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### COMMUNITY CLUB HOSTS SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

The untiring efforts of John Sarna, Entertainment Chairman and all his helpers paved the way to an evening filled with laughter and enjoyment for all who attended in the upper clubroom for the New Year's Eve Dance.

The theme for the dance was very appropriately the '71 Centennial theme. The walls were decorated with streamers and '71 Centennial Flags, as were the tables, which held colourful '71 Centennial Flag Table Centres and also the Centennial Pins, matches and balloons.

A buffet supper was served from 9:00pm – 10:00pm. From tables beautifully laid out and containing platters of delicious food which was enjoyed by all. The caterers for the occasion were Mrs Doris Hansen and Mrs Mary Hoodikoff. After the supper hour, the tables were cleared and the food was placed to the rear of the hall so that anyone could partake of it as they so wished throughout the remainder of the evening.

At 10:00pm the dancing started and from the number of people up dancing throughout the night, all was enjoying the music of Tony Ethifor and his orchestra.

The balloons that had been rigged to the ceiling to be released at midnight came floating down earlier than planned as an enthusiastic dancer couldn't pass the temptation and pulled the string releasing the balloons much to everyone's delight.

1971 was heralded in with the blowing of horns, singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and good wishes by all to their friends and neighbours.

Mr John Sarna and his workers deserve a heartfelt "Thank You" for the long hours and efforts they put in to make a New Years Eve at Britannia so enjoyable.

Mr Sarna is planning a Valentine's Dance for February and is also formulating plans for the activities, which will be held throughout the New Year.

C Smith  
Editor

## **SAFETY CORNER**

As adage that has served countless generations, and probably an equal number of interpretations, stated something about “planning your spring crop while Wintery winds are upon you”.

Of course, being located in a “Garden Spot”, such as we are here in Britannia, one rarely has the opportunity to experience “wintry winds”, and all too frequently, because of this, there are no spring crops when Summer rolls around. Witness for example, my front yard.

Now, if nothing, else, yesterdays’ experience with frozen water lines, then changing a flat snow tire, combined with today’s furnace problems serves to remind that Spring crops are indeed something to start thinking about. So we shall plant our seedlings now and look to the following dates and see how our crop has matured:

May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Britannia Mine Safety Day
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Vancouver Island Mine Safety Day in Nanaimo
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	St. John’s Ambulance First Aid Competition in Vancouver
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	WCB “Centennial” First Aid competitions in Vancouver

We will be training a new group of Mine Rescue personnel on a course starting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. With the underground trainees from this course complimenting those still active with Mine Rescue we intend to formulate an active group of some 18 to 25 men and involve them in a continuous Mine Rescue Program.

## **REPORT OF OUR WALKING WOUNDED**

Bob Cormier suffered a back injury on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and is presently under going physiotherapy at WCB Rehab Centre. Bob will have a medical review on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Berwing recently lost a fingertip due to an injury on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr Chan reports that Joe should be back with us within a week.

Kurt Pfohan had the first of our New Years injuries when he fractured his finger on January 7<sup>th</sup> and will be off work for two weeks.

W A (Bill) McInnes  
Safety Officer

## **BRITANNIA BOAT CLUB NEWS**

As most of the residents of Britannia have observed, the new ramp at the boat dock has been placed into position.

As soon as the weather clears up and warms up, we will be calling the Boat Club members for work parties, as the ramp will need decking.

A meeting will be called sometime in February, and we hope that more members will attend than there were for the last 6 meetings called. There were not enough to form a quorum at the last meeting.

Your Executive and club cannot operate without members and it has been due to the interest of the members that we have had such a successful season.

When the meeting is called - we hope to see all the members out, as it will also be time to elect a new slate of Executive Officers.

Charlotte Smith  
Secretary – Treasurer

## **BRITANNIA CENTENNIAL '71 COMMITTEE**

The Britannia Beach Centennial '71 Committee, in collaboration with Anaconda Britannia Mines, proposes to share with the mining company a project to memorialise the Centennial of British Columbia's entry into federated Dominion of Canada as a province in the Dominion.

We are pleased to advise that we have received consent from the Secretary of the BC Centennial '71 Committee for the following project.

The project proposed is a museum of mining machinery, records, photographs and other objects of historical value and interest. The location is Britannia Beach. A tunnel driven some sixty years ago will be used as the main part of the museum with buildings of suitable design at each of the portals to provide housing for material of a perishable nature.

The mining company proposes to make the site available for public access and its proximity to Vancouver (forty miles) should make the project a matter of interest to a large number of the travelling public and to the schools, colleges and universities in the area.

Perhaps you have an item of the nature described above which is within your control and which you may feel may be donated to this purpose. If so, we would be pleased to hear from you by phone or letter. Address your inquiries to: Mr John Wolf, Vice Chairman  
Britannia Beach, BC

## **FAREWELL PARTY HELD FOR ILSA AND WOLF BECHERT**

The upper clubroom was the scene of a farewell party held on December 30<sup>th</sup> when old friends of the Bechert family gathered to wish them a farewell.

Wolf came to Canada in 1951 from Goettingen, Germany and from 1951 to 1955; he worked in the bush, in paper mills and in construction work. He returned to Germany in 1955 for a vacation and during this time he met Ilsa. She joined him in Canada in 1959. They have two children Ursula 8 years old and Andrea 2 years old as well as their pet dog "Poncho".

On Wolf's return to Canada, he started working in Mining as a surveyor's helper and then moved up to surveyor. He started working in the Hollinger Gold Mines in 1955, in Timmins, Ontario. From there, he went to Granduc where he was employed until 1965 when he came to Britannia Beach.

The Bechert's are moving to San Manuel, Arizona, where Wolf has accepted a position as project engineer for Cementation Company. Our best wishes and good luck go with them.

Art Ditto presented the family with a beautiful carving set to remember all their friends at the Beach.

C Smith  
Editor

## **VARIETY FARM TRAINING CENTRE**

### **LADNER B.C.**

EDITORS NOTE: The articles which have appeared in previous "Newsletters: and the remainder of the articles on the Variety Farm Training Centre have been written by Mr T J Stewart, Program Support Officer, of the Provincial H. W for Mentally Retarded.

Five boys and five girls will enjoy the life-style of a large farm family. Each "family" will be under the direction of "House parents" and while each student will enjoy the privacy of his or her own room (with a room mate, if desired) the family life of the "farm kitchen and family room will be available. However, a degree of control is necessary to separate male and female sleeping areas.

The communal living and dining areas and supervisors' accommodation form the main axis with sleeping areas situated in the two opposing wings.

The kitchen and laundry area is located centrally. As well as being functional, it also provides the desired separation between sleeping areas resultant cruciform configuration enabled the architect to capitalize upon modular construction techniques, which in turn

ensured that budgets could be met. The plan is now operational and judging from comments from the residents, the design has been very successful.

The variety Farm has suffered some very difficult growing pains. One must remember that all the money collected by the Variety Club have gone into Capital building and to the present there is no government support for any of the workshops or training centres in the province.

One of the problems the farm has faced is that no one really knows just what the trainees are capable of doing. Many parents of the retarded have been over protective and are pessimistic in saying the boy can't do this or can't do that. Even the staff can fall into this trap at times by saying a boy can't do this or that without really giving him an opportunity to try and to learn how. But lets consider some of the particular program developments.

Training is geared to life on the farm. All trainees are involved in all phases of the program. In the greenhouse, on tractors, with livestock, on field crops to the extent they can participate and contribute.

The first crop was 6 acres of broad beans and potatoes, cultivated by hand. Their first crop of sugar beet was a failure.

The farm now has 65 acres under cultivation and the remaining 35 acres in hay. In 1970, the farm has harvested: 37,500 pounds of sugar beet seed, 4 tons shelled green peas that were retailed through their own outlet, 5 tons of oats and 9 tons of barley. The 3,500 bales of hay will be used in the fall and winter to feed the 10 Aberdeen Angus cows, three of who have had calves.

The barn has a capacity for about 40 head of cattle. All the cattle are purebred stock and it is hoped that some of the trainees will gain enough experience to be able to show their animals at local fairs.

The farm is now at a point where it is almost able to provide its won beef and have course its won vegetables.

The farm started its greenhouse operation in February, and for the Municipality of Delta has grown 400 bedding plants and 1,000 ornamental shrubs. The greenhouse is to be doubled this fall. This aspect of the farm is extremely valuable both in training opportunities and financial return. Also in February a workshop was completed. The shop has completed 5,000 hanging flower baskets and 3,000 seed flats for a nursery gardener on the Lower Mainland.

The workshop has built a portable greenhouse and will be producing these for retail sale this fall.

Maintenance of the project has become a very large part of the work training on the farm. This includes everything from cutting and raking the lawns. Maintaining the flowerbeds, laying concrete sidewalks, painting the interior and exterior of all the buildings as required. The maintenance also includes washing and cleaning of all floors and windows. The farm has no care taking or janitorial staff this is all part of the training the young people are exposed to. Each trainee is responsible for his or her own room. The bed must be made and the room kept neat. The trainees have developed a feeling that the farm is their home and their project is not seen as an institution in anyway.

The Variety Farm believes in the need to develop all aspects of the life and that Social Activities are a vital part of any training.

The craft room has weaving looms and the young people are given opportunity to make rugs, and mats. A kiln is set up for ceramics.

The Delta Ice arena also on the Airport property is available for ice-skating during one afternoon a week.

The young people attend football and hockey games, as well as go to wrestling and boxing matches. The farm has developed a swimming program both at the local beach and the local community centre. Most of the young people have bikes and those that are capable are encouraged to visit around the local area.

The development of evening programs is the most difficult, in that you cannot expect to have a film or football game every night. The staffing at this time also presents a problem in that the best-qualified program people may not be too interested in working afternoons. The staffs that have supervised the young people during the day are at home.

In this area the farm is utilizing a group of youth volunteers from the local area. These young people are encouraging the trainees to become involved in the creation of programs of their own, to stimulate an interest in entertaining themselves. The farm has been developed as a co-educational centre and the girls are involved in most of the jobs and projects that the boys are working on, and when we speak of trainees this could be both young men and young women.

Mr & Mrs John Price received a surprise visit from Mrs Price's cousin, Mr & Mrs Chris Anderson and their son Richard from Eckville, Alberta recently.

New Years visitors at Norma and Murray Croteau's were her brother, Kelvin Nelson, his wife and three children from Terrace B.C.

Emil Marcoux stopped and said hello to his friends at the Beach before retuning to Natal B.C.

Lois Knudsen's parents from Gibson B.C. visited them over the holidays and took their four grandchildren home to Gibson with them for several days.

