming to Britannia and taking part in the Church's side of this Community under Anaconda Britannia Mines Limited. St Michael's Church is the Catholic half of the new Church Building under the aegis of the Company. With the completion of the new highway, all visitors and even tourists, swiftly passing by, cannot but admire the magnificent view of the townsite and the vast improvements by way of paint, the brightening up and modernizing of the Mill, the clear lettering of Anaconda. The casual motorist, in and out of the town, cannot help but see the delightful improvements in the homes, the roads, the gates, the bridges and the playgrounds. In talking to several of the men and families, the cordial cooperation between employees and management is most striking.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank one and all (to mention names would but add to the continuous litany of praise) for the vast improvements in the heating of our side of the Church building, for the cooperation of management and community in organizing the work, and for the numerous hours of overtime, without pay, for the interior decorating of the Church and additional rooms. All this goes for the building and uplifting of the Spirit of the Community in which the strengthening of mutual cordiality will continue to be a lasting source of joy to all.

(Rev) V J Campbell, OMI

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Mass: Each Sunday at 11:15

Catechism – For school age children – Every Tuesday 3:00pm/ to 4:00pm in St Michael’s Church in Britannia

Please note that Catechism is also being taught in Squamish by the Sisters of Child Jesus (from Vancouver), every 2nd and 4th Saturday

Place – St Joseph’s Hall in Squamish at 1:30 and 4:00pm

PERSONALS

Mrs Anita Akers is happy to have her mother and father visiting her at her home in Porteau.

Mrs Sherman, who lives in Vancouver, is visiting for a week at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Jack Graney at Minaty Bay.

Mrs Rose Holowachuk wishes to thank all the ladies who responded so generously to make her Tupperware party a success.

Houseguests at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Baxter are Mrs Baxter’s mother, Mrs Blanche Burnley and her friend Mrs Janet Brown, of Vancouver.

Weekend visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs B Bush were Mr Bush’s parents, Mr and Mrs C Bush, from White Rock. BC.

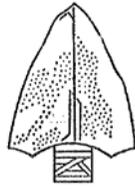
A belated but very sincere congratulations to Editor Rose Tatlow, of the Squamish Times, on winning the School Trustee award for the best journalist of the year in BC.

An Armistice service was held in the Britannia Community Church on Sunday, November 9th with Reverend Michael Boulger in the pulpit. Mr Bill Whiteside read the scripture lesson.

At the close of the service, Mr Al McNair laid a wreath at the foot of the honour roll scroll, after Bruce MacDonald had played the Last Post and Reveille on his trumpet. A two-minute silence was then observed in remembrance, before the benediction was pronounced.

COMING EVENTS

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| November 15 | PTA Children’s Movies |
| November 18 | Community Club AGM – 8:00pm |
| November 29 | Community Dance – 9:30pm |



VOLUME 3**NUMBER 23****NOVEMBER 30, 1969****LOWER CLUBROOM**

There is no doubt that the Management of Anaconda Britannia Mine Ltd. has shown considerable interest and made every effort to provide, as far as possible, recreational and social amenities for the youth living at the Beach. On the initiative of our Manager, Mr B B Greenlee, further significant changes regarding the use and operation of the Lower clubrooms, have been put into effect, as from November 18, 1969.

Simple, reorganization rules have been so framed as to give the maximum benefits, not only to the many adults who patronise the premises, but also to the teenagers, who use the lower clubroom for recreational purposes, and also for meeting their friends. The new rules have only been in operation for a fortnight, but have already met with the success they deserve. The friendly and harmonious atmosphere which exists amongst the adult and teenager sections is very evident, and augers well for the future.

Mrs Gloria Begin, the Guys and Dolls Advisor, will be responsible for all their activities. Mrs Charlotte Smith has volunteered to assist Mrs Begin, and also to act as a chaperone, when the occasion demands. In addition Bill Whiteside, Senior Club Custodian, will be in attendance, until such time as the teenagers vacate the premises.

