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These two loaded cars collided Wednesday night at the Buckley Avenue crossing creating quite a mess that is not cleaned up yet.

Firefighter's layoff final

The Squamish Firefighters Association and the local union both offered conditional concessions to Squamish council March 1 based on monetary savings for the district but were turned down flat.

The proposal was submitted by the Squamish Firefighters Association was turned down flat at a hearing with council, according to Uffe Hansen. He is the vice president of the association and chaired a committee devoted to having laid off firefighter Tony Worth reinstated.

"We don't want a confrontation and never did," Hansen commented after the meeting.

Worth was laid off Feb. 9 with no notice. He was a volunteer fireman in Squamish for about seven years and became a full time member of the fire department last July.

Council doesn't bite on conditional concessions

Firefighters feel they were singled out when the district laid off full time firefighter Tony Worth; indications are that there will be more layoffs before the final 1983 budget is set.

Firemen say their department is one of the last that should be cut in manpower because they provide an essential service.

Aldermen, at the March 1 special meeting with the Squamish Firefighters Association and International Association of Firefighters, Local 2874, said there may be more cuts in manpower this year.

The decision to lay off Worth was made "to bring the cost of firefighting back in line," Mayor Jim Elliott told the two groups. "It's hard to see how a man can be on the payroll for six months and be so indispensable," the mayor remarked after listening to presentations and concessions from the union and the firefighters association.

The concessions amounted to more than \$13,000 and both the union and the association figured that would be enough to convince council the laid off man could be re-hired. The district would need to put in \$5,000 to keep Worth on the job in 1983.

However, Alderman Lawrence Minchin said, even though council realizes the value of the volunteer fire department "we may have to cut more" before the 1983 budget is adopted.

Firefighters said their concessions were contingent upon Worth being re-hired and no more layoffs in the department in 1983.

"There's no way we can guarantee the firefighters there will be no further layoffs," said

The committee Hansen chaired was formed "just to deal with this problem."

He says three letters were written to council in an effort to meet and discuss the layoff and possible alternatives to it, but the first two were rejected.

The third letter was accepted.

The committee has discussed now and "it's up to individual firefighters" how they react to council's decision, said Hansen. No one has been instructed to leave the department.

"They (council) didn't want to discuss anything. They had their minds made up before we got there," Hansen commented Thursday, adding that firemen had not been instructed in any further action "because that would be suicide."

The Squamish Firefighters Association and the International

Association of Firefighters (IAFF) made proposals to council in support of Worth because they believed the reason for the layoff was based on the district's financial position.

The union said it is prepared to take all overtime, accumulated from Monday night trainings, or time off rather than paid time for the balance of this year resulting in \$6,200 cash saving to the district.

Also, the union would pay all expenses associated with Fire Prevention Week, which cost about \$1,200 in 1982.

Ric Raynor, president of the union which had five members prior to Worth's layoff, spoke on behalf of the IAFF.

"I sincerely hope that these alternatives will be given thorough consideration to preserve the efficiency and effectiveness of the fire department in these difficult economic times," Raynor concluded in his presentation to council.

In an interview late last week, Raynor repeatedly referred to the importance of the fire department to the life safety of residents of Squamish.

Raynor said he did not know what the union would do now.

"It's going to take considerable thought," he responded.

"It's inherent on us to protect the citizens of this town" which is the position the fire department just reached last year when Worth was hired, Raynor said.

"We spent like drunken sailors because we had it. Now we don't have it so we can't spend it," Tobus declared.

And Alderman Chuck Harvey said he does not think enough cuts have been made.

"I feel we're going to have to go deeper and cut more. I just don't see how we can support the work force we have," Harvey said.

He added all department heads

were asked to make cuts and fire chief Doug Orser was among them. After the initial cuts were made, Orser was instructed to take another look at his budget, but came back to council with the statement that everything was already cut to the bone.

Harvey did agree with firemen in their complaint of cutting essential services "when we haven't cut administration or public works or anything."

He went on to say that once the budget is set for 1983 "I think you won't feel like you've been singled out."

Reference was made to a statement made in The Times last week by public works superintendent John Payne.

Payne was quoted as saying the three layoffs in his department were temporary "unless council stops me" from re-hiring them when summer programs begin.

Council has not said they are permanent layoffs but that is the impression The Times was left with at the March 1 meeting.

'Not enough money to go around'

— Tobus

There is speculation grants to municipalities will be down again in 1983, putting a greater burden on local government.

"There's just not enough money to go around and that is that," Alderman Egon Tobus said.

"I can't go along with the need for re-hiring the firefighter."

Tobus pointed out Squamish's general purpose tax requirements since 1980, particularly emphasizing the drop of \$200,000 from 1982 to 1983.

In 1980 the general purpose tax was \$1,400,000. In 1981 it was



Ric Raynor is president of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2874, and spoke on behalf of the union March 1.

"I can't say there will be any repercussions" from the union as a result of council laying off Worth.

The reasoning behind the monetary concessions made by the two groups were based on the amount it would cost to keep Worth employed in the fire department.

This year, from March 1 to the end of 1983, Worth would make \$17,500. The concessions, if Worth was re-hired, would require the district to spend \$5,000 to keep him employed.

"We were told the problem was economic," Raynor declared.

No bids for 54 lots in Industrial Park

There were no bidders for the 54 lots in the industrial park, put up for auction on Thursday, March 3, at 10 a.m., although there were about 30 people in the council chambers during the auction. The properties went on sale at the counter on Friday morning.

The lots, ranging in size from .15 hectares or .3498 acres to 1.2 hectares or 2.0292 acres and price from \$21,000 to \$121,750, were adapted to fit almost any requirement and lots can be amalgamated if desired.

Originally, 57 lots were to be offered for auction but three were withdrawn pending alterations to the green belt regulations at the entrance to the park. A decision regarding this is expected in the near future.

The auction was conducted by treasurer Charles Schilberg, who pointed out that the property is fully serviced with sanitary sewers, storm sewers and water services installed to the property line, B.C.

Hydro power is available and the area is served with a gas line. The upset price is \$60,000 per acre and payment may be made in full at the time of sale or in three installments, one at the time of sale, one-third on March 3, 1984 with interest at 12 percent and the final third on March 3, 1985, with interest at 12 percent.

Building permits must be taken out within 18 months of the date of purchase and construction must be completed within three years of the time the property was purchased.

If the property is not developed

within the time period the district has the right of first refusal to the purchase at the original price less 25 percent. The property cannot be sold or transferred prior to development criteria being met without permission of council; the purchaser is responsible for taxes and responsible for filling and clearing the land.

Following the auction, Mayor Jim Elliott said he was not disappointed because there had been no sale.

"It means that no lots are in contention," he pointed out, "but it doesn't mean there won't be any buyers."