Ralph Lovlin, Jack Moore and John Wolf accompanied by bearded Ross Levi of Werner Bros. visited the set of the picture "The Presbyterian Church Wager" to discuss the disposition of articles of interest for our planned mine museum.

Belated Happy Birthday greetings to Flo Verdisio, Ray Knudsen, Bernice Boys, Olive Baxter, Lois Bush, Janet Clark and Dave Clark. Also Mrs Joyce Bloom of Parksville B. C. many happy returns to all.

Arnie and Diane Campbell (nee Hopper) are the proud parents of a baby boy, 8 pounds 12 ounces, born on January 7<sup>th</sup> in Grace Hospital. The grandchild for Art and Pearl Hopper former Britannia residents.

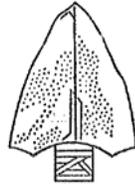
Rose and Jim Whittaker have just returned home after vacationing in Hawaii. They find quite a difference in the weather.

Congratulations to Joseph and Ginger Mengesz on the birth of their first son Joseph John weighs 5 pounds, born January 11<sup>th</sup> in Squamish Hospital.

### **COMING EVENTS**

January 21                      Pottery Classes 7:30pm upper clubroom

January 24 – 31                Skating – West Vancouver 4:30 – 6:00 pm



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### **ROAD SAFETY – CENTENNIAL '71**

Speeding on Britannia roads

Recently there has been an automobile accident in the townsite on the road to 4100, in which speed was a major factor. There have been some near misses reported as well.

The posted speed limit on Britannia roads is 20 MPH and 15 MPH in School Zone. At this speed it takes 5 minutes from the main gate to the South end of the 4100 parking lot. At 30 MPH you save 1 minute 40 seconds and at 35 MPH you save 1 minute. The average wage is approximately 6 cents per minute. Is your life, or the life of a child worth only a few cents? Think it over, and SLOW DOWN.

### **BRITANNIA CENTENNIAL '71 COMMITTEE**

Our local Centennial '71 Committee after a slow down during the Christmas holiday season has been re-vitalized and are busy studying floor plans and site excavations in preparation for the laying of the cornerstone for the Museum.

Numerous mining companies and individuals have offered many articles and equipment of historical value.

Warner Bros. Pictures, makers of the film, "Presbyterian Church Wager" and filmed on the property owned by Mr Greenwood of Nelson Machinery, have donated numerous items of interest towards our project. Mr Greenwood, himself, has donated an ancient "sheave wheel" and head frame lumber from the sets and other mining relics.

During the preliminary preparations for the museum foundation, we will be calling on local volunteers to give the committee a hand. The pouring of cement and then the actual erection of the building will follow this.

This is our Centennial Project, and it is up to us to make it a success. Who knows, Her Majesty the Queen may even inaugurate the project.

J O Wolf  
Vice Chairman

'71 Centennial Committee

## MRS BAXTER'S REPORT

Eighteen ladies gathered at the home of Mrs Roy Johnson on January 14<sup>th</sup>, for a surprise shower for Mrs Paulette Stewart.

A pleasant hour of games was enjoyed, Mrs W Teel, Mrs T Butler and Mrs K Mikkila all receiving prizes for their efforts.

Mrs B Blanchette assisted the guest of honour in opening the many lovely gifts, which were piled in a beautifully decorated baby bath. Miss Judy Johnson fashioned a very pretty chapeau from the bows and ribbons that were tied around the gifts.

A beautiful cake decorated with a baby bottle and "Paulette" written on it highlighted the refreshment table.

Sorry to hear that Mrs E Buckmaster has been admitted to Lion's Gate Hospital.

Jack Dickinson was admitted to Squamish Hospital on January 27<sup>th</sup> with a heart condition, also the same day Host Hansen was taken to Squamish Hospital after he collapsed. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

This is certainly being an unusual winter; a person doesn't know just what he will see from one day to the next. Eight inches of snow, or a balmy Chinook wind speedily melting it away only to look out the next day to another ten inches of snow, so it is very good weather for staying home, which is just what I have been doing so I don't have much news to report for this issue.

Mr & Mrs Neil Smith have been happy to have Mr Smith's mother, Mrs Annie Smith from New Brunswick spend several months with them. She has recently returned to her home.

Lucky winners on the Hockey Pool in January were: Mr Wally Andrxieczuk, Mr T J MacDonald and Mr Ernie Malm.

Mr & Mrs Alfred Stembridge of Britannia wish to announce the engagement of their only daughter Lynn to Arthur MacLain, son of Mr & Mrs Ed MacLain formerly of Britannia Beach. The official Engagement party will take place on February 14<sup>th</sup> the same day as Al's birthday. Wedding date to be announced later.

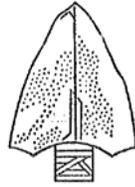
Born to Jim and Renee Rynn, a son Kevin Kenneth, born on New Years Day in Dublin, Ireland, a brother for Noreen, Michael, Jimmy and Richard.

Congratulations to Lenore and Roy Fogarty who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on St. Valentine's Day.

Visitors at the home of Mr & Mrs Barney Bush were; Mr & Mrs Art Hopper of Fauquier, BC and the daughter and son-in-law Arne and their small son, David from Vancouver.

#### COMING EVENTS

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	TOPS – Church basement 7:45 Floor hockey Semi Finals – School gym 6:30
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pottery Classes – upper clubroom 7:30
February 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hunger fast – youth group – church basement 7:00
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ice skating – West Van Arena 4:30 – 6:00
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS – Church basement Floor hockey Semi Finals
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents of Preschooler Meeting – Church basement
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pottery Classes
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine dance – upper clubroom 9:00
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ice-skating
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Floor hockey Semi Finals



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### **\$1,120.00 FOR RETARTED CHILDREN'S OLYMPICS**

Eighteen members of the Britannia Youth Group went on a Hunger Fast, sponsored by Britannia residents and the surrounding community. After "Fasting" for 44 hours, these young people raised a total of \$560.00. Mr B B Greenlee, Manager of Anaconda Britannia Mines, announced on Sunday that the company would match the donation of the young people to bring the total to \$1,120.00, which will assist the Retarded Children in attending the Olympics in Toronto this year.

The group, between the ages of 14 and 16, fasted from 7:00pm Friday to 3:00pm Sunday. The "Fast" consisted of liquids; water, thin gruel and fruit juices.

Various activities were arranged for them by their chaperones, and on one occasion one of the young lads and his chaperon were seen jogging around the Beach. They busied themselves in the church basement by repairing and painting chairs, repairing hymnals and various other jobs that were needed to be done. No one was allowed to leave the church basement without a chaperon if the necessity arose. This way they were not tempted to indulge in any "goodies" while they were away. No visitors were allowed during the "Fast".

These young people are to be commended for their self-denial and for their unselfish efforts to raise funds for a worthwhile cause.

Debbie Marion received the highest amount of pledges, Gordon MacDonald was second and Allan Husted was third.

On Sunday, the parents gathered in the church basement, bringing with them a variety of hot foods and dessert and needless to say, the young people did not take very long to start in and clean up the food.

Congratulations once again to these young people.

Editor

## **JOHN B KNAEBEL RETIRES**

John Knaebel, vice president of Anaconda Company, will retire on February 1, 1971. He is a native of Denver, and received a degree in engineering in 1929 and in mining engineering in 1930, both from Stanford University. He spent the early years of his mining career on various projects in the Philippines, Mexico, Central America, and Canada. He joined U.S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co. in 1940, leaving that company in 1946 to take charge of Anaconda's exploration work in British Guiana and Brazil.

When Anaconda began development of uranium in New Mexico in 1951, he was named manager. He moved to New York in 1956 as assistant to the vice president in charge of mining operations and devoted the ensuing years to Anaconda's new mining interests in the U.S.A. and Canada. Chief among these are the open pit copper mine at Twin Buttes, Arizona, and the underground copper mine at Britannia Beach. He was elected vice president of Anaconda in 1964 in charge of the new mines department.

Among the he has received are the award of Mining Man of the Year 1956 by Mining World Magazine and the William Lawrence Saunders Gold Medal awarded by AIME in 1958.

Those of you who were here in 1963 well remember Jack who was responsible for Anaconda taking over the Britannia property. I am sure that you will all be happy to know that he and his wife have retired to their small ranch in Southern Oregon on the Rogue River, near Winston, not too far from Medford.

As anyone who knows Jack will realize, he is not settling down, but will be busier than ever in consulting capacity.

We all wish Jack and Neil our best.

B B Greenlee

## **BRITANNIA SCHOOL NEWS**

A number of parents have come to me recently regarding the enforcement of certain rules and regulations, which have been made at the school for the protection of all the children. The snowball throwing creates the usual amount of inquiries from parents of children who have been punished for throwing snowballs.

Surely the parents realize that it is our responsibility to protect the children as best we can from harming each other with snowballs. We all know how dangerous these can be. The school is responsible for the children from the time they leave home in the morning until they return home at night. We try to be patient and fair about enforcing rules, but would the parents please, especially the ones who get so upset about these things, remind the children of these rules (a list of which were sent home with each child in September) and try to visualize if you could the chaos which would ensue were there no rules. Surely it is

an important part of our education to learn to respect the rules that are made for our protection.

The strap has not been used as a form of corporal punishment in this school for several years and I hope that it does not have to be used for many years to come. If we can instil in children a desire to follow rules rather than break them, an important lesson in citizenship will have been learned.

I will be taking the Grades 5.6 and 7 to the Student Matinee of V.O.A. production: "Madam Butterfly" at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Letters will be sent to the parents with all particulars.

L Cope  
Principal

### **CENTENNIAL '71 COUNTDOWN**

#### **COME AND MEET CENTURY SAM AND CENTURY SUE**

On March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 in the upper clubroom your local Centennial Committee is holding a general annual meeting for all the residents of Britannia. There will be a film and various displays of artefacts and souvenirs.

Come out and learn what you Centennial Committee has planned for the coming months of 1971, and how you can participate in these plans.

J O Wolf  
Vice-President

### **BRITANNIA CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

Subsequent to the monthly meeting of our Committee, which discussed mainly the museum site and construction, it was decided to do some rethinking.

Coupled with an on-site inspection by A T Smith and some knowledgeable suggestions by R n Lovlin, B B Greenlee and R T Baverstock, it has been decided to revise the plans and suggest the erection of a much larger museum building on the present foundations of the old mill, which burnt down many years past. Like the legendary Phoenix – a museum will rise.

Ron Baverstock and his small crew of John Leret and Art Buckmaster have made steady progress on the tunnel itself, having completed installing water and airlines and power line hangers to the drill testing face.

