

# THE SQUAMISH ADVANCE

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## Town Threatened By High Tides

High tides, backed by a strong wind sent water over the main street of Squamish Saturday morning. The dyke behind the PGE tracks near the Western Plywoods dump was breached in two places and water poured through into the areas on the east side of Cleveland avenue.

Within a short time there was nearly a foot of water on Cleveland avenue and it was running over the sidewalks. Crews sandbagged the dyke and the low spot on the Pemberton road dyke near Cowdell's corner and this spot has now been raised with almost a foot of dirt and gravel.

Part of River road near the Red Bridge was washed out and several houses in that area were completely surrounded by water some of them having several inches on the floors.

In Squamish itself there was water in the Shell garage and some of the buildings which are built close to the ground on Cleveland avenue had water on the floors. We noticed Norman Barr wading around their machine shop in several inches of water.

The tide water also poured over the low-lying portions of the dyke in the lower part of town but the ditches took up the excess flow and no damage was caused. The houses at the lower end of Victoria St. were surrounded.

On Monday morning high tides again sent water over River road near the Red Bridge and a miniature Niagara

was pouring over the washed-out portion of that road and the area behind it was flooded again. The water also covered the road almost a foot deep above Cowdell's corner and some low-slung cars were unable to come through. It was also spilling over a sixty foot length of low dyke behind Henry Smith's into the wye and all the houses in that area were completely surrounded.

## Howe Soundings

by Whisit

Black spot of the week—the Hospital Insurance bills are out, a nice Christmas present for us, but what's the difference anyway; the old check on pay day goes like snow on a hot day no matter what we do.

The staff of the Squamish Advance

In the office planned a big dance.

But as the paper came out, They all let out a shout, "There isn't room even to prance."

On the day of the flood we saw our bank manager taking pictures, Mr. Evans doing the same. "A busy day on Saturday in Squamish" is the title suggested for the picture.

A young logger working at Alta Lake,

Some bread he figured he could make.

Out of his head

He made the bread.

But the PGE refused it except as freight.

Did you see the picture in

## 4 Candidates In Running for Municipal Seats

The contest for the two seats on the village commission is a four-way one. When nominations closed at noon to-day two of the present commissioners, S. R. Bishop and G. S. Clarke, are both seeking re-election. The two other candidates are J. H. Dawson and Paul Powell.

The election will be held next Thursday, December 13, in the Parish hall between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The elected candidates will both serve for two years.

## Beemen Hold Annual Meeting

The Squamish division of the B.C. Honey Producers Association held their annual meeting and a film showing in the Parish hall on Tuesday, November 27th.

Mr. V. Thorgeirson, provincial inspector of apiaries, was present and explained the movies which were shown. They consisted of a three reel short on "The Return of the Honey Bee" and one reel on "The Beneficent Bee." Mr. E. Hayes showed the films and after refreshments were served, Mr. Thorgeirson gave a very interesting address and answered questions from both the members and guests.

The evening ended with the election of officers for the coming year. H. H. Bailey was chosen as president with C. Lamport and Mrs. Axen vice-presidents. Eric Axen is the secretary-treasurer and Mrs. L. Rae as auditor. Directors are W. Webster, R. Farquharson, R. Dibbens and C. Lewis. H. H. Bailey and C. Lamport were named as executors to the council of the B.C. Honey Producers Association.

this week's Sun? Mother and Dad all ready to go out, overcoats, rubbers and all, and junior zippered in his parka with a scarf knotted around his neck. And the caption, "Well, WHY didn't you think of it before?"

Have you tried it?

There's something I would

## Brackendale

Graham Valde was a visitor at the J. Edwards home last week while his parents were away on holiday.

The hospital teas are in full swing up here and several of the women have taken their turn.

Mrs. P. Bliss accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sande and her sister, Mrs. Savage to Vancouver last week when they left to return to Sundre, Alta.

Earl Judd spent the weekend in Brackendale.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Schoonover is ill and we wish her a speedy recovery.

A very popular addition to the Farquharson household is the de-scented skunk, Mr. Izzy D. Odorized, who has taken up residence at the store. He eats out of Rod's hand and he comes in regularly for his milk.

## Officials Inspect Flood Damage

Mr. Alcock of Lillooet and district engineer, Mr. Grigg, of Williams Lake, spent Sunday and Monday morning in Squamish inspecting damage done by Saturday's high water. The repeat performance on Monday morning gave them first-hand knowledge of the problems causing the flooding.