"I know this is a depressed time and a poor one to be putting lots on the market but undoubtedly there will be sales."

"We now have an industrial park and lands to offer for development and that is a positive step," he concluded.

Municipal administrator C.C. "Chuck" Shattenkirk added that he was not disappointed with the lack of sales, pointing out that "in periods of low economic development such action is not unexpected."

"This is our one chance to establish a second industrial base for Squamish," Shattenkirk said. "Not many communities have the advantage of a 200-acre park adjacent to the downtown core and with access to highway and railway."

"We shall have to initiate an active marketing program," he continued. "And market our park." Shattenkirk said he would not

be surprised to see a local sale or two in the immediate future as some businesses are definitely interested in the park.

Alderman Ron Barr, chairman of the industrial committee of council, said he was "a little disappointed" because he believed there are some people interested in acquiring land there.

"There has been some outside interest," he added, "and now that local people have had their first choice we shall have to actively market it."

"Hopefully, we will call a

meeting of the marketing committee in the near future to go ahead with this."

Schilberg pointed out there were a number of easements and rights-of-way on some of the lots. Water and sewer easements were on lots 75 and 76; there was a propane easement along the road to lot 86; storm drainage rights-of-way on lots 74 and 75 and propane gas easements on lots 21, 56, 57, 58, 66, 67 and 73.

B.C. Hydro rights-of-way and kiosks are on lots 57, 58, 46, 56, 57, 51, 72, 19, 73, 74 and 76.

HEARING CANCELLED ON MB INDUSTRIAL LANDS

The District of Squamish received word last week that the commissioner's hearing regarding the MacMillan Bloedel acreage in the Squamish Industrial Park had been cancelled.

Administrator C.C. Shattenkirk said the hearing would not have to be held. This means the property, comprising 12 acres in the southeast portion of the park, will be able to be included in the industrial park and planned to fit in with the overall plan.

Shattenkirk said there was originally no problem but then the company, fearing additional charges for development in the industrial park, objected and the matter was to go to a commissioner's hearing.

This would have tied up a portion of the sales money from the property until a decision was reached. The problem surfaced last spring and has taken a year of negotiations to resolve.

Movable structures the key to Block 19

Any structures placed on Block 19 will be movable, says Mayor Jim Elliott.

Covered walks and picnic tables fit into that scenario. A transportation building and permanent washrooms do not.

Block 19 is owned by B.C. Rail and is the lot between Big Scoop and Iry Bird on Cleveland Avenue. The district does not have BCR approval to do anything with the property yet, but a meeting is being planned with officials to discuss Block 19 and other municipal concerns.

Last year the district talked about purchasing the property. Elliott contends it should be leased.

"My approach is a five-year lease at one dollar a year."

Elliott and Alderman Dave Stewart met recently with Tourism Minister Claude Richmond and deputy minister Dr. Jim Rae in Vancouver to discuss the Royal Hudson and Block 19.

"Richmond thinks we should go ahead with Block 19, but with nothing permanent. The key is nothing permanent (being built there)," Elliott reported back.

"Any buildings we put on there will be movable," he said.

Portable washrooms may be placed there along with simple covered walks and covered areas for craft fairs, musical performances and the like.

Council gave preliminary approval to a Chamber of Commerce design for Block 19 in January which included covered areas, as well as provision for a railway station, railway museum and logging museum.

The concept was based on simplicity and landscaping was one of the main features of the proposal.

The Royal Hudson drops

we could reduce shifts or we could go up and down till the situation firms up," he added.

"Chip prices keep going down, lumber prices are struggling to keep up and the expected upturn hasn't been as good as we hoped."

"There was a flurry in the States at the beginning of the year but the United Kingdom market is worse and the Japanese market slack, so we don't know what will happen," Siemens added.

But Siemens stressed the fact that it might never happen; the company was making sure if it did, the necessary regulations would have been complied with.

"In these uncertain times you can't take chances on having to pay for failing to comply with regulations."

"We could have a shutdown,



Application for a building permit on the property between Village Dell and Shell Plaza Motors had to go to board of variance for a ruling allowing Bruce Hustad to build to the property line. The variance was granted 12 days ago, relieving Hustad of the side lot setback provision. A two bay car wash is well on its way to completion. The lot will be paved and entrance will be gained from Cleveland Avenue.

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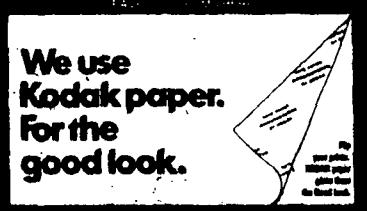
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Some teachers are terrible

A former resident of Squamish, who taught physical education at Fort Nelson and who is currently principal at a school in Okotoks, B.C., has written a thesis titled "Eliminating Teacher Incompetency." It was recently featured in the Alberta Report. In the thesis, Stockman says that incompetent teachers are an integral part of the education system and cites three main causes. These are inadequate training, the tenure system and professionals protecting their colleagues.

Stockman wrote the thesis while principal of Ryecroft School in the Spirit River District in northern Alberta.

He blames the teacher training institutions for the ease with which the incompetents enter the

system. They are allowed to make their way through four years before their pedagogical ability is evaluated. Furthermore, he says, when it does take place, it is "casual."

He suggests there should be greater monitoring at this point and more weeding out of incompetents.

He speaks of good teachers who degenerate into various levels of incompetence and others who "hang in there until retirement."

Such teachers, Stockman tells us, rely heavily on workbooks and handouts. They get away with it because teachers are naturally defensive about being checked on; the whole procedure is regarded as unpleasantness which is to be avoided by many administrators and even if the teacher is proved to be incompetent, has secure tenure within the district until retirement.

Stockman thinks that this will continue while teachers hide behind the "unionist wall."

He suggests as solutions to the problem: sabbaticals, retraining and counseling for the burnouts, short-term and more research into suspected causes of "premature mental arrest," as well as class sizes and multi-grade classes.

He thinks the recession will aggravate the problem as more "incompetent teachers" remain in the school system rather than switch to more suitable occupations.

\$1,000,000 dyking project announced

Dyking will be underway in Squamish again in April, all things going well.

Mayor Jim Elliott announced the provincial government's plans to throw \$750,000 into the 1983 fund and the district gave three readings to bylaws freeing up \$250,000 in municipal funds. Cost sharing is 75-25 between the two levels of government.

The Squamish, Mamquam and Stawamus rivers need work. More riprap is needed on the Squamish, as well as bringing up a couple of low spots and grass seeding the sides.

On the Mamquam the main portion of work that remains is on the left bank east of Highway 99. It is anticipated there will be some money left to start on the Stawamus, but not enough to finish.

Environment Minister Stephen Rogers and West Vancouver-Howe Sound MLA Allan Williams will be in Squamish Friday for a closed door meeting with the Squamish Indian Band council.