The surface crew provided crushed grade rock for the drifts and mucked clear the south portal for John and Art to start installing the collar portal sets.

Don Simmons and Tommy Burns of our surface crew did a tremendous job of dismantling several buildings and an old head frame from the set of the Warner Bro. Studio, which were donated by Jack Greenwood of Nelson Machinery. They also were prominently featured on Channel 2 TV News hour as "the walls came tumbling down". Most of the material is now stored ready for use as facing is for the museum building.

Material donations to our museum continue to come in and the public interest is growing.

A public meeting is planned for March 1<sup>st</sup> at Britannia, to report on our progress to date. We welcome a full attendance.

Centennially yours,  
J O Wolf  
Vice-  
Chairman

#### **RON BAVERSTOCK TO APPEAR AS GUEST SPEAKER AT BURNABY ASSOCIATION FOR TEACHERS OF SCIENCE**

Ron Baverstock will be one of the guest speakers at the Alpha Secondary School in Burnaby on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Ron, Anaconda; K Reid, BC Forest; P Brennan, Department of Fisheries and S Deveraux, Riefel Island Bird Sanctuary, will discuss the topic "Field Trips "and" Where to go. Emphasis will be placed on available facilities with speakers referring to their particular area.

"Those Who Survived", reports from teachers regarding field trips in which they participated, will follow this.

A look at field trips from the administrative point of view, "Administrative Concerns", will then be the topic for discussion, followed by "Suing Made Simple", a talk on teacher liability as related to field trips.

This program, sponsored by the Burnaby Association for Teachers of Science, is to give the teacher and students some insight into facilities available, mechanics of tour arrangements and how students and teachers may be of assistance to their hosts on these tours.

## **AROUND THE BEACH**

Congratulations to Mrs Ramage and son Wesley who won the Mother and Son Bowling Award and to Mr Hansen and daughter Carol who won the Father and Daughter Bowling Award when they participated in the Family Bowling night held recently in Squamish.

Some of the young bowlers from Britannia, Carol Hansen, Wesley Ramage, Dan Sarna and Roy Ramage participated with their Squamish teams at the Youth Bowling held in Vancouver and Richmond on Valentines Day. Their teams all took sixth place in their divisions.

The Valentine's Day dance had a poor turnout, but the people that were there had a very good time, in fact, they enjoyed the dance so much they took up a collection and kept the band for another hour.

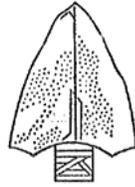
Celebrating birthdays in February are Ingrid Piehler, Joan Ehler, Ruth Broderick, Vince Richards, Al McNair, Bill Reid, Jack Burns and Ernest Buckmaster. Happy Birthday to all.

Jack Dickinson is still in the Squamish Hospital with a cardiac condition and in Lions gate hospital is Frank Kulbacki who underwent surgery for ulcers and Bill Strelaeff is also in Lions gate hospital. We wish them all a speedy recovery. A number of residents at the Beach have been caught in the grips of cold and flu during the past few weeks.

Lucky winners of the Hockey Pool in February were: Mr W Melenchen and Mr P Boys. The next game will be played on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **COMING EVENTS**

February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Boat Club meeting – Safety hall – 7:00pm
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Centennial Committee meeting – upper clubroom



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**VOLUME 5****NUMBER 4****MARCH 5, 1971****FAREWELL HELD FOR ROSE AND RON BAVERSTOCK**

Friends gathered to honour them with a farewell party on February 27<sup>th</sup> in the upper clubroom. The women brought lunch and Sandy Powell, John MacDonald, Barry Green, Ross Rivett, Bill Whiteside and Jack Mundy supplied the music for the dancing.

Sandy Powell, the Master of Ceremonies, called on Barney Greenlee and Ron Baverstock to come to the front of the hall and Mr Greenlee presented Ron with a set of Book Ends from Anaconda, made from copper ore and suitably engraved. Sandy then called on Rose to join Ron up front and Jack Anderson presented the couple with gifts from their friends. Ron received a Spear Gun and gift of money and Rose was presented with a copper Fondue set and a gift of money.

Ron first came to Britannia in April 1948, when he hired on as a mucker. He left a year later and returned in August 1949, as a miner. In February 1956, Ron was promoted to Assistant Safety Engineer and then he left the Beach again in 1957 to return again in 1962 as Mine Foreman. He was promoted to General Mine Foreman in 1967, and to Mine Superintendent in 1969, which is the position he held at the time of his resignation.

Ron met Rose at Britannia and they were married in 1949. They have four daughters, Daphne, Paula, Patricia and Marla. Daphne attends college in Vancouver, Paula is employed in the main office, Patricia attends high school in Squamish and Marla attends the Britannia Beach School.

Ron stated that for him and his family Britannia would always be a part of them, and thus he couldn't say "goodbye" in the sense that it implies, after having spent so many years here. At this time his plans have not been finalized, so he was unable to say exactly where he would be going or where they would be taking up residence.

We wish them the best of luck in their new ventures.

## **CENTENNIAL '71 COUNTDOWN**

The Centennial '71 countdown was held on March 1<sup>st</sup> in the upper clubroom. This particle general meeting was devoted largely to discuss concerning the proposed mine museum. Subjects involved with this program such as the last chapter of "The Story of the Mine", work progress on the "tunnel under the mill", displays in the tunnel itself and at each portal and building plans for he museum building were reported on by the Chairman, (Jack Moore).

Those who attended enjoyed the special displays of Centennial Souvenirs, Old Maps, Photos and other items of commemorative interest from the past, including numerous pieces of old mining equipment and several proposed plans for the new mine museum.

Although the turnout of people was small a high degree of enthusiasm was in evidence and interested community members presented several worthwhile ideas for the floor. The Executive Committee at its next meeting, which will be held on March 15th at 7:30pm in the library, will evaluate these carefully.

As you know, this whole Centennial '71 idea does not stop with this proposed museum. It involves also, Copper Queen and Miner's Day Celebrations. We believe that many good people in this community have sound ideas on what could or should be done but are reluctant to put them forth. This is understandable. The fear of being wrong or 'saying it the wrong way' has always kept otherwise solid and thoughtful community members away from general meetings, but your ideas must be presented in some way to become a reality.

Think about it, and if this applies to you – if you would like to strengthen and improve your community with suggestions but are reluctant to present them at a general meeting – sit down quietly and put them on paper. You have our word that suggestions concerning your community will be given our immediate attention.

## **BRITANNIA SCHOOL NEWS**

I would like to thank the drivers for taking the children to Vancouver to see the opera "Madam Butterfly". I'm sue the great enjoyment derived by the children will make these people feel it was worthwhile. Many thanks again. The drivers were: Mrs Greenlee, Mrs C Smith, Mr Phillips, Mrs Andrzejczuk, Mrs Pickard, Mrs McNair and Mr Cope.

L Cope  
Principal

Report from Janet Husted Grade 7 student on  
Why I think, "Madam Butterfly was a fantastic opera

Madam Butterfly was a fantastic opera because of the costumes the actors wore and the beautiful and colourful scenery. The part I liked best was the way that Madam Butterfly and the other actors acted and the way that they carried their voices. Also, I liked the seats we had in the theatre.

The costumes were very beautiful; the women wore brightly coloured kimonos that stood out like roses in a weed patch. They also had very beautiful bamboo umbrellas and brightly coloured fans. The men's costumes were very appealing but not as colourful as the women's. The Prince had a very grand costume, gold pants and a very colourful top.

The lighting was very attractive and was worth seeing. It has a dark blue light on when it was night. The background was very good and the stars in the sky were just beautiful, the house lights were very good too and it looked as if it was a real Japanese village.

Scenery was so realistic. The house was very lovely and so were the flowers and the cherry trees were almost like real. The location of the house and trees and flowers were just magnificent. The background to the house was very realistic.

The singing was very good and it must have been difficult to sing the opera in Italian. "Madam Butterfly" was a beautiful singer; she is the best singer I have ever heard. Suzuki, the servant was a good singer and she carried her voice very far so that most people in the theatre could hear her. The men and the women in the cast all had lovely voices. The singers were very good, they had fear in their voices at the time of fear and when it was a happy time, their voices sounded happy.

The acting was very well done; everything they did was like as if they were doing it for real and not just because it was an opera. Madam Butterfly was the best actress because she did everything as if it were real. Lieutenant Pinkerton was a good actor because he was so serious. Suzuki was good too; she would make everything she did look like it was real.

I like the orchestra, they kept very good time with the acting. I thought it was really good when it was a time of care, they would play soft beautiful music but when it was a time of danger, they would play hard pounding music. I think it was very thrilling music. It was just splendid. I think that this Opera was just the greatest and I would like to thank Mr Cope and all the drivers for bringing us to see a great Opera, we all enjoyed it and it was very well done.

Janet Husted

## **AROUND THE BEACH**

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Arvid Johnson of Vancouver who will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs E Buckmaster wishes to extend he thanks for all the cards and flowers she has received from her friends during her stay in the hospital and her convalescence at home.

Mr & Mrs Walter Hansen wish to express their appreciation for the kindness shown to them and their family by so many people, during their recent lose of Walter's father.

Birthday wishes to John Ciolek, Minto Marchauk, Dick Kruezer, Tony Crane, Bruce Husted, Tom Pullen and Bill Aimsough who are celebrating birthdays this month.

Congratulations to Leila and David Baxter on their new son Craig Charles who was born in St. Paul's hospital on January 29<sup>th</sup>, weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces. Almost a birthday present for his great grandmother, Mrs Blance Burnley who was 82 years old on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Craig is the second grandson, after sixteen years for Mr & Mrs Fred Baxter.

Mrs Alice Graney's home was the scene of a delightful baby shower for tiny Craig Baxter, son of David and Leila Baxter. The guests enjoyed games and Mrs O Buthge, Mrs O Verdesio, Mrs K Millila, Mrs A McNair and Mrs M Karwatskis won prizes.

Leila received her many lovely gifts in a rose decorated blue baby bath. A beautiful cake made by Mrs E Buckmaster and decorated with a pair of blue baby booties and pink roses with blue and white swirls and "Welcome Craig Charles" written across the top was the highlight of the refreshment table. The hostesses, Mrs Graney and Mrs McNair, served refreshments and Leila won a gift for having eh tea plate with the hidden slip of blue paper under the serviette. Mr McNair took slide films of the occasion and later presented them to Mrs Baxter as a memento of the happy evening.