After inspecting the dykes, the site of the washed-out flood-gate and water-logged area around Cowdell's corner they told the residents in that district that they would ask the Public Works Department for money to carry out such work as was necessary to prevent further flood damage.

This would involve repairs to the dyke, replacing flood-gate at the end of Victoria St. and some dyking behind the houses.

like to know,

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I try to catch them 'fore they land,

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## Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. A. Seymour made a brief trip to Vancouver early this week.

Mrs. N. Cowdell and the children are spending a few days in Vancouver.

In Vancouver last week were Mrs. Munro and Lynette, Mrs. Tatlow with Del and Beth and Mrs. Lasser. They saw a performance of the Sadler's Wells Ballet-troupe.

A welcome home to George Hunter who is convalescing at the home of the J. Hunter's after his long stay in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson celebrated their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary in Vancouver last Thursday with their son, Buzz, and his family and their daughter, Mrs. Warne and her family.

Mr. J. Wilmer of Vancouver visited his father, F. Wilmer, over the weekend. Mr. Wilmer, who has been ill for several weeks, really enjoyed his son's visit.

Mrs. C. Harrison, with Mrs. Kirkwood and Gail, was also in Vancouver last week. The highlight of Gail's trip was a visit to Santa Claus.

The high school students held their first party in the new school last Friday. The teachers, pupils, and special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley of Britannia Beach, gathered in the cafeteria for dancing and refreshments. The party was sponsored by the student's council.

Bing Martin is home from Mile 42 for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. J. Skerrat and the boys came down from Parkhurst last week and are staying at the home of Mrs. L. Martin while the latter is keeping house for her son, Tony and the boys while Flo is in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodale have bought the A. H. Ottmann's home on Wilson Crescent.

Mr. C. Fisher of Vernon was a recent visitor at the J. Wutzke's. He definitely didn't like his watery visit.

Mr. and Mrs. DeBeck and the children spent the weekend in Vancouver.

Another Cleveland Avenue resident has temporarily left her home. Mrs. J. McCall, who has been in ill health for some time, went to Vancouver on Tuesday, after having her home surrounded by water three times in the last three days.

Bob Lasser suffered a painful injury last week when he wrenched his back muscles while working down at the Squamish Towing dump.

The PTA will hold its December meeting and annual Xmas party in the library and domestic science rooms at the new school next Thursday. Don't forget to get your hamper tickets.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Punter of Vancouver are spending a few days visiting the Ken Richardsons.

Mrs. W. J. Dent suffered hip injuries when she slipped on the wet sidewalk outside her home on Monday afternoon. Dr. Kindree sent her to Vancouver for X-rays to find the extent of her injuries. Her daughter, Mrs. Rennie and both sons, Gerry and Larry accompanied her.

Tony Mitchell has added a new pool table to his hall. This brings the number of tables installed there to five.

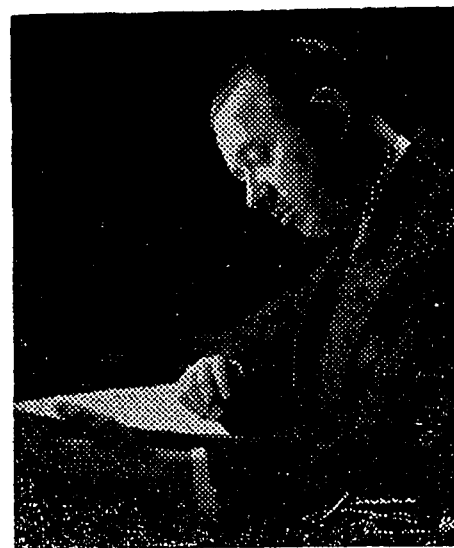
Don't forget to get your turkey tickets. The Legion's annual turkey dance is slated for a week from to-morrow.

## Xmas Seal Sale Going Very Well

The Nurses Club annual TB Christmas Seal sale is off to a good start this year. Already four hundred and fifty one dollars have been collected.

Last year the club realized more than a thousand dollars from the sale of seals. Mrs. D. Thompson, this year's campaign chairman is hoping that they will be able to exceed that sum this year.

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## Local Dykes Are Inadequate

Last Saturday's near flood, followed by almost the same situation on Monday, points out this district's need for adequate dyking and flood protection measures.

Granted that unusually high tides, coupled with strong winds caused Saturday's damage, the fact still remains that dykes around the entire town are too low to cope with anything except normal conditions. Had there been a warm rain falling instead of a near-freezing downpour, rivers might have been high and serious damage could have resided.