Hospital board briefs

The hospital board adopted a minor capital budget at the February meeting which included installation of panic hardware on the lower south door, refurbishing the south exit ramp, a new medication cupboard, two utility sinks and counters, installation of shelving and installation of steel doors on the dumbwaiter.

Also included were installation of an intravenous rack, examination lights and renovation of cabinets in the emergency treatment room.

Total cost of the work would be \$9,050 and the ministry of health would pay over \$5,000 of this.

Marian Mills reported on the work done by the Hospital Auxiliary which had constructed several kindergarten tours through the hospital and worked on the hospital library. Some new books have been added.

The hospital is planning to promote a special program for Canada Health Day to be held the week of May 12.

New coronary care management policy outlining the steps to be taken if a person is suspected of having a myocardial infarction or acute coronary insufficiency, was adopted.

Several breakins

Police state there have been a number of breakins in the past week. On Feb. 27 Bryan's Auto Body was broken into but it appeared that only the office was ransacked.

On the same night the pop machines at Surfside Chevron and the Esso station were broken into. Between \$30 and \$40 was taken from Surfside but only a small amount of money from the Esso station.

Police are also investigating vandalism at the Lions Bay post office where five post office boxes were pried open and some mail stolen.

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Dave Golay took \$1,000 home from Casino Night, put on by Rotary Friday.

Open house at Mamquam school

An open house was held at Mamquam Elementary School on Thursday, March 3 and parents were invited to attend and see their children working in the classrooms.

Some rooms had some displays of work; there were examples of art in the hallways, among them some excellent depictions of Egyptian art; parents looked at their children's work books and saw them in action in class.

In Miss Matthews' Grade One class the students listened enthralled to the story of the Little Red

Hen which she illustrated with a puppet.

As a finale for the open house the elementary school choir, under the direction of Dave Conrad, sang several numbers, among them two selections from The Sound of Music. Morag Marshall was the soloist in Edelweiss with the choir joining in later and later. Angela Staton sang a solo part in Believe in Angels with the choir later joining.

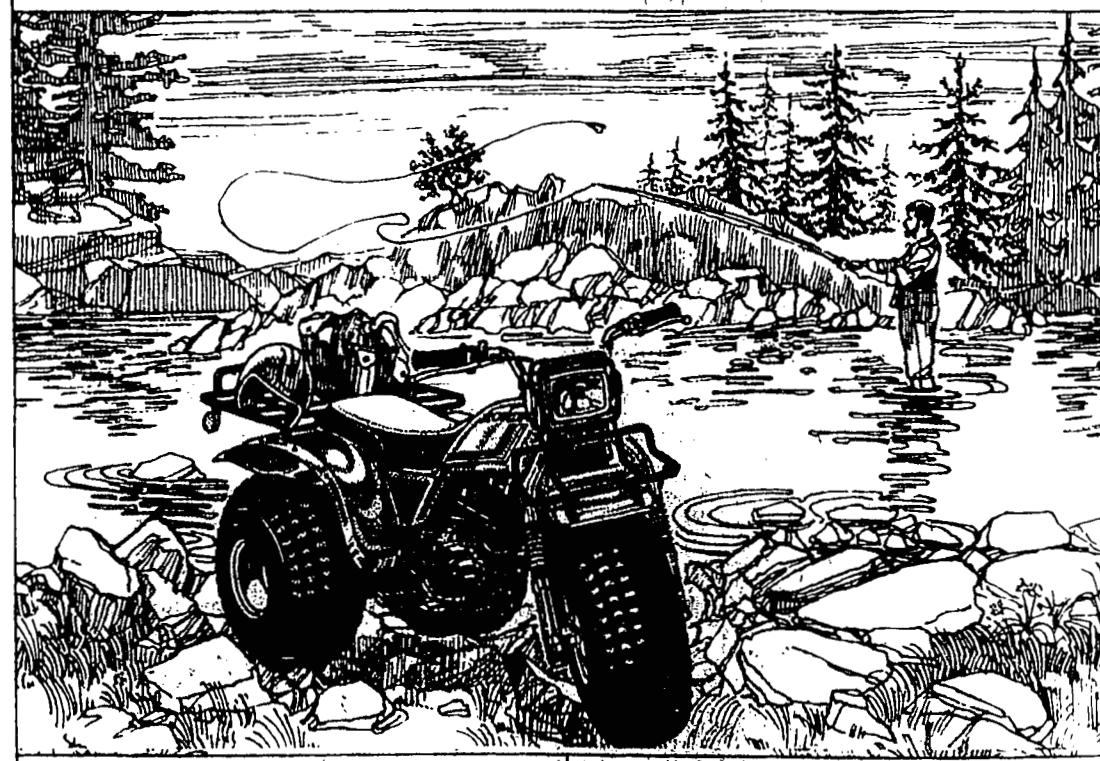
Refreshments, provided by the mothers of the Grade 7 pupils, were served along with coffee to the open house visitors.

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court news

The following cases appeared before Judge C.I. Walker in provincial court in Squamish on Tuesday, March 1. The first four cases were from Whistler, the others from Squamish.

David Mariani, charged with impaired driving, was fined \$500, in default 14 days and six months supervised probation with conditions. A stay of proceedings was issued on a charge of refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

Alan Gillies, charged with impaired driving, was fined \$400, in default 14 days.

Bjarme Geleff, charged with impaired driving, was fined \$500, in default 14 days.

Donald Mason, charged with impaired driving, was fined \$750, in default 21 days and given a year's supervised probation with conditions.

James Stack of Squamish appeared on three charges of impaired driving and two charges of refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

He pleaded guilty to the impaired charges and was sentenced to six months in the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre and two years supervised probation with conditions on the first charge. On the second and third charges he was sentenced to nine months at the LMRC, the sentences to run concurrently. A stay of proceedings was issued on the charges of refusing to take the breathalyzer test.

Debbie Hamilton, charged with possession of marijuana, was fined \$100, in default 10 days.

Jeffrey Amos, charged with having no insurance, was fined \$300.

Clifford Spivey, charged with assault, received a suspended sentence and six months supervised probation with conditions.

Brian Strachan, charged with consumption of liquor in a public place, was fined \$250 and received a year's supervised probation with conditions.

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Liberalism and licence

Demands from women's groups and others regarding the ban on pay TV and on Playboy films for late movie viewers, seems ironic. Were these groups not among those civil libertarians who several decades ago cried out just as loudly over what they called the censorship of that day?

Can you remember when people screamed about the "lack of freedom" in not being able to read "Lady Chatterley's Lover"? Can you remember the columns of letters to the editor demanding that adults should be allowed to make their own moral judgements? And how we were warned that the world would become another Sodom and Gomorrah if the restrictions were removed?