Vivian MacDonald was a happy and most surprised young lady after being inveigled into going to the upper clubroom on the evening of February 16<sup>th</sup>, to find 25 ladies waiting to honour her with their gifts on the occasion of her forthcoming marriage to Mr Len Harrop of Squamish BC on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Carol Hansen and Miss Debbie Hoodikoff helped the hostesses with the decorating of the tables with pink and white steamers. Carol wrote VIV & LES with paste and sprinkled colored confetti over it for a colourful effect along the front of the head table where Vivian was seated with her mother and Mrs Harrop Sr. and members of her coming wedding entourage.

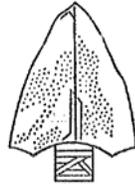
A pleasant social evening was enjoyed following which little Lisa Green wheeled in a beautifully decorate box piled high with gifts and presented to Vivian. Mrs Barry Green and Mrs A Critchley had used a Valentine motif in the decorating of the container. A beautiful cake made by Mrs Hansen in the form of two rings, decorated with whipped cream, 4 bells and a dove centered the head table and was surrounded by delicious refreshments. Mrs Hansen extends grateful thanks to all the ladies who assisted with the shower.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Jack DeKroon on the arrival of their little daughter Susanna Lorraine, born on January 12<sup>th</sup>, weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces.

Sorry to hear Miss Jeanette Graney is wearing a cast on her foot after sustaining a broken bone in her ankle during a skiing lesson.

Our sincerest condolences to the Hansen family on the passing of Walter's father, Mr P H Hansen of Edgewater, BC who died at the age of 90 years. He leaves his wife, who now resides in Golden BC and her 3 sons, 3 daughters, 28 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Mr & Mrs W Hansen, Mr & Mrs L Ferguson and Mr Wesley Ramage attended the funeral. Mr & Mrs Hansen had celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary 2 years ago, at which time the entire family had congregated to honour them.



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### **BRITANNIA FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLDS DANCE**

Local Fireman, their wives and guests enjoyed a pleasant evening in the upper clubroom on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

This is an annual function which is held by the Fireman and at which time presentations and awards are made to the winners of the Annual Crib Tournament and also this year for the first time a Shuffleboard Tournament that will also be an annual tournament.

Winner of the Crib Tournament was Frank Kulbacki. Frank, along with Jim Vinnell were the winners of the Shuffleboard Tournament. They were both presented with trophies and gifts. Frank received a gas lamp and decanter set and Jim received decanter set.

Spot dances were held during the evening and the first couple to win a prize were Mrs Joyce Green and Mr Dave Clark, Fire Chief Murray Croteau presented them each with gift certificates from Merv Footes Men's Wear and Fenton's Jewellers of Squamish. Another spot dance was held for married couples and Marriet and Jim Vinnell were the winners of a colourful overnight bag. Doris and Walter Hansen were also winners of a spot dance and received a lovely wall plaque.

Susan Lydon provided the music and her group from Langley and it was one of the liveliest groups playing in the upper clubroom for sometime. They had a fiddler in the group who really set everyone through their paces.

A beautiful buffet supper was served at 11:00 and everyone enjoyed the turkey, ham and variety of salads that were prepared by the wives of the Fireman.

Doreen and Dave Clark were special guests invited to the dance. Dave held the office of Fire Chief in 1957. Also present, was the immediate past Fire Chief, Bill Braiden and his wife Anja, who now reside in Brackendale.

### **PERSONNEL DIRECTOR RESIGNS**

John Wolf, Personnel Director for Anaconda Britannia Mines, left their employ to take up a position as Contract Manager of the Canadian Long year. His offices will be located

in Vancouver. John and his family recently purchased a home in North Vancouver and have taken up residence there.

The Wolf family, during their stay at Britannia endeared themselves to all. John was very active in all community activities and clubs. He is an ardent golfer and fisherman and enjoyed many hours of boating. His many fellow workers and friends will long remember John's amiability and wonderful sense of humour.

We wish them good luck in their new ventures and home.

### **BRITANNIA SCHOOL NEWS**

I would like to thank all the parents who attended the open house on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, I would like to thank Mrs Hilborn and Mrs Vukoslavceovich for their kindness in supervising the Tea; it was very much appreciated, as were the donations of refreshments provided by a number of parents.

The second report card will be given out March 26<sup>th</sup>. Again I would like to stress that if any parent wishes to meet with the teacher to discuss their child's progress, please feel free to phone for an appointment.

L Cope  
Principal

### **AUXILLARY POLICE SWORN IN**

Provincial Judge W J Elliott (former Mount Sheer resident) performed the Swearing In Ceremonies on March 13<sup>th</sup> when ten Auxiliary Policeman swore their allegiance to the Queen, the RCMP and the Civil Defence Organization.

The Ceremonies were attended by the wives of the Auxiliary and regular members of the RCMP. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the regular members of the RCMP, the newly sworn Auxiliaries and their wives served a lovely steak dinner at Fergies Lodge, Cheekeye.

Sgt. Mason welcomed all the members and their wives and briefly outlined the many duties a constable is called upon to perform including marriage licences, which one is occasionally called on to issue. He then congratulated the new Auxiliary who had just completed a 3-month course under the guidance of Instructor Constable Ken Belleheimer of the Squamish detachment.

### **AROUND THE BEACH**

Condolences to Mr and Mrs Begin and family on the passing of Mr Begins father.

Mr and Mrs Sam McLaren were visitors on March to the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs O Verdesio and accompanied them to Squamish lanes to watch the Senior Bowling League play games.

Mr “Red” Verdesio celebrated his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 3<sup>rd</sup> on the regular Senior Citizen bowling day. Mrs K Makela made him a birthday cake and all the members signed his birthday card and wished him many more happy bowling days.

Mr and Mrs John MacDonald are enjoying a surprise visit their sons, Leading Seaman, Terry MacDonald and his wife Carolyn and young son Darron John from Halifax N.S. and also, RCMP Constable Buy MacDonald to have the whole family home for their daughter Vivian’s wedding.

Mr and Mrs Gillis and Mr and Mrs Malm enjoyed a visit from Mr and Mrs W Stark, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs Gillis, from Williams Lake. Art and Dody were also weekend guests of Mr and Mrs Malm.

Frank Kulbacki wishes to extend a thank you to all their friends who were so kind and thoughtful during his recent illness. Special thanks to the Union, for the beautiful fruit basket he received, also to George Stevens who so kindly let Frank have the use of his TV while he was in hospital and to Sid and Isabel Vinnell who looked after the children when Grace visited him in the hospital.

Happy Birthday to Howard Last, Harriet Vinnell, Bernard Van Rhyn, Wn. Melnechenko, Reno Marty, Arnie Bennett, Dave Porter and John Mowaczewski. Four people celebrating their birthdays on March 28<sup>th</sup> are Steve Greenlee, Tom Locke, Bev Richards and Charlotte Smith.

In a short time now, we hope that spring will be with us so we can get out in our gardens and repair the ravage of winter and once again enter into the spirit of the Beautify Britannia contest. If anyone has any gardening hints please send them to the editor so that other will be able to have green thumbs.

Editors note:

A gardening Corner appears in this issue. Mr Emile Le Blanc has agreed to write the Gardening Corner and it will cover the care of soil, bulbs and grass.

## SOILS

A good gardener may always modify his soil to suit the plants he wants to grow, but some understanding of the conditions in this area are helpful.

Most of the soils in our area are characteristic of the coastal rain forest. These are shallow, often gravely with glacial till, sometimes containing hardpan. This condition

creates winter drainage problems. The high winter water table has resulted in shallow roots of the natural forest cover.

One characteristic, which this area has in common, is acid soil. This is the greatest natural section of the continent for growing ericaceous plants such as rhododendrons, azaleas and heathers, and the climate suits a wide range of these and other acid-loving plants.

**MARCH** There may be up to six weeks difference in the time of flowering of the very early shrubs and bulbs, particularly in our area. Regardless of this, March is sure to bring its quota of bloom to gardens. When planting conifers, be sure that adequate drainage has been provided; little else is required. When planting shrubs such as rhododendrons, azaleas, piers, enkienthus and heather, use peat moss liberally.

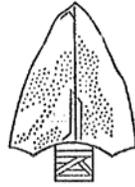
Shrubby ground covers have become popular for use on banks and for under planting trees and shrubs: Hypericum calycinum, with bright yellow flowers all summer long; all varieties of English ivy, running myrtle and Japanese spurge for shade. The popular heath family – Scotch heather, spring-flowering heaths, pernettya, bearberry, dwarf vacciniums and other faulteria – contribute many splendid ground covers. To decrease the competition for food form larger shrubs, broadcast a little complete plant food over the ground cover.

Gardeners who have the fine bent grass lawns so popular on the West Coast should use a power rake or some type of special machine to remove last year's thatch. This may leave the lawn unsightly for a short period, but it will recover with the coming of spring rains. Lawns should receive a good dressing of balanced fertilizer.

It is the last call for spring pruning in the fruit garden. A final dormant spray may be applied if buds have not already burst. Give existing strawberry beds a thorough spring cleanup. Grape and loganberry and boysenberry canes should be tied up securely.

## **COMING EVENTS**

March 20 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Pub night 9:00pm upper clubroom
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	W A Sale and Tea Church basement 2:00pm
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Civil Defence meeting in the Safety room 7:00pm
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Boat Club meeting



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**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CLUB**

The Executive of the Britannia Community Club wish to advise all members that the AGM will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the upper clubroom.

Mr Ted Hopkins, Chief Lifeguard and Instructor for the 1971 Swim Season will be at the meeting and would like to speak to the parents of children interested and wishing to take part in Competitive Swimming. Ted is no stranger here at the Beach and the work he did with the children last season speaks for itself.

Copper Queen plans are underway, and the Executive is seeking someone to make the Copper Queen Crown that is given to the retiring Queen. Mrs North, who has done such a magnificent job over the years is unable to work the copper, but is willing to assist and show anyone what is required to make the crown. If you have worked with Copper before, won't you please call one of the Executive members and assist with this project? Your executive members are:

President	Mr Bill Strelaeff
Vice President	(vacant)
Secretary	Mrs June Higham
Treasurer	John Jette
Sports	Roy Fogarty
Entertainment	John Sarna
Librarian	Joyce Yaky
House	Jim Brohman

Copies of the minutes of the last AGM will be available to all members attending the meeting.

The 1971 Season promises to be full of many varied activities. As this is the Centennial Year, let's all get out and support our club and help in making it a very successful 1971.

June Higham  
Secretary

## **SAFETY CORNER**

The time has come, according to our Editor, to speak of many things. So, when she politely requested the “Safety Corner” column which had been tentatively promised tow days earlier, it meant just one thing – it’s time to get cracking! Also, the fact that she makes the best coffee in these parts has a strong influence on the urge to put this off till tomorrow.