The lower clubroom will be available to adult patrons from 6:00 to 1:00am on Sunday through Thursday evenings. From 6:00 until 1:00am on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The teenagers will share the rooms with the adults from 6:00 until 9:00pm Sunday through Thursday evenings. From 6:00 until 10:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays, the teenagers have been allocated the exclusive use of the lower clubroom. Teenagers will be considered to be those young people who are between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. An appeal is therefore made to all adults to please observe the hours laid down for the teenagers, especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

During the teenager's hours, the Guys and Dolls club will operate the snack bar. All profits from the snack bar will be split 60% for the Guys and Dolls, and 40% for the Company lieu of rent.

The Library will be open as a reading room, seven nights a week. A member of the Guys and Dolls club will be present at all times. However, no books will be issued, except by the Community Club Librarian during the weekly evening she is on duty. The Guys and Dolls will be responsible to the official Librarian, when the library is used as a reading room only.

Bill Whiteside will be on duty, primarily when the teenagers are using the rooms. John Ciolek will be responsible for the satisfactory operation of the rooms during the time they are used by the adults.

Both will be responsible to me.

It should be emphasised that both an adult Male and Female chaperone will be in attendance on Friday and Saturday evenings.

George Crane

MR AND MRS ARCHIE SMITH

Archibald Smith was born in Armstrong, BC in 1913. Many a summer was spent in his father's sawmill, where he worked – never less than 10 hours a day – for a wage, which varied from 15 cents to 35 cents per hour. He did everything from piling lumber to the more skilled job of plainsman.

Archie's wife, Mary Alice Smith (nee Cogswell) was born in Edmonton, Alberta. She graduated from the University of Alberta with a BA (Arts) degree. After graduating, she was employed for a time by the University of Alberta Hospital as Admitting Officer. Archie and Mary were married during 1940.

Archie graduated in Mining Engineering in 1936, also at the Alberta University. Shortly afterwards, he came to Britannia Beach, along with three classmates. Cecil Roper, Ralph McDonald and Bill Peck. His first job was that of a mucker on the 3350 Level Victoria C Vein at \$3.75 per day, which princely sum, at the time, was shortly increased to \$4.25 per shift.

Archie lived in the Victoria Camp for approximately seven months, and worked as a timber man helper and square set miner, before he was transferred to work as a sampler and survey helper in the Engineering Office. He lived in #2 Bunkhouse (then four to a room), until the Staff House was re-opened in 1937. During 1937/1938. Archie was the 4100 Tunnel Project Engineer, before he was transferred to Vancouver Island on other exploration projects.

Mary's introduction to the Mount Sheer Townsite was on a rainy April afternoon, after a walk from the head of the Incline, because of a double hoist. Their first home was two-roomed apartment in House #11, where the rent was \$2.75 per month. Three daughters, Jennie, Mary Louise and Willa were born in the next few years.

Archie and Mary were very active in Community affairs, more especially in the Church, where they were regarded as veritable pillars of strength. Many years were spent in serving several organizations, such as the Club, the PTA, the Britannia branch of CIM and the Toastmaster's Club. Considerable time and energy was also expended in the interests of the swimming, bridge and badminton clubs.

Archie was a School Trustee in 1944, and, with the inception of the School District # 48 during April 1946, he became a Britannia Trustee, along with George Hurley. He remained on the Board of Trustees until 1959, when Britannia's representative was reduced from two to a single person.

The years 1951 and 1952 proved very busy indeed for Archie, who was then engaged with the road from Mount Sheer down to the Beach.

Late in 1957 Archie began working at the Beach as the Surface Superintendent, and in March 1958, the Smith's moved from Mount Sheer to House #172 at the Beach, just ahead of the general exodus from the old townsite. Their final move, up to the present time, was made in August of this year, when they left the Beach to live in their own home at 115 Isle View Place at Lion's Bay, where they are enjoying it very much.

The Centennial Committee was formed during 1964, when Mary became its Secretary, while Archie worked hard on the collection of pictures for the book, "Britannia – The Story of a Mine".