They were taken away and now we have the results. Thousands of films are on sale in Canada showing in grisly detail human beings in many situations, copulating with animals, sodomy, buggery, fetishism, necrophilia, coprophilia and every variation of human behaviour, none of it new or original.

We can assume that much of this will eventually find its way into public television. It always seems to happen. What starts as a simple freedom of action or choice turns into a monster. And liberals wail because people behave as people and not the high-minded creatures we know they are. The trouble is that the liberals don't seem to understand human nature at all.

Playboy films are described in words like "distressing", "degrading", "filthy" and "revolting". Now if pornography was all that and nothing more we wouldn't have anything to worry about. Nobody would look at them. But the problem is that many of the people, or a majority of the television audience, find them fascinating. They are so fascinating that people are prepared to pay the top dollar for them. But the liberals, who asked for the lifting of the censorship ban in the first place keep hoping people will be what they imagine them to be, and the human race keeps disappointing them.

This sense of disillusionment seems to filter through the entire small "I" liberal ranks. Those who crusaded to liberate the stage and screen and Lady Chatterley's Lover, eventually saw the result in "Deep Throat" and other explicit movies.

The campaign for prison reform and better parole policy has resulted in unsafe streets and rampant crime. They were warned that this would happen but blamed it on the old way of thinking, claiming that compassion and consideration would aid in the elimination of crime. Now it is often unsafe to go out on the streets because of the danger of being mugged.

The same thing happened in education.

Lumber industry at stake

In the case between the U.S. interests and the Canadian lumber industry, where a decision is expected momentarily, the loser could be the forest industry in B.C. which exports 70 percent of the Canadian lumber sold in the U.S. as well as all the shingles and shingles. It is a \$2 billion annual market.

A small splinter group of Americans charged that lower Canadian stumpage rates put U.S. producers at a disadvantage. They launched such a successful case that the U.S. International Trade Administration started a full-scale inquiry into all subsidies from governments to the forest industry.

Federal Trade Minister Gerald Reagan said this was harassment of normal trade between the two countries.

If the Americans win their case it could result in a 65 percent tariff on Canadian wood. But Americans would end up paying a premium for lumber when the demand rises above the domestic producers' ability to supply it. So, if another housing boom occurs the

liberals wanted to free the pupil from the routine of exams and memory work. It was stifling human creativity. The important thing was for the child to develop a feeling for a subject, to give them a way of expressing themselves. They were warned that if students didn't have to work they would end up by doing nothing. If they were not challenged they would slip into lethargy and not bother to learn. But the experts prevailed and now we have the spectacle of students coming out of high school graduating in useless subjects.

Some higher institutes of learning say they cannot read, cannot spell and haven't got the math qualifications for their colleges.

In the field of social welfare we instituted unemployment insurance and saw it used to the hilt in good times by people who really didn't want to work more than the required time. Now that the economy is in a downturn they have exhausted their benefits and there is no place to turn for a job to give them the required benefit time so we find we have brought up a group, who in preferring not to work when they could have in previous years, exhausted the fund earlier than it should have.

Now we have the liberals agitating for the ban on the Cruise missiles, urging us to disarm, and saying that the enemy will do the same. After all, they say, the enemy is also made up of decent human beings and won't take advantage of us. He'll disarm too!

What a fallacy! Human beings are human beings, capable of great decency and great venality. We make laws to reinforce the former and prohibit the latter. But when we forget to enforce the latter we end up with rape in the alleys, sado-masochism on television and the enemy marching down Main Street.

That's because human beings aren't really bad, they don't mean to see any of these things happen but they are typically weak, half spirit and half animal who can easily be enthralled by the illicit.

Man can develop an appetite for the thrill that can only be satisfied by increasingly outrageous perversion and eventually some of us stalk the streets to excite ourselves by destroying.

That's what happened in a recent case in Calgary where two young men confessed to doing just that. It's the final stage. But it starts with condoning things which eventually get out of hand.

The small "I" liberals forget that man is half-human, half-animal. He can rise to great heights of bravery and unselfishness if necessary but can fall to great depths as well. Like everything else, too much freedom can bring out the worst side of him, so some form of control is necessary.

howe soundings

Kit Mulhern dropped in last week to say how much she enjoys reading about the days when Squamish was much smaller than it is today. She mentioned the days when communications were much more difficult than they are now; when there were only a few telephones and the office was a tiny one on Cleveland Avenue.

It brought back memories of the days when the telephone directory in Squamish consisted of only one page with a very limited list of numbers. Only the businesses had private lines; everyone else was on a party line and sometimes there would be half a dozen numbers on the same line.

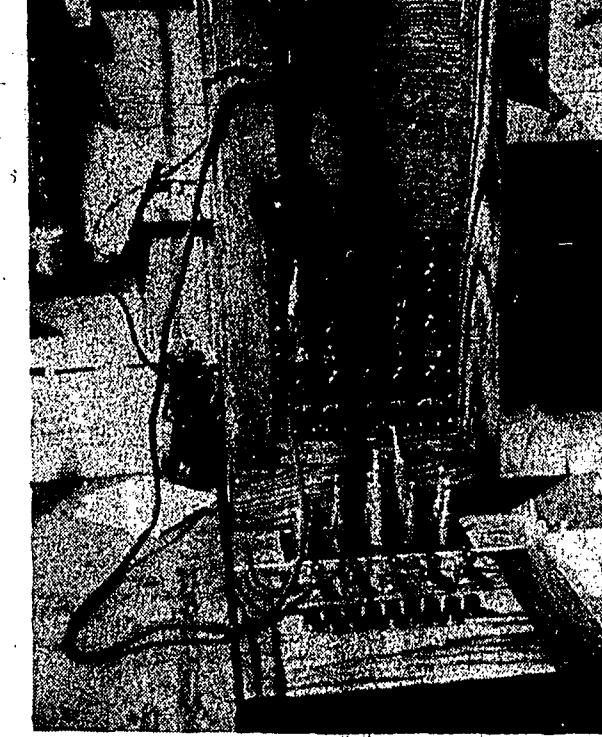
Imagine the problems you would have in those days if you shared your line with a family with a few teenagers! You'd be lucky to get a word in edgewise! Or to ever get a call in or out.

The first telephone office was located just about where the post office is today. It was in a tiny red building and it housed the telegraph line as well. Eric Reeve was the first telegraph operator and his office later housed the telephone equipment as well.

The public phone was located in the front of the office and sat on the wall. If you wanted to phone you had to use it and the lobby was open to anyone who happened to be in there so there was no privacy at all.

At that time only a few of the business firms had telephones. The railway had its own lines (internal ones) between the shop and the main downtown office and station but telephones were few and far between.

The telephone as well as the telegraph was operated by



The original telephone switchboard in the old building on Cleveland Avenue where the post office is now.

the government and in March of 1904 the telephone company moved into its new office on the corner of Main and Cleveland. There were only 20 telephones in the entire valley.