Our competition Mine Rescue team has been chosen and will get into action next week in preparation for their demonstration run here on May 8<sup>th</sup>, and the district competitions in Nanaimo on June 5<sup>th</sup>. There also appears to be a challenge team here that feels they have a few tricks to show our chosen competition team. Perhaps these teams will hold the bloodletting until May 8<sup>th</sup> and give us all a chance to enjoy it. With the Nanaimo competition being put back in June 5<sup>th</sup>, we have a month to whip our local representatives in Mine Rescue and First Aid into a competitive mood. To date, we have just ten First Aid teams practicing for our local run-off to decide who goes to Nanaimo, and the cut off date for entries is almost here – that being April 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Provincial First Aid finals are in Vancouver this year and as a Centennial attraction there will be an International and also a Dominion event. There is a good chance that an Anaconda team will be up from The Butte area for the International event. These competitions will all feature full injury simulation and will be well worth watching.

Getting back to our local Mine Safety Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The dance committee yielded to local demand and was able to secure the services of Bill Whiteside and his bunch for the dance. Bill generously agreed to also play at a “sock dance” from 8 – 10pm in the School Gym for our junior competitors and escorts should the interest warrant it.

Preparations are underway to hold a Banquet for our Maintenance Department on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the “Chieftain Hotel” in Squamish. This crew has just passed the one-year mark without a lost time accident. An enviable achievement and one to be proud of. I’m sure they intend to turn this into an annual event in the future.

Bill McInnes  
Safety Officer

## **PERSONALITIES AT THE BEACH**

### **JACK AND ANNE DICKINSON**

Jack, know as “Scottie” to his fellow workers was born in Arbroath, Scotland. He came to Britannia as a wee lad in 19255 and lived with his uncle, Bob Russell until the family house was built in Vancouver. During that period of time, the ore was conveyed to the Mill, via aerial bucket tramway.

After completing high school, Jack apprenticed in the Beach Machine Shop. He joined the RCAF in 1940, and after the war he returned to Britannia and worked in the Mill until 1953, then he moved to Winnipeg to manage his brother's store.

Jack met Natalie Annette at Britannia where she was visiting friends. She was born in Bridgeford Saskatchewan, but grew up in Burnaby BC. Jack and Anne were married in 1942 when he was on leave from the RCAF.

In 1955, Jack and his family went to Carlsbad, New Mexico to work for South West Potash. He stayed there three years and returned to Canada in 1958 to work for the Potash Company of America as maintenance foreman.

In 1961, they returned to Britannia when Jack accepted a job as maintenance foreman in the Mill.

They have three sons, Laurie, the eldest who had been with the Vancouver City Police, but has since returned to UBC for his degree in Teaching. Richard, who until recently lived and worked at the Beach but is now residing and working in Squamish, and Robin, who was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico and is presently attending the Beach Elementary School. Robin is very active in swimming and soccer.

Recently, Jack suffered a coronary attack and spent several weeks in the hospital. We are pleased to report that he is at home now and progressing very satisfactorily. Jack hopes to return to work in the near future.

The Dickinson family are both Lake fishing enthusiasts and enjoy their outings. We wish them many more years of good fishing and trust that Jack's recovery will be complete and he and Anne will enjoy many more years of good health.

### **MR & MRS LESLIE HARROP**

The Britannia Community Church was the setting for the lovely wedding of Vivian MacDonald, daughter of Mr & Mrs John B MacDonald of Britannia Beach to Leslie James Harrop, son of Mr & Mrs Fred Harrop of Squamish at a double ring ceremony on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Two beautiful sprays of white gladiolas graced the front of the church and white ribbon bows decorated the edge of the pews as Vivian and Les spoke their vows before Reverend Michael Boulger. Mrs Astrid Karwatskis was the organist.

Vivian entered the church on the arm of her father and proceeded down the aisle by her bridesmaids, matron of honour, the little flower girl and ring bearer.

For her wedding, Vivian had chosen a beautiful antique style gown of Pear de Elegance with round neckline, long deep cuffed sleeves trimmed with heavy French lace which also trimmed the waistline and edge of her long train which was attached from the

waistline. Her scalloped five tiered shoulder length veil was held in place by a coronet of leaves made from matching French lace and she carried a cascading bouquet of yellow roses and streamers of ribbon.

For her something borrowed she carried a hand made lace trimmed handkerchief that her grandmother, Mrs Nichols had carried at her wedding 48 years ago. Mrs Leroy MacDonald, sister-in-law of the bride, as matron of honour wore a princess line full length gown in a lovely shade of sea-foam green with round neckline, three quarter length belled sleeves with pearls trimming the empire styled waistline and with matching ribbons threaded through her high styled hair. She carried a nosegay of three yellow roses nesting in a circlet of yellow carnations. Wendy Horyza, Donna Antis and Nancy Harrop, sister of the groom, wore identical dresses in the same style and colour as the matron of honour without the pearl trim, with matching ribbons threading their hair and they carried nosegays of white carnations centered with a yellow rose.

The little flower girl, Elke Millahn wore a dress in identical style as the adult attendance but with white daisy trim around the neck and waistline and carried a posy of small carnations. Little Rory Green carried the two rings on a white heart shaped cushion.

His best man Richard Dickinson attended the groom. The ushers were Leroy MacDonald, Brother of the bride, Garry Antis and Cyril Fleming, cousin of the groom. Their boutonnieres were yellow carnations.

The bride's mother wore a turquoise lace over taffetas coat and dress ensemble with matching coloured hat and white accessories and wore a corsage of yellow carnations. The groom's mother wore a flowered silk sheath dress topped by a mauve forte coat ensemble, which she had made, a mauve net whimsy covered her hair and she wore a corsage of deep rose carnations. The bride's grandmother chose a beige dress with amber bead necklace and she wore a brown net whimsy over her lovely white hair and her corsage was yellow carnation.

The reception was held in the upper clubroom. Pink and white streamers and bells decorated the wall behind the head table where a beautiful three tiered wedding cake, topped by the two large rings with a dove perched on each one, encircling a tiny bride and groom held the place of hour in the centre of the table.

The bride and groom with their parents and wedding entourage received the good wishes of the guests while standing in the receiving line. Each guest then signed the guest book. Reverend Boulger gave the prayer for the bountiful repast and the happiness of the young couple, and all were invited to partake in a delicious smorgasbord dinner.

Mr Barry Green who was also master ceremonies for the evening proposed the toast to the bride. Later the young couple passed among their guests and handed them a piece of wedding cake. A very happy evening of dancing was enjoyed to the music of Al Boushee and his Bounty Hunters from Vancouver.

Miss Nancy Harrop caught the single rose from the bride's bouquet, and then Vivian presented her bouquet to her grandmother. Mr Richard Dickinson caught the bride's garter. During the evening, Mr & Mrs MacDonald's three sons, Terry, Leroy and Guy paid a loving tribute to their mother and father with a guitar and song trio. Following this, the band played the anniversary waltz in honour of their grandparents, Mr & Mrs Michols who were celebrating their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The bride changed into a baby blue fortrel pantsuit, the tunic of which was laced through metal eyelets to the waistline and wore white accessories. Wayne MacGregor took the pictures of the wedding.

The young couple will take up residence in Squamish.

Our of town guests were:

Mr & Mrs Nichols – Sweet River, Oregon

Tim Lowes – Victoria

Mr & Mrs James McCormick – Ladysmith

Mr & Mrs Glen Booth and Galen Olsen – Revel stoke

Mr & Mrs Omer Blais – Coquitlam

Leroy and Bev MacDonald – New Westminster

Terry and Carolyn MacDonald – Halifax

Guy MacDonald – North Battlefield

Mr & Mrs Art Pickering – Burnaby

Mr Mrs Clifford Fleming – Woodfibre

Mr Marshal Tichaur – West Vancouver

From Vancouver – Mr & Mrs All Heiteman, Miss Dianne Gaugh, Glen and Monique Eh and Joyce Barbers

## **BRITANNIA SCHOOL NEWS**

The Easter holidays will begin on April 9<sup>th</sup> and children will return to school on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Once again, I would like to thank the parents for turning out in such large numbers for our Open House on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Almost every child had one parent attend the Open House and this is very important, especially for the younger children, to know that their parents are interested in their schoolwork.

The children attended the Symphony Concert in Squamish on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr Hopkinson is to be commended for the very fine instructions he gave to the children regarding the selections in the concert. He is a very fine musician and is able to make so many musical details exciting for eh children, which they would otherwise not be aware of.

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, the Public Health Nurse, Mrs Sellers, brought two films to the school, one 'Boy to Man' and the second ' Girl to Women'. These were shown to the students in Grades 5,6 and 7. They were excellent films and discussions were held after each showing.

This year we will be having two student teachers, Miss Woods will be working in Div. 1. and Miss Enright will be in Div. 3. This is a rather difficult period for these students and co-operation and help of all concerned will be very much appreciated.

We have had a number of new students in the school this spring and it must be difficult for some of these people to adjust to our routine. New children must realize that each school must have different rules and regulations because of the differences in every community and environment. Adjusting adequately to new situations is very important; nothing can be gained by constantly comparing one's old situation with the new. The sooner the student can accept this new environment, the more quickly he will get to work and improve his grades, and that is most important.

L Cope  
Principal

### **BRITANNIA CENTENNIAL '71 COMMITTEE**

The following is an invitation, which was received from Squamish Centennial '71 Committee.

This is an invitation to all residents in your area to attend the Centennial '71 Caravan, which will be in Squamish on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, for one day. This Caravan consists of three trailers and will be situated on the grounds by the Squamish Elementary School. It will be open from 10am -10pm and there is no charge for admission. This Caravan exhibits the historical and progressive reports on the past Century in BC.

One requirement is that all children must be escorted through the exhibit by a responsible adult and all group tours be accompanied and closely supervised by responsible authorities. The BC '71 Committee requests full support in this matter so that all may enjoy this outstanding attraction

Alice Makowichuk  
Chairman  
Squamish Centennial '71 Committee

### **THE GARDENING CORNER**

Signs of winter are slowly disappearing and spring continues with a steady succession of blooms; daffodils and early border perennials, wall flowers and winter pansies, low, colourful, shrubby Japanese Azaleas, and early species of rhododendron.

April is the best month for pruning rose bushes, even though they may have already started into growth. Early flowering deciduous shrubs should be pruned as soon as their

blooms are past their best. Keep in mind the long growing season ahead, and prune now to encourage production of new branches.