For several years the Board of Trade has requested the provincial government to do something about the dykes. The low section of the Pemberton Road dyke near Cowdell's corner has always been a danger spot but this could easily be raised. A dyke built along the rear of the houses between this corner and Castle's crossing would safeguard the residents of this area.

Dykes around the entire town have been deteriorating for years. Erosion and the constant trampling by horses and cattle have brought this about. As a result water poured over the dykes around the lower town and behind the railway track. Widening and raising both these dykes would seem a necessary measure.

Residents near the Red Bridge, who either had water in their houses or couldn't get out for hours because they were surrounded, would be protected if River Road was raised between the Red Bridge and Lonny Wray's. Adding a foot and a half of gravel to the present road would protect this district.

Another suggestion would be to have adequate machinery, such as a shovel, here for use in case of emergencies. Furthermore, there should be more latitude allowed to local public works officials in a situation such as last Saturday's. Sufficient equipment and money should be at their disposal so that immediate repairs could be made.

## Elks Ho'd Service

The Squamish Branch of the BPOE held a memorial service in the Elks hall on Sunday afternoon. A capacity crowd filled the hall for the ceremonies and heard Rev. J. R. Hewitt give the memorial address.

R. G. Carson read the invocation and a wreath was placed followed by a minute's silence. Mrs. C. Dawson sang a solo, "The Lord's Prayer." Exalted Ruler A. W. Hendrickson conducted the closing ceremonies and Rev. J. R. Hewitt gave the benediction.

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## Communications

Editor,  
Squamish Advance,  
Dear Sir:--

Very shortly the ratepayers of Squamish will again be going to the polls to elect village commissioners for the coming term.

How many of them have any accurate knowledge as to the financial position of the village? What revenue has been received and how expended?

There has been some fine improvements made since incorporation but there has been no financial report made public, what the improvements has cost or estimates for the coming year.

The improvements that have been made to date were all discussed and planned for by the first commissioners who were also the committee on incorporation and had a great deal of research work to do in that connection in order to show that it was the logical thing to do.

For the information of those who are not aware of it, the original proposed boundary of the village was at Buckleys and an alternative suggested boundary was the water course north of the school. At present this would mean that the village would receive about double the Municipal Aid Tax they are now receiving, plus the other revenues accruing from the larger area. Not all of the present commissioners were in favor of incorporation to that extent.

The village needs progressive thinking unselfish commissioners who have a justifiable faith in the future.

As the chairman of the Incorporation committee I take pride in the fact that today we are walking on cement sidewalks and are driving on streets that we would not have had if we had not incorporated

E. CARSON.

Squamish, Dec. 1, 1951

## Closed to Public

The gas station, repair garage and parts department of North Squamish Motors is no longer open to the public. Due to the fact that the pressure of outside work had caused them to neglect their own equipment, the Squamish Towing and Contracting Co. has decided to discontinue all other work and use their present garage facilities exclusively for their own equipment.

## SPORTS GOING STRONG

The Recreational Association's January meeting will be open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

The various sports groups gave encouraging reports. Badminton and basketball are both very successful and the gym classes are coming on well after a slow start.

If anyone is interested in boxing, George Lyons has indicated that he would be glad to have them contact him concerning this sport.

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### High-Water Highlights

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Who was the lad who got an unexpected ducking when his bicycle upset, dumping him in a foot of icy water?

Hear the stores made a clean up on Saturday selling over-shoes and gum boots. What's that about an ill wind?

Noticed a gentleman going down the street on Saturday carrying a fishing rod. That's an opportunist if ever I saw one.

Never knew there were as many cameras in town as we saw being used on Saturday.

One youngster's comment "Boy, if it would only freeze,

The school children coming home for lunch at noon on Monday were confronted with a foot of water at Cowdell's. So Mac McLeod became a one-man ferry service and carried the wee ones across the water.

Goldie was looking after her own interests. Saw her coming around the side of Cowdell's house carrying a loaf of bread. Guess that was dinner.

The water pouring over the dykes the other morning recalls one woman's comment in a similar situation several years ago. "I looked out the window—and glory be to God I saw the sea coming in."

Advertise that coming event

### Repairs to Bridge

A Public Works crew has been working on the repairs to the east end of red bridge. The blasting heard last week was to prepare the rock at that end for the new footings now being installed.

New blocking has been placed under the far end of the bridge and the whole structure has been tightened.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. C. H. on Wednesday, December 5, a son.



Juliette—Radio singing star

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