That's far from the more than 10,000 subscribers the

government and the telephone company now have.

A clipping from the old Squamish Advance of Sept. 21, 1930 stated that the telephone office would move a few minutes after 3 p.m. on Sept. 24 when the telephone company switched over 60 existing subscribers and cut in some 120 new ones at the new facility recently completed at a cost of \$40,000. This is the tall, modern-looking building located on Cleveland Avenue near Victoria. Cost of the building was \$9,500, central office equipment cost \$4,500 and outside plant facilities were valued at \$25,000.

The building was 30 by 39 feet and contained 1,120 square feet; outside plant facilities consisted of 8,400 feet of cable in addition to poles and open wire. Myrtle Taylor was the chief operator and Julie Munro and Ruth Bundy worked as operators with Hank Clarke as the local telephone repairman.

The first telephone book was a sheet of cardboard, folded in the middle, containing two full columns and two half columns of subscribers; instructions on how to call the operator and how to ring off and some instructions on how to use the telephone.

Everyone's number was followed by a letter unless it was a business one and there were only 56 of them. Call letters in use in Squamish were G, K, R, W, X and Y and you soon learned the code for your ring.

Our phone number was 87X and the call for this was two short and one long while one of the neighbours had R for a code ring and another was G. Fortunately we didn't have any youngsters on our line who talked for hours so we were lucky. The R code ring was two long and the G was one short and two long so it was easy to distinguish them.

Eleven years later the service had grown a great deal. There were still code rings, but this was soon to be phased out. The phone numbers now climbed to over 600 and took over four closely spaced pages in the telephone directory.

In addition there were a number of toll stations along the railway line north to Birken and Devine and just north of D'Arcy. Rayonier at Woodfibre was also a toll station and in addition to the public telephone at Woodfibre the only other phone belonged to Mrs. A. Sinclair.

This was where the coding really became complicated as they used a great many more letters and the operators all had to memorize them.

In mid-September of 1962 the Squamish telephone system went to dial and the system went automatic, throwing a number of local women out of work. Since that time the system has expanded and it is amazing to think that we were once small enough to have only 56 telephones in the whole community!

I worked for the telephone company for two years and it was an interesting job. You never knew what was going to happen or what problems you would be faced with. I remember the morning the old Newport Hotel burned. It

was my day to work but when I heard the siren and looked out the window, seeing the red glow in the sky, I realized we would all be needed. Normally there would only be one operator on till seven o'clock but a number of us had to start on the phones which rang continually. It was hellish.

Another night I never forgot was when they had just completed the tunnel from Daisy Lake through to the Upper Squamish and the water started pouring through the tunnel and the roads couldn't shut it off. Officials from Vancouver, along with some at Cheekye and at the dam held a conference call about the problem and that had to be arranged.

There were some funny experiences like the man who called from the construction camp at Garibaldi making a collect call to his wife. I asked his name and it was full of "s" and "v"s so I asked him to spell it and he replied "Lady, you don't spell it, you sneeze it!"

And the man who in all seriousness made a collect call to his sister giving his name as Joe Pickup and hers as Myrtle Pickup. We didn't know whether to believe it or not.

But it just fun and an experience I'll never forget.



Myrtle Hurford, who as Myrtle Taylor was the first chief operator for B.C. Tel at the switchboard in the new building which opened in 1950.



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The Times

LETTERS

Questions Unanswered

Editor, The Times:

PERC (Public Energy Review Committee) recently asked B.C. Hydro some pertinent questions regarding the proposed Kelly Lake-Cheekye transmission line.

In our opinion, Hydro's answers are somewhat ambiguous. (Their letter was edited for brevity.)

We urge readers in the Squamish-Lillooet corridor to add their support by writing to B.C. Hydro and to the provincial government demanding action.

Herewith is Hydro's reply:

1. Is construction of this transmission line justified? Does B.C. need it?

... A complete justification documentation will be provided to the Ministry of Energy with the Energy Project Certificate application, and will be made public at that time.

2. Have studies of the biological effects on humans living near the 500 kw transmission lines been done? Do they assure our safety?

B.C. Hydro has not carried out laboratory research on this subject and has no plans to do so but does support such work through the Canadian Electrical Association...

3. Alternative routes avoiding the present corridor which is already saturated with transmission lines are available. Have these alternatives been seriously considered?

... Because the cost of such routes would be 30% or greater than the cost of the preferred route the planning team has stated the use of such routes could not be justified. B.C. Hydro will make application for the route considered to be the most appropriate for the transmission line and cannot justify the expense of detailed additional studies for alternative routes...

4. If B.C. Hydro gets permission to replace the line with a large one, will that set a precedent allowing replacement of the three other transmission lines in this corridor and others throughout the province?

Within the current 20-year planning framework B.C. Hydro does not have plans to replace the other major transmission lines; however, use of existing rights-of-way for any rebuild of high voltage transmission line often makes practical sense in terms of land use, environmental impact and possibly economics when compared to establishing a new right-of-way. The redevelopment of any existing right-of-way to a higher capacity would be subject to review and government approval as is the present 230 kV 2E1 right-of-way for the Kelly Lake to Cheekye project."

5. Whistler Mountain has become a world renowned ski resort. Other alpine areas, valleys, lakes and rivers along the corridor are also established recreational areas, though the full potential has yet to be realized. Is the preservation of such a resource not more important than another transmission line?

"The proposed project is not 'another transmission line'; it is a replacement of the existing transmission line from Shalath to Cheekye. Additionally, adjustments to the alignment can improve on the existing right-of-way location. The transmission line is not expected to have an effect on tourism. During meetings at Whistler little public concern has been expressed by resort users."

6. Will public concerns be taken into consideration?

Council changes

Editor, The Times:

It appears that the November 1982 election will actually have an impact on this community. The improved council has managed to show some concern about the levels of spending established in earlier years and therefore has almost completely eliminated funds for capital projects.

Working without a clear policy objective on total spending, these cuts were easier to adopt than affecting major cuts in operating funds. However, the result is that no lasting spending cuts were actually accompanied — most of the chopped projects will be carried out in a future year at a higher cost.

Department heads were given the message of restraint but the interim budget did not establish this condition very strongly. Despite this the works department temporarily laid off several employees, due to lack of snow.

Now council has instructed the fire department to permanently lay off one full-time firefighter although a comparable justification for this action is not available. But where are the cuts in the less essential operating areas and why were they not cut first?

Where is this council's strong leadership? What are its policies and objectives? What are the reasons behind their decisions and how will these decisions impact on our community? If past standards of service are no longer to be maintained, what are the measurements to be used to determine which standards should be reduced and by how much?

Council's actions to date are very similar to the form of this letter. In a muddle-headed fashion we are bouncing from pillar to post, usually in the right general direction, but making progress seemingly by accident.