Spring flowering heaths may be sheared back after they are through blooming, summer – blooming heathers before they start into new growth. Spiraea and other summer o-blooming shrubs should be drastically pruned this month, if they have not been previously cut back. Do not prune the blue, pink and white flowered varieties of the summer – flowering macrophylla because their flower buds were set last fall.

Plant all rooted or divided chrysanthemums now. Start the first of a long succession of gladiolus plantings, which will provide all summer bloom.

Herbaceous perennials should be divided and new plants set out. This is the last opportunity this spring to make changes in the perennial border.

April is the time for a general application of a complete fertilizer if not done last month. As bulbs finish blooming, nip off the flower head but leave all the foliage. Give rock garden plants a light application of fertilizer worked into the soil around them.

Lawns should be given an application of screened compost or good loam, raked in well and watered if needed. Avoid sand and peat for top dressing; they may bring problems later in period of drought, and they have little or no nutrient value. April is a good month for starting new lawns in all coastal sections.

Follow the spray calendar recommended for local conditions in applying necessary fruit throughout this month. Apples and pears, in full bloom in most regions this month should have some of their blossoms thinned to prevent too heavy a fruit set. Prevent rotting by removing straw mulch from strawberries in places where it was applied.

E LeBlanc

## **YOUNG GARDENERS**

The kindergarten class of Britannia Beach are helping to make Britannia a prettier place to live in. This young group, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs Kay Pickard, planted several varieties of bulbs around the school area earlier this year. They have watched with pride the results of their efforts as the crocuses are now in bloom and the daffodils are starting to bud. Perhaps this is the sign of spring we have all been looking for.

The “Beautify Britannia” contest will soon be under way and the Judges will be inspecting the various yards once again. For the newcomers of Britannia who are not aware of this contest, this is a contest run by your Community Club and prizes are awarded in the Fall to those who have the nicest looking yards, improved yards etc. Points are given for appearance, condition of lawn, flowers, vegetable garden and points

are deducted for weeds present. The yards are inspected by Judges in the spring and are then judged again in the fall. Good luck to all residents.

### **MRS BAXTER REPORT**

Patty Holowachuk received many lovely gifts at the shower given to her by Mrs w Andrzejczuk and her co-hostesses, Mrs J Van Der Ham and Mrs E Eliassen and with the assistance of Aneka Van Der Ham, Beverly, Debbie and Gloria Jean Holowachuk and Wendy and Vickie Andrzejczuk. The shower was held in the upper clubroom with the guest of honour seated at the head table, which was decorated with white and pink streamers and bells. Beside her was her mother, Mrs Rose Holowachuk and her future mother-in-law Mrs Bernice Boys, also seated at the head table was her sister Debbie who will be Patty's bridesmaid.

Around 40 guests were in attendance for the surprise shower when Patty arrived with her mother to check the dishes to be used at the wedding reception and enjoyed. Beverley and Aneke arranged games with the assistance of Wendie and Vickie. Prizes for the games where Mrs Baxter won won by Mrs Howe's and Mrs Horrobin and the lucky door prize.

The gaily-wrapped gifts were brought to Patty by the young helpers and she was assisted in opening them by the ones at the head table. A beautiful large spring style chapeau was fashioned for Patty by her sister and Mrs Lois Bush from the ribbons and bows.

The young assistants served delicious refreshments to the guests and a beautifully decorated cake with "Showers of Happiness" written across it was placed before Patty to cut the first piece.

Mr & Mrs J Graney entertained over the weekend of March 28<sup>th</sup> for their son Bruce who is visiting from Tasu, also their nephew Brian Elmer form Kelowna. Present also were Mr & Mrs J Elmer and Wayne from Burnaby and Jeanette and Linda Graney from Vancouver. Mr & Mrs Graney have their nephew David Elmer staying with them. He is employed at Anaconda and is working in the Mill.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Don Kerr on their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated with an evening at the Cave Supper Club where they enjoyed the Rolf Harris Show.

Mrs Yvonne Brownlee paid a surprise visit to the sister-in-law Mrs. Robert Young, and visited with various friends at the Beach on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Twenty of his friends and workmates held a stab party for Leslie Harrop on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cheekeye Lodge in honour of his marriage to Miss Vivian MacDonald which took place in Britannia the following Saturday and presented him with a gift of money.

Forty rinks were held on hand for the Bonspiel at the Howe Sound Curling rink over the weekend of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Pete Boys rink entered from Britannia consisted of Don Gunn, Mrs Fred Baxter and with Len Grosuch of Squamish paying second to complete the rink.

Unfortunately we didn't get into the playoffs for a prize but we had a lot of fun and healthy exercise while we were in it.

The Campbell River rink with Mrs Boys, twin sister, Beatrice Cork and her husband Len and Mr & Mrs Bert and Hazel Froberg were also unsuccessful in taking home any prizes but they had a real good time at the spiel and had an enjoyable weekend with the Boys and their family.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs A Erdman who celebrated their 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr & Mrs MacDonald wish to thank the ladies who helped to make Vivian's wedding day a happy one. To Mrs P Hoodikoff who made the cake and to Mrs W Hansen who did the beautiful decoration, and especially to Mrs E Norman for her wonderful catering for the reception. Special thanks also to Art Fors and Wayne Hansen.

## **OBITUTARY**

Sorry to report the passing of another old-timer of Mr Sheer, and the Beach in the person of Wesley Hamilton at the age of 75 years.

Wes was at the Townsite for many years with his parents before his marriage to Nettie Wills. Afterwards, they came to live on the Trail and later moved onto the Beach. He was employed in the old Beach store office and Post Office for many years before moving away to Chilliwack and then to Delta.

The funeral took place in the chapel of the Delta Funeral Home and burial was in the Veterans Field of Honour in Boundary Bay on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Beside his loving wife Nettie he leaves to mourn his daughter Mrs D Taylor (Barbara) his granddaughter Tammy and his sister-in-law Mrs Ethel Macmillan.

## **BRITANNIA SCHOOL NEWS**

### COPPER QUEEN ELECTION

We will have the elections for the Copper Queen next week so that the parents will have the Easter Holidays to get the girls outfits prepared.

In view of the contraversary, which has taken place during the few months regarding the election of Copper Queen, I have discussed the implications, which would be involved

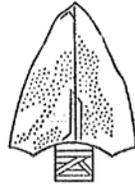
with the seven Grade 6 girls who are eligible to run for this position. I have explained to these girls that only one can be elected Queen and that if winning is that terribly important to them and if they are going to be really disheartened and upset by not winning, they would be wise not to enter the competition. I've also explained to the girls that learning to be a good loser is much, more important than winning. Indeed, learning to lose is a very important part of our education, and if this is learning when one is still reasonably young it will be much easier to take some of the later disappointments, which all adults must encounter.

The girls are all very willing to run and they have assured me, each one of them, that they are prepared to lose in a mature manner if necessary. I think each of these girls deserve a great deal of credit just and I, like many of you, would like to see them all win, but this is just not facing reality.

L Cope  
Principal

### **COMING EVENTS**

April 9 <sup>th</sup> –19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
April 11	Community Church Services 11am
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pot Luck Dinner – church basement
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Community Club Semi annual meeting
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Anaconda open golf tournament
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Boat Club meeting 7pm
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Carnival & Fund Night 7pm
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Time Change clocks are turned 1 hour ahead



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**BRITANNIA MINE SAFETY DAY – MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 1971**

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the events of the day will get underway at 9:30am at the Mine Rescue training area where our competitions mine rescue team will undertake a problem that will be set up by Jack Robinson of the Department of Mines.

The First Aid competitions will start at 1:00pm in the school gym with the Junior Girls event being the first heat. The second heat will feature the three Intermediate teams. The third heat will be the Senior Women's competition with the two Senior Men's teams competing in the final heat.

It is anticipated that the First Aid events will be completed at about 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and watch these competitions and cheer your favourites on.

A Banquet and presentations for competitors, officials and guests will start at 6:00pm in the upper clubroom of the Community Hall.

This year, for the first time, a "Sock Dance" will be held in the School Gym for the junior and intermediate competitors and their guests from 8:00pm – 10:00pm.

A Dance will also be held for the senior competitors and their guests commencing at 10:00pm in the upper clubroom. All members of the Britannia First Aid and Mine Rescue Ticket Holders are cordially invited to attend this dance.

W A McInnes  
Safety Officer.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

I regret to announce that Art Ditto, Mine Superintendent, has resigned from the Company effective May 1 1971. His contribution to the 040 Project over the last two and a half years has been considerable, and he will be missed.

I know you will all join me in wishing Art every success in his new venture.

Joe Novak will assume the position of Mine Superintendent, and will report on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr Novak, who is a graduate mining engineer, is being transferred from Anaconda's South American operations at El Salvador where he served in various operating capacities over the past 18 years, including that of shiftboss, foreman and mine superintendent.

An older daughter who will be attending college will join Mr and Mrs Novak later in the spring.

B B Greenlee  
Manager

### **OBITUARY**

We wish to express our deep sorrow on the passing of Douglas Addison North in his 62<sup>nd</sup> year, on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hollyburn Funeral Home in West Vancouver.

Doug came to work for the Britannia Mining & Smelting Co. in April 1938, and moved to Britannia in 1942 when he and his wife Rita took up residence in their home at Minaty Bay.

He was active in Community affairs for approximately 28 years and was a member of our local Fire Department and of Civil Defence.

Doug is survived by his loving wife Rita and his brother Stanley of Victoria.

On behalf of the residents of Britannia Beach and the many friends he had endeared to him, our deepest sympathy is extended to Rita at her great loss.

Charlotte Smith  
Editor

### **BRITANNIA COMMUNITY CLUB – SEMI ANNUAL MEETING**

Well, it happened again! A Semi-Annual meeting of the Community Club was held on Thursday last for the purpose of discussing many items and finalizing plans for the Copper Queen Celebrations. The turn out was such that it was impossible to carry out the meeting.

The Executive advises that plans are progressing satisfactorily for Copper Queen Day which will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> and extend their congratulations to Miss Janet Husted who was chosen Copper Queen for 1971. Her Royal entourage are: Princesses Laurie Green, Marla Baverstock, Kelly Locke, Julie Lepine and Maids of Honour are: Donna Marion and Wendy Andrzejczuk.

The garden committee was appointed and with a big job ahead of them are: Mrs V Richards, Mrs H Baule, Mrs M Boulger and Mrs E Jacobson. These ladies will soon be looking around your yards and counting weeds, it's time for the spring clean up.