Daughter Jennie is presently working in the Prince George Regional Hospital as a Food Technician. Mary Louise – now Mrs Harry Dodyk is at Penticton, where she works in the office for a trucking company. Her husband, Harry, is an accountant in the Royal Bank there. Willa, youngest daughter, is working at the Anaconda mine here, after she spent three years as a typist-receptionist at the Olivetti-Underwood office in Vancouver.

Curling provides both with the recreation they so much enjoy. They were charter members of the Howe Sound Curling Club. Until this year, Archie and Mary curled on two nights a week; these days, only in the mixed on Monday evenings.

Archie enjoys photography as a hobby, while Mary finds much pleasure and enjoyment playing bridge and in sewing.

We all wish this charming and much respected couple the very best of luck for the future.

George Crane

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

The Parent Teacher Conference was held at the Britannia Elementary School on November 20th, with 32 teachers present from the Howe Sound Secondary School.

The meeting was also well attended by the parents, who were invited to come and receive the first report cards of their children attending high school. Most parents feel that this is the best opportunity and method of correcting any problems, which students may be having. Some parents feel that there should be a further interview, perhaps during the third quarter.

Mr Frank Bruce was in attendance to take some photographs of the Conference. Coffee and dainties were served – the mothers and the students did all the baking, and this was very much appreciated by the teachers.

Mrs Ann Van der Ham did the catering arrangements, while Mrs Rose Holowachuk poured coffee and tea. Mrs Gloria Begin directed the parents of the children to their respective teachers. Mrs Lucy Greenlee, Mrs Norma Croteau, Mrs Doris Hansen, and Mrs. Yvonne Ramage assisted with the final cleaning up.

Mrs Van der Ham would like to thank all the ladies who helped to make the evening a huge success, and also the students who assisted to set up the desks and chairs in the gym.

Mrs Ann Van der Ham

HOPPER – CAMPBELL WEDDING

The wedding of Dianne M Hopper, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Art Hopper formerly of Britannia, to Mr Lorne A Campbell, son of Mr and Mrs A Campbell of Dunville, Newfoundland, took place at 2:00 on October 11, 1969 in St. Paul's Anglican Church in Esquimalt, BC.

Bridesmaid was Miss Barbara Stetler of Victoria. Best Man was the Grooms brother-in-law, Mr Ray Powis of Montreal, Quebec. Flower Girl was little Miss Laura Bishop, of Surrey, BC.

An afternoon reception was held at the home of Mrs V Haddow, great aunt of the bride in Victoria, BC.

Dianne will continue to work as a nurse at the Armed Forces Naval Base in Esquimalt, BC. Arnie is a Social Worker for the Family & Child Service in Victoria.

PERSONALS

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jeanette Graney, who celebrated the event Saturday November 22, at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Jack Graney. Her sister Linda and Mr and Mrs Michael Malyk from Vancouver were also present for the dinner. A highlight of the evening wishes she received from her twin brother Bruce, who called her from Kingston, Ontario, where a group of his fellow students were hosting a small party for him, on the occasion of his birthday.

Mr Jack DeKroon, Mr Y Essiambre and Ron Blanes went hunting up to Lone Butte, near 100 Mile House, over the weekend of November 15th. On the Sunday Ron had the luck to see and bag a young moose, which the three split between them. Mrs Blanes said it was the nicest and tenderest meat she had tasted for a long time.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Frank Kulbacki on the birth of their second daughter, Franki Joy, on November 12th at Lion's Gate Hospital.

Mr George Crane and daughter Cheryl have moved from his son and daughter-in-law's home, where they were visiting, to take up residence in Suite 177-1, Plaza Apartments.

MRS BAVERSTOCK

Mrs Rose Baverstock has been released from the Vancouver General Hospital where she was confined since early October. We are pleased to have her with us again, and trust that she will have a successful recovery.

Mrs Susan Ditto is progressing well in hospital and there is a distinct possibility that she may be home before the New Year.

COMING EVENTS

December 21 Girl Guide Enrolment

December 22 Children's Christmas party

Ice skating – Every Sunday from 4:30 to 6:00pm in West Vancouver