By not adopting a logical program sequence it remains unclear how well council is achieving its "goals" but it can be safely assumed that the most efficient path is not being followed.

Surely it is not too much to expect, given the promises which candidates made and the message that the voters delivered, that council will explain its actions to the public.

For further information contact Ron Kujala, Community Relations Co-ordinator, B.C. Hydro, 970 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1Y3 or call collect (604) 240-4000. Contact the Hon. Brian Smith, Minister of Energy, Parliament Bldgs., Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

Readers, the last word is yours...

PERC
(Public Energy
Review Committee)

Squamish needs?

Editor, The Times:

I believe that Squamish is big enough to have:

— an anti-littering law that is enforced on school routes;

— an anti-disturbance of the peace law for dogs;

— a television service that works;

— professional standards for local tradesmen, e.g.: reliability plus ability;

— really fresh fruit and vegetables in the markets;

— more competitive regular prices for groceries — not just sale specials;

— non-smoking areas in public places;

— delivery service (with a charge, if necessary) from the variety stores calling themselves drug stores;

— and, maybe one day, a car ferry from Horseshoe Bay?

It's an interesting and beautiful part of the world, but its time has come to improve its image.

Sincerely
V. Anderson

Editor, The Times:

The staff and students of Valleycliffe Elementary School would like to extend our thanks to all those who helped make our study a huge success.

Many of the parents and others in the community offered their time and expertise as well as their treasures from home to help out.

A special thank you to Mr. Giri for helping to organize events and to Mrs. Thethi, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Kandola and all the ladies who helped make food for us to taste.

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Editor, The Times:

In reply to the concern of citizen and to those who may share this viewpoint regarding the value of the Outdoor School, I know some concern about the levels of spending established in earlier years and therefore has almost completely eliminated funds for capital projects.

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To save one and a half jobs we may save six and a half Teacher Aide jobs, but as you have added five more layoffs you can only therefore save one and a half jobs!

Also for all of those who advocate the closing of CMOS and saving \$100,000 they should be aware that the government will demand the \$250,000 they gave us to buy the land and the school when it was first established.

We are not saving anything but

we are having to give the government another \$130,000 — no thank you!

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I feel that we have to get our priorities straight. We have to cut where the least damage is done — not the most.

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(Mrs.) Anne Slaby

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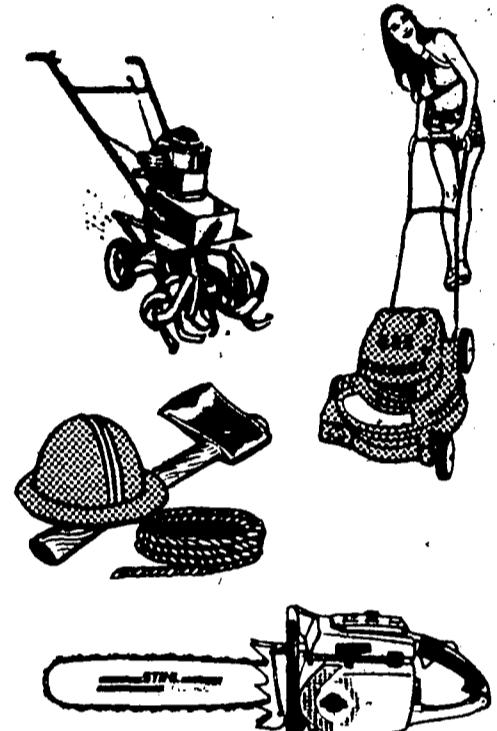
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March is a time for lawn care, pruning, spraying / early vegetable planting.

Trees and Roses:

Plant all bare root trees. Plant roses in a location that receives at least six hours of sunshine. Established roses should be given a final pruning to eight inches

above ground for fine specimens and to 14 inches for more abundance. Prune above an outside bud to keep centres open. Prune and plant fruit trees. Spray fruit trees, rose bushes and ornamentals with dormant spray as it kills overwintering insects and diseases. Avoid watering roses on foliage to prevent mildew.

Berries:

Plant strawberries, blueberries, currents, loganberries, boysenberries and grapes. Strawberries and blueberries love acid so do not use lime to prepare the soil.

Vegetables:

Start seeds in flats indoors in readiness for transplanting outside. Peas, onion sets, multiplier onions and garlic sets can be started outdoors. For a successful crop it is important to plant garlic as early in the spring as the ground can be worked.

Bulbs:

Summer flowering bulbs such as gladiolas, begonias, perennials, lilyturf and rock garden plants can be planted now.

Perennials:

A perennial blooms year after year, some are herbaceous, i.e. die to ground yearly but the root system winters over. Set out delphinium, columbines, aubrieta, hardy asters and phlox early in April. Plant gladioli continuously at ten day intervals until June, three inches deep and seven inches apart. Plant lily bulbs five inches deep and ten inches apart in a location protected from wind.

Annuals:

An annual plant grows from seed, flowers, goes back to seed and dies all in one year. Set out hardy annuals such as carnations, pansies and sweet peas in early April. Plant petunias and snapdragons around the middle of April.

Lawns:

New — Mix peat soil or good topsoil thoroughly with existing clay and fertilizer. Cheaper seed will germinate more quickly than expensive varieties. Keep soil moist constantly until after germination.

Established — It is ready for the first mowing now. Rent an aerator that removes plugs of soil and rake in a mixture of peat and cement sand. Do not use river sand as it is too salty.

Controlling Garden Pests:

Planting time is most opportune for good control of soil insects in vegetables. Cutworms, maggots and some nematodes are controlled by use of Lister's five per cent granular Diazinon in the row with the seed.

Dusting with potato and tomato dust before planting will help control diseases attacking seed potatoes.

Late March is the time to spray lawns for leather jacket control. The presence of leather jackets can be determined by pouring about one cup of gasoline onto the lawn. This irritates larvae and forces them to the surface.

Large groups of starlings feeding at this time of year usually means there are leather jackets present as well.

squamish earful

BY MAUREEN GILMOUR



All the winners in Stedman's 1983 model contest posed for a picture last week. Kurt Patrick, Ron Brown, Michael Petersen, Robbie Fisher, Trevor Clark, Rickey Bennett, Willie Antonie, Steven Bennett, Ole Hansen, Rollie Clark and Neill Burritt, not in order, took trophies.

New quarters found for unemployment centre

The Squamish Unemployment Action Centre is moving to new quarters in the United Church Annex on 4th Avenue, and it will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

A phone has been installed to receive calls from anyone with a problem regarding UIC, GAIN Assistance, eviction, overwhelming debts, or personal problems caused by the stress of unemployment.

Anyone needing help is asked to drop in to the centre or phone for an appointment to see one of the advocates who are willing to help. The phone number is 892-3666. After 4 p.m., anyone requiring help is asked to call John London at 898-5828.