Mr Ted Hopkins was unable to attend the meeting due to Exams, and it would have been a shame, had he driven to Britannia from Vancouver for a meeting and then learned it had to be cancelled for lack of members.

## **BRITANNIA CENTENNIAL '71 PROGRESS REPORT**

In our last communication to you, we told of our intentions to develop a Mine Museum as our BC Centennial '71 project. Since then the Britannia Beach '71 Centennial Committee has made considerable progress toward making this project a reality.

Construction of a building measuring 41' by 31' will start immediately. This building will be adjacent to the highway portal and will simulate an old "General Mine Office". It will sit on the concrete foundations remaining from the old No.1 mill and will be well situated for future expansion back toward the present mill. This would afford additional Museum space and perhaps an old "Assay Office" and "Mill Office". Steps will be constructed from the road elevation up to the museum. After visitors tour the mine office another flight of stairs will direct them toward the portal of the tunnel. A small area at the portal will be fenced and gravelled to make an attractive viewpoint.

Timbering of the highway portal is complete and entire tunnel has been cleaned up. Eventually the tunnel will be tracked, walkways will be established and adequate lighting will be installed for the convenience and safe passage of visitors who enter this portion of the museum. In time the tunnel will contain mining exhibits and all types of old mining equipment. As you will see on the map on the opposite page (scaled 80' to the inch) the main tunnel passes under the present mill and terminates at the Powerhouse portal, a distance of 800'. Along with the several drifts shows total tunnelling approaches 1200'.

It is planned eventually to erect a museum "Shop" and compressor building at the powerhouse portal. One of the blacksmith forges from the 2200' level, complete with original tools, will be moved to this location. Our oldest compressor, which is still in working order, will be moved also and installed in this shop.

The Britannia Historical Society is being formed and all improvements and contents including a lease on the grounds and tunnel will be turned over to that Society.

We have been encouraged by the widespread interest this project has received. Many items have been either given or offered to the Committee and we acknowledge with thanks these contributions. However, we have far to go in this particular area. As you can see, the project is quite vast in scope and it is hoped that our good friends in the mining community will donate many more items.

The museum will be able to accommodate virtually any object of historical value that perpetuates the mining industry. We will be most grateful to receive old mining machinery; records, photographs and any small gear used by miners, and have confidence in your further support and material response.

It is intended to keep you informed of progress, as it is make

J C Brohman  
Acting Vice-Chairman  
Britannia '71 Centennial Committee

## **BRITANNIA BEACH CENTENNIAL '71 COMMITTEE**

### **VISIT OF H.M.C.S CHALEUR & H.M.C.S. THUNDER**

The Britannia Beach Centennial Committee is pleased to announce that as part of our Centennial '17 program, two Canadian Mine Sweepers will visit us on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> and depart on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1971.

The ships will arrive at 3:00pm and will depart on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.

During the course of their stay, visitors will be allowed on board ship on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm – 4:00pm.

The following events will take place while the ships are in port. Details of entertainment are in the planning stages at this time and when completed posters will be placed around the community to advise every one of activities to take place.

May 5<sup>th</sup>

3pm	Ship arrives
3:30pm	Commanding Officers will call on Mr Greenlee
6:00pm	Reception on board for invited guests
9:00pm	Fireworks display (ballfield)

May 6<sup>th</sup>

8:00am	40 guests to board ship for voyage
8:30am	ship sails
10:00	ships return – 2 <sup>nd</sup> group of 40 guests to board
10:30	ship sail
12:00	ships return – guests disembark

## **COPPER QUEEN CHOSEN**

Our congratulations to Janet Husted, of Minaty Bay, who was chosen as the 1971 Copper Queen.

Chosen as princesses are the following:

Laurie Green

Marla Baverstock -in coming Queen entourage

Donna Marion

Wendy Andrzejczuk – Maids of honour

Julie Lepine

Kelly Locke -outgoing Queen's entourage

Janet has chosen as her Flower girls Adrienne Green and Sandra Adams. Train bearers, Cheryl Locke and Patricia Jacobson, and Bugle Boy Danny Olson.

Melanie McNeill has not as yet submitted the names of her flower girls, trainbearers or bugle boys and we have been unable to contact her at her home in West Vancouver.

Our congratulations to all the young people who will participate in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Copper Queen Celebrations on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **AROUND THE BEACH**

We wish to apologize to Mr & Mrs Pet Boys in that an omission of their names was made when publishing the engagement of Patricia Gale Holowachuk to their son, Robert William in the last issue of the Newsletter.

Mona and Don Gunn had an unexpected visitor on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Don heard a noise on their porch and opened the inside door to find a brown bear looking in through the glass storm door. The bear left the porch and ran up the light pole directly outside of the trailer. Don and Bud Smith played "tag" with him for about 20 minutes before shooting the bear.

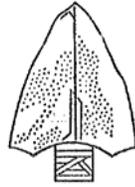
Visiting in various cities of Vancouver Island over the Easter weekend were Mr & Mrs Tom Locke and family, Mr & Mrs Bud Smith and Joan Ehler.

## **COMING EVENTS**

April 23                      Centennial '71 Caravan

April 25                      Softball and Baseball meeting

April 25	Daylight saving time
April 30	Brownie and Guide cookie week
May 2	Soccer meeting
May 5	Arrival of minesweeper – fireworks display
May 6	Ships open to public
May 7	Ships depart
May 8	First Aid and Mine Rescue competitions
May 15	Copper Queen Celebrations



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### **46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COPPER QUEEN DAY**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Copper Queen Day celebrations will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1971 at Britannia Beach. Newly elected Queen, Janet Husted will reign over the festivities.

The day will begin with children's races at 9am followed by the pet parade and the judging of decorated bicycles. The Guys and Dolls Club will set up food booths around the ballfield area.

After lunch, the crowning of the 1971 Queen will take place. A full program is planned with the school children participating in the Maypole Dance. The Community Club Executive is pleased to announce that once again we will be honoured by the presence of the White Spot Boys Pipe band of Vancouver, whose playing will add more colours to the Copper Queen ceremonies. The parade will start at 2:00pm followed by the crowning ceremonies.

In the evening, the Grand March will be held on the all purpose court (weather permitting) which will be followed by a dance for the children and teenagers. At 9:30pm and adult dance will be held in the upper clubroom of the community hall. For the newcomers, this will be an ideal opportunity to become acquainted with the residents of Britannia.

This year, we are hoping to once again utilize fresh blooms of flowers to decorate the stage. The yellow broom and lilacs should be at their peak around the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. As in other years, we would ask all residents to please cut and have ready for pick-up any flowers they wish to donate and the cubs will pick them up.

The complete program for Copper Queen Day starting with the races at 9:00am appears at the back portion of the Newsletter.

### **BRITANNIA MINE SAFETY ASSOCIATION**

The Fifth Annual Britannia Mine Safety Day will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Mine Rescue team will run through a problem, starting at 10:00am. The First Aid Competitions will commence at 1:00pm either in the School Gym, or on the ballfield. There will be

displays of Safety and First Aid equipment in the gym during the afternoon, put on by Fleck Bros; Levitt-Safety; Safety Supply and Mine Safety Appliances.

The Mine Rescue problem will again be made up and judged by members of the BC Department of Mines.

The competition will be followed by a banquet in the upper clubroom starting at 6:00pm at which the prizes will be presented. A Sock Dance for the Junior and Intermediate competitors will start at 8:00pm in the gym followed by an Adult dance at 10:00pm in the upper club. Music will be by Bill Whiteside and his band.

## **ROBERTY AND PATRICIA BOYS**

The Britannia Community Church was the scene of a very lovely wedding on April 17, 1971, when Patricia Gale Holowachuk was given in marriage by her father, Peter Holowachuk, to Robert William Boys. Rev M Boulger officiated at eh candlelight service uniting the couple when they exchanged vows. The church was decorated with white lilies and yellow daffodils. Mrs Karwatskis, the organist, accompanied Mrs M Boulger, soloist, when she sang, "Oh Father All Creating" for the young couple during the signing of the register.

The bride wore a full-length gown of white peau d'elegance with a high circular neckline. The back of the gown fell in folds and her full sweeping train was edged in scalloped lace. Her veil, which was circular tiered shoulder length, cascaded from a coronet of roses and teardrops and she carried a single mauve orchid encircled with yellow sweetheart roses.

The matron of honor, Rose Marie Fortier, the bride's sister, wore a full-length empire style, yellow lace over taffeta gown and carried a nosegay of yellow daisies. The bridesmaids, Deborah Holowachuk, also sister of the bride, wore an identical gown and also carried a nosegay of yellow daisies. The flower girl, Kathy Bush, a niece of the groom, wore a floor-length gown of peau d'elegance in mauve with a white lace top and carried a basket of yellow and white daisies. Donald Buckmaster acted as best man. Ushers were Michael Essiambre and Doran Holowachuk, a cousin of the bride.

The bride's mother wore a tow piece Fortrel coral coat and dress ensemble with matching accessories and wore an orange and yellow corsage of roses. The groom's mother wore a two-piece wool knit turquoise suit and wore a corsage of white carnations.

The reception was held in the upper clubroom, which had been gaily decorated. The bridal party table was beautifully decorated and centered with a three-tier wedding cake made by the bride's mother and decorated by Mrs D Buckmaster. On either r side of the wedding cake were two heart-shaped cakes, one inscribed "Best Wishes Patty" and the other "Best Wishes Bob".

A smorgasbord supper was served to the guests. After the supper, the guests joined Patty and Bob in an enjoyable evening of dancing to the music of the West wind Orchestra of Squamish.

Valerie Mahabir of Vancouver caught the bride's bouquet and Wesley Ramage of Britannia caught the garter.

For her going away outfit, Patty wore a two-piece pantsuit with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The couple left on their honeymoon to Victoria and on their return will reside at the Three Rivers Trailer Court in Squamish.

### **FAREWELL PARTY**

A party was held in the lower clubroom on April 29<sup>th</sup> to say farewell to four fellow workers and friends. Guests of honour were Roe Whittaker, Secretary; Art Ditto, Mine Superintendent; Jim Ainsley, Mine Engineer and John Kerr, Accounting Manager.

John Kerr presented Rose with a beautiful Cameo from her many friends. Rose is leaving Anaconda to take on the role of motherhood and will be moving to anew home in Squamish in the near future. Our sincerest and best wishes go with her.

Jerry Krizek presented Jim Ainsley with a set of paperweights made from Anaconda ore and set in plastic, and a tie clip set. Jim is leaving to start I a new position at Granduc. His many friends with him good luck in his new venture.

Terry Johnson made the presentation of "The Complete Works of Shakespeare" liquor decanter to Art Ditto. Our best wishes go with Art and his family as they start their new venture.