The Unemployment Action Centre is for anyone to drop in, enjoy the company of others, play cards or table tennis or have a cup of coffee. It's a place to go rather than just sitting at home worrying about how to fill the hours.

The UAC is also helping with the Food Bank with as many as can, helping with transportation, building shelves and any other volunteer work required.

The UAC would like to offer a special thanks to the local Elks Club for the donation of the use of their hall the last two Fridays. Thanks also to the Order of the Royal Purple for the donation of coffee, cream and sugar for the drop-in.

DEBBIE BEDARD PLANS WEDDING IN MAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ed LaClerc of Surrey are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Debbie Bedard to Bruce Proudfoot, son of Mrs. Proudfoot of Porthcawl, Wales. The wedding will be held in Squamish on May 14.

Food bank starts distributing March 18

The Squamish Food Bank is now a reality. Letters asking for donations of food and money are going out to churches, service clubs, high schools and anyone in the community who can help.

The target date for the first distribution is March 18 at St. Joseph's Hall on 4th Avenue from 1 to 3 p.m. So far the plan is to distribute on the Friday after the 15th of each month.

Cash donations can be mailed to The Squamish Food Bank Committee, c/o Box 2047, Squamish, B.C.

Food can be taken to the Squamish Times office or left in the basket or box provided at IGAT Overvalta, Super Valu and Sunvalley Foods in Valleycliffe. All posters requesting donations for the food bank will have a logo of a house with cans of food dropping into the roof.

There is only one week to go before our first distribution day. It is hoped we can gather enough food in that time to help at least a few people.

To quote from a letter received by their committee in response to our question "Do we really need a food bank in Squamish?" the writer states: "Well really, must people start dropping like flies before we finally realize?"

The reason in my stomach tomorrow is not because of something I ate, it's because it's empty. My wife and I have been hungry for many days, many times waiting for that undependable cheque. It's six weeks since we've had one."

So when do you hear these people are not the only ones?

In just two weeks the Howe Sound Drama Club dinner/theatre will be in dress rehearsal for its production, "Black Comedy".

The director, Graham Dickson, principal of Brackendale Secondary School, comes highly qualified. Not only has he been interested in drama for many years, but has directed this particular play several times in the past with excellent reviews.

Assistant director Jill Webb hails from the Fraser Valley, where she was involved with the White Rock Players and Comoxon College in Surrey, before coming to Squamish.

Keeping it all together is business manager Doug Gagnon, well known drama enthusiast, and newcomer Jim Wisnia, who has taken on the monumental job as stage manager. As in any production, it takes many people and lots of hard work to have a successful show.

What a show is in store for patrons! Set in the mid '60s, the play revolves around the hilarious exploits which occur when there is a power failure in the flat of a struggling young artist, who is furiously preparing to show his work to a millionaire art collector.

Aided by his newest girl friend and without permission, he has

borrowed furnishings from his neighbour across the hall, hoping to impress the art collector, make his sales and return the furniture before his friend returns, from vacation.

The power failure provides the general complications and allows for the unexpected arrival of a prospective father-in-law, an elderly spinster tenant from upstairs, the neighbour, a former friend, a city worker (mistaken as the art dealer) and of course, the art dealer himself.

The situations that develop are riveting and as the audience watches all this unfold the cast pretends it is in darkness and unable to see a thing — hence the title "Black Comedy".

The dates are March 18, 19, 20, 26 and 27 and there are a limited number of tickets for each night. Tickets can be obtained from Squamish Times, Peg Tinney and Thor Fidoe. Group reservations are welcome.

At this time we are also considering offering an exclusive evening to the residents of Pemberton and Whistler. If 50 or 60 residents in these areas are interested, we would certainly be more than pleased to set aside one of the evenings for their dining and entertainment pleasure.

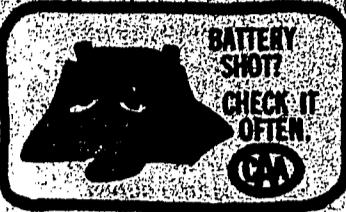
Good weather was experienced by Peg and Jim Fairhurst and Mildred and Bill Campbell. They visited Maui and Waikiki soaking up lots of sunshine.

Wedding anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. George Furniss, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Long, Mr. and Mrs. Art Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hinde, Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Brad McStay, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sudsworth,

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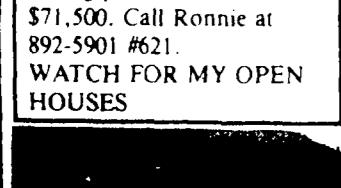
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Peewees' playoff chances dashed by North Shore

By MIKE STEDMAN

Howe Sound — A couple of weeks ago Howe Sound peewees were certainly on their way to the playoffs.

With a solid record and final playoff spot they were after all in control of their own destiny.

But a 10-West Vancouver and Port Moody helped to weaken this group. As a result heading into their final game of the season, Squamish had only a two-point edge over the North Shore Winter Club.

The fate would have been up to position for this game was North Shore. The two teams met in a showdown contest in Vancouver.

All year long, Howe Sound failed to collect a single point in that cavernous echo-chamber of an arena. In the Feb. 22 match all they had to do was end this slump with at least a tie, and Squamish would be playoff bound.

Despite what one proud parent described as Howe Sound's "best game I've seen them play on the road this year," the contest stuck with tradition.

Sparked by three power play goals, two of which came while enjoying a two-man advantage, and another on a penalty shot, North Shore persevered in a 3-4 score.

Early in the opening frame, just after Scott Ross gave Squamish a 1-0 lead, Cory Antosh was served

a whopping 10-second icing, 10 seconds for cross-checking. Seconds later, Howe Sound joined him with a similar infraction.

North Shore made full use of this opportunity as they struck twice to take the lead.

On the ensuing break, the home side was allowed to fan away at the puck, which was underneath the pads of keeper Trevor Clark for several seconds. Eventually, as the referee let the play continue, the puck squirted loose and trickled into the net.

The rest, though, was yet to come. Late in the middle frame North Shore was awarded a penalty shot after one of their players was hauled down during a breakaway.

In the ensuing duel, Clark actually made the initial save with his leg but looked on agony as the puck trickled over the goal line to give North Shore a 4-2 lead.

Squamish refused to give up even after the score was run up to 5-2 when the opposition connected on the power play, ten seconds into the final period.

Cory Antosh made up for a thwarted breakaway attempt earlier as he put two home in the span of 34 seconds to give his team a new lease on life.

In the final minute and a half, Howe Sound iced their power play unit for a glorious chance to salvage a tie.

The team had to wait until the final seconds of the game to earn a tie, but the North Shore did it with a little help.

They took the puck out, added

their own and for most of the time, seconds to preserve their victory.

Howe Sound faced less than against North Shore during this season than the other six so the locals were relegated to a third place finish, one point short of the playoffs.

Or do they? Starting this past weekend, the young peewees com-



Rollie Clark was the overall winner in Stedman's 1983 model contest. The logging truck in the window to his right was his winning effort.

Soccer scene

Final Standings for First Half of Howe Sound Men's Soccer to March 6, 1983

| | G | P | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pts |
|--------------------|----|---|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Old Fort Breweries | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 43 | 19 | 18 |
| McBride Trucking | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 47 | 23 | 17 |
| Khalisa | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 39 | 20 | 17 |
| A&A Batteries | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 51 | 29 | 16 |
| Native Sons | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 31 | 9 |
| Brackendale | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 34 | 9 |
| Thorcon | 12 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 43 | 6 |
| Local 170 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 77 | 2 |

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Chiefs' player makes all star line up

By MIKE ECKERSLEY

For the high school senior and junior boys' basketball teams the season has drawn to a close. It has been a year rebuilding, a year of learning, as well as one that ended on a positive note for both sides.

Without a single victory to their name in regular league action, the seniors, under the direction of Reg Fogarty, entered the Howe Sound Single 'A' zone finals a couple of weeks ago.

The winner of this eight team, three game tournament would be rewarded with a berth in the provincials.

With this in mind, Howe Sound played some great basketball. On Feb. 25, the Chiefs chopped down their local cousins, the Pemberton Red Devils, 78-47.

The next day they had more than their hands full as they were pitted against one of B.C.'s top ranked clubs, the Sentinel Spartans.

Fogarty's boys responded well to the challenge but in face of the Spartans' lethal attack, fell in a

close victory 90-77.

Incidentally, especially given the zone competition, it is a tribute to the players that the team has done well.

Eliminated from any opportunity of a first place finish, the Chiefs, led by a 34 point night from Cliff Roberts, rebounded off this loss by gunning down the Chatelech Eagles 87-69.

The victory earned Howe Sound a third place finish behind Sentinel and Sutherland.

As a bonus, the leader of the Chiefs' attack, Cliff Roberts was named as one of six tournament all-stars. This six-foot-three grade ten student made 47 percent of his shots from the field during the competition. He also averaged 23 points and 12 rebounds per game.

As Fogarty stated, honourable mention must go to Rajnish Sherman who also shot 47 percent for an average of 15 points a match.

Ranjit Chahal fielded 48 percent of his attempts for a ten point average.

What is most remarkable about this team is that only two players, Sherman and Spencer Fischen, are in their last year of school. The remainder will return for another term and could be joined by some up and coming juniors.

The juniors, who were coached by Ron and Neil Roberts, also had a good finish to the year. Last week an exciting, nip-and-tuck 50-49 victory over Elphinstone put them one win away from reaching the provincials.

Plan to attend this gala event

March 26th for both good entertainment and support of the local club. Tickets will be available at the Times office, Bon Marche, Stedman's, Fashionality and Red Balloon.

Registration for the Spring Skating School will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 9 and 10 at the Civic Centre.

Their opposition, the Vancouver College trish, had different ideas as they outgunned Howe Sound in a 68-39 finish. What really killed Squamish was that on 33 of the Irish's baskets, eleven came as a result of steals and/or fast breaks.

A tough Vancouver defense meanwhile kept the locals boxed out of the key and led to many turnovers.

Such was the case in the third quarter when Howe Sound netted only two points, those coming from the hands of Clay Golden with 1:48 left.

Still the Chiefs never gave up and actually outscored the opposition 16-12 in the final frame.

Stephen Hickman led the way in scoring for Howe Sound with eleven points, followed by Harry Gill with nine and Golden with eight.

During the past weekend, these juniors, along with the junior girls and Grade 8 boys competed in a tournament at Brackendale Junior High. Next week, a rap-up of the tournament.

Skating scoops

Preparations for the annual Ice Carnival are well under way and shows great promise of being an exciting event. "Mother Goose on Ice" will feature all local club members plus two guest skaters.

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Blades end Triple C six game win streak

something that may, if it hasn't already, result in suspensions.

Enter Brad Brown who ejected for taking a swing at the referee and will now sit out a two year suspension. The fun (?) was far from over as the Blades' Claudio Nonis squared off against Ed Gagnon. Nonis suffered a broken

hand in the scuffle.

In a Feb. 23 match-up against the Raiders, James let in six goals while his teammates racked up eight on Carl Tschiman.

Rick Rosser led the way once again with the hat trick while Neal Olafson put home two and set up another.



sportsbeat

By MIKE ECKERSLEY

When it comes to scoring goals, there exists two players who stick out in my mind. Their names are John Acorn and Rick Rosser, players who compete in separate divisions but share a common trait; both are country miles ahead of their fellow competitors in the point-getting department.

With a grand total of 35 goals and 34 assists, all of which came in just 32 regular season contests, Acorn has helped produce almost 40 percent of the Terminal Exporter's output for the year. His nearest rival, who is teammate Keith Downer, is way back at 45 points.

That, I think, says a lot for a player who, some critics say, is somewhat lost when he doesn't have possession of the puck. Whether or not there's some validity to this statement seems to be of no consequence for whenever Acorn steps onto the ice, the puck is drawn to him like a magnet anyway.

Then again, nobody's perfect are they?

Undoubtedly it has been Acorn, along with Keith Downer and goaltender Ken Bayers, that led the Exporters in claiming the overall point standings. It remains to be seen if he can outgun rivals such as Bob Mahgier and Lori Vanzella — if he returns — in the near future as the 'C' division moves towards the finals in the playoffs.

If the past is any indication the answer to this would be the affirmative but one thing is for sure. The presence of Acorn, and others like him, makes local hockey that much more worthwhile to watch.

Such is the case with Rick Rosser, a tall, somewhat lanky, but strong forward for the 'B' division's Triple C Logging. In a 30 game season, Rosser's statistics show he far surpasses opponents and teammates alike.

When I first saw this tricky forward way back in the yesteryear of 1982, he turned a defenseman simply inside out with a cut to the right, and then ripped a shot home on the breakaway.

In the course of the season, many players have caught onto this move. It's always a break to the right. But the goals have kept coming. Rosser possesses an uncanny sense of anticipation in watching play develop, and more importantly, knows when to duck.

As you all know, 'B' division is infamous for its rough play, to put it mildly. In this atmosphere, Rosser, who may not be a saint himself, is definitely one of the better and cleaner players.

His total of just 17 minutes in penalties along with his scoring punch pays testimony to that. It's competitors such as Rosser who salvage some respect for a league that is sometimes shambled by a minority of goons.

Now if only local hockey could have more of his and Acorn's type. If it did, the Civic Centre would be filled to capacity every night with fans and players being the beneficiaries.

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