Sandy Powell made the presentation to John Kerr of a wine decanter shaped like a pheasant, and made out of leather. John and his family will be leaving the beach soon to enter into a new venture also, and our very best wishes go with them.

### **WIN \$25.**

The Britannia Centennial Committee is offering a prize of \$25. For a plaque design for display in the mine museum.

This contest if open to both past and present employees and their dependents.

The plaque will measure approximately 22" x 30" and your design ideas should not utilize more than one half of the total plaque. The plaque will be made of copper refined form ore mined and milled here at Britannia Beach.

Your Centennial Committee feels that your designs should relate to mining at Britannia in some way. Simplicity of design will be viewed favourably by the Centennial Committee, which will judge all entries. Decisions of the Committee will be final.

Entries must be submitted to the writer by June 5<sup>th</sup> and if the Committee decides there is a suitable entry, the winner will be announced by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **BRITANNIA BEACH ELEMETARY SCHOOL NEWS**

In honour of the Queen's visit, May 7<sup>th</sup> has been proclaimed a school holiday.

Two student teachers will be working at the school during the first tow weeks of May. Miss Woods will be teaching in Division 1 and Miss Enright will be in Division 3.

Sixty-four Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides will take a short trip aboard the two minesweepers on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The majority of these children will bee taken from Mrs Fowlers and Mrs Greens classes. In order that these children would not be considered absent form school the remainder of these children would not be considered absent from school and the remainder of these two classes will included.

Parents are reminded that when children are absent from school they must bring a written excuse for their parents. This is for the parent's protection as well as the school.

During the first two weeks in May, Miss Linda Sametz, Grade 12 commercial student will be working in the school office with Mrs McNair. Each of the grade 12 commercial students will be working in various offices as part of their training programme.

### **BRITANNIA BEACH BOAT CLUB NEWS**

For the benefit of newcomers to Britannia we would like to explain what the boat club is and how one is eligible for membership.

The Club membership is open to all residents and employees of Anaconda Britannia Mines. Our aims and objects are to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship; to provide facilities for mooring boats and maintain and keep wharfing facilities. Members are governed by Department of Transport rules and regulations when operating their boats. Membership fees are \$25. per year.

Each summer, members may enter any or all of the salmon they catch for the yearly trophy and prize given for the largest salmon caught. The prize consists of payment of \$1. Per pound for the largest salmon. A fishing derby is held each yeaa4r and is open to members and non-members who wish to participate. There are numerous benefits available to members who wish to participate.

We cordially invite all newcomers to the Beach who are interested in boating and fishing to join our club.

The 1971 Executive officers are:

President	Bud Smith
Vice President	Bill Strelaeff
Secretary Treasurer	Charlotte Smith
Directors	John Dyck – Sulo Makela

Sid Smith will assume his duties as Custodian at the wharf on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Locks will be placed on the gates at Minaty Bay and the main wharf at this time.

The new ramp has been decked and the fence has been moved, affording the club more parking facilities at the main wharf. Work parties meet each Sunday at 9:30am. There is still considerable work to be done but if a good-sized work party comes out, it shouldn't take too long to complete.

The next monthly meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

### **AROUND THE BEACH**

Congratulations to Rose and Jim Whittaker who celebrated their 3<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr & Mrs Jack Dickinson were pleasantly surprised when they were visited by Mr & Mrs Wilf Hansen (Mildred Bacon) of California and Mrs Bacon of Burnaby BC and her brother.

We were happy to learn that John Ciolek is doing well in St Paul's Hospital and is up and around now.

Congratulations to Joanne Blue who celebrated her birthday on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

We hear that the TV Cable installation is nearly completed and ready to start hook-ups into the homes.

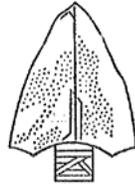
### **COMING EVENTS**

April 30 <sup>th</sup> to May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Brownie and Guides cookie week
May 5	Arrival of Minesweeper – fireworks display
May 6	Ships open to public Pub night
May 7	Ships depart

May 8 Mine Rescue and First Aid competitions  
Sock dance and adult dance

May 9 Mother day

May 15 Copper Queen Day



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May is a very full month of various events, functions and activities. May 1<sup>st</sup> saw the Mill personnel honoured at a banquet and dance at the Chieftain Hotel in Squamish for achieving the one calendar year mark without a single lost time accident.

The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of May, our Community hosted two Canadian Minesweepers, H.M.C.S. Miramichi and H.M.C.S. Chaleur. The three days were filled with many exciting events for the children, fun for young and old and good fellowship between residents and Navy personnel.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, competitions between Mine Rescue and First Aid teams took place. The winners of the competitions will go on to the Nanaimo competitions to be held in June. In the evening a banquet was held hosting 160 guests who was later followed by a dance for the young people in the gym and another dance in the upper clubroom for the adults.

During the week following, many people were busy preparing for Copper Queen Day held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This year, the first time in many years, the weather was very inclement causing cancellation of the races until Sunday. The crowning ceremonies were held in the school gym, which made it a bit crowded, however, the ceremonies and entertainment went very well. A quartet of Pipers from the Vancouver White Spot Pipe Band and a dancer were very well received. The young people from the school, under the direction of Miss Archer, performed flawlessly various intricate dances around the maypole, and of course, the Kindergarten children, under the direction of Mrs Pickard are always crowd pleasers. In the evening, the Grand March was held in the upper clubroom, followed by a dance for the children. Later in the evening, the adults had a dance, and it has been quite a few years that such a large crowd has been in attendance.

On Monday the residents of the Beach were given a pleasant surprise when the replica ship of the S.S. Beaver tied up at our passenger wharf. Capt. Jim Gracie extended a welcome to the residents to tour the ship while they were making some minor repairs.

Because of all these activities, this issue of the Newsletter will be photo story of all the events that took place. All regular columns will be back in the next issue.

## **MINSWEEPER VISIT TO BRITANNIA FOR THE '71 CENTENNIAL**

An impressive sight to watch if one could have seen it clearly through the haze was the arrival of the two Minesweepers in Britannia. The two ships went through several manoeuvres before entering Port at 3:00pm.

Mr Jim Brohman, acting Vice-Chairman of the Britannia Beach '71 Centennial Committee was on the wharf to meet the ships. Lt. Commander O'Reilly and Lt. Braithwaite then accompanied him to the Anaconda Britannia Mines Offices at the Beach. Other members of the crew also entertained some of the locals in their messes.

The children were thrilled when they were taken on manoeuvres aboard the ships on Wednesday. The Navy took charge of the children and showed them around and explained the workings of various equipment and instruments. They simulated the rescue of a man overboard and one of the Navy Divers actually dove into the ocean to affect the rescue. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to sea and will recall these events for many years to come.

The crew from the Minramichi, challenged the Britannia Minerettes Women's Softball team to a "Beer Ball Game" and our brave gals accepted the challenge. At game time, the Navy team, calling themselves "Mother Truckers" arrived in dresses, diapers, sacks etc, complete with wigs made from nylon rope, broom and steel wool. The rules were: anything goes and the first thing that went was the rules. Trying to get past first base without wearing the contents of a can of beer, hitting a loaded grapefruit painted like softball, trying to tag a moving base were all part of the fun. Time was called every few minutes when one of the "Mothers" had to adjust some part of their apparel. The umpire, Bud Smith, also wore a wig and was presented with a pair of umpire glasses that were made up of two glasses taped together with steel wire for ear rims, and the way he called the balls and strikes, he should have worn them. A large crowd came out to watch the game and their laughter assured everyone they were enjoying the game. At the end of the game, the Navy team retired to their ship to change for an evening of dancing in the upper clubroom, hosted jointly by the Community Club and the Centennial Committee.

The evening started out with taped music, and there were so many up dancing at all times, that even though our local musician were at the club prepared to play, it was decided that they should also enjoy themselves and not have to work. A special thank you for being there to help out goes to Mrs Charley Harvey, Sandy Powell, Sammy Saraceno, Doris Hansen and Engolf Eliassen.

Mr Greenlee presented Lt. Commander O'Reilly and Lt. Braithwaite and their crew members with a copy of "Britannia, The Story of a Mine", as a memento of their visit to Britannia. The Ships left port at 5:00pm May 7<sup>th</sup> to return to their base in Esquimalt.

## **MINE RESCUE COMPETITION**

### The problem:

An explosion occurs in a coal mine in Pemberton. There were 6 men working in the mine and none have come out.

### The task:

Having due regard for the safety of the team, carry out the following:

- 1) To rescue any men who may have survived
- 2) To explore the mine and report on your findings
- 3) To render conditions as safe as possible for follow-up operations.

### Rescue report

The team has located two men alive and are equipping them with oxygen masks to bring them out of the mine.

Having come out of the mine the oxygen masks are removed and the rescued men wait to be examined by a doctor.

First victims of the explosion found were dead – they were left while the rescue team continues through the mine searching for other victims.

During the search of the mine the team came across a fire, which had to be extinguished before proceeding further into the mine.

### The winners of the competition were:

Captain – Mr Tichauer  
Howard Last  
Vince Edward  
John O’Neil  
Ron Bailey  
Tim Riodon

## **FIRST AID COMPETITION**

The school gym housed the First Aid Competition on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Winners of the competition will go on to Nanaimo to compete in the Provincial Competition in June.

### The judges were:

Chief Judge – Dr Kindree  
B Berry – Metro Ambulance  
B Churn – P.G.E.  
S Peterson – W.C.B.

Preparing the simulations on the “victims” were:

Ken Scorse	D Cameron
Eileen Scorse	B Dalling
D White	

Mr Scorse and his team are in charge of all simulations for competition throughout B.C.

Winning teams were:

Senior Women

Debbie Hoodikoff  
Vicky Dyck

Sharon Dyck  
Frankie Ferguson – team captain  
Carol Hansen  
Emile LeBlanc – Coach

Senior Men

Mike Denton – Captain  
Marshall Tichauer  
Bill McInnes – Coach

Harry Yaky  
Reg Fogarty  
John O’Neil

Intermediate Boys

Gordon MacDonald – Captain  
Terry Croteau

Danny Chisholm  
Bill McInnes – Coach  
Roy Ramage  
John Sametz

Intermediate Girls

Kathy Greenlee – Captain  
Kathy Whiteside  
Patty Holowachuk

Mrs Critchley – Coach  
Rita Fogarty  
Donna Marion

## **46<sup>TH</sup> COPPER QUEEN CROWNED**

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Copper Queen celebrations were held at Britannia Beach on May 15<sup>th</sup>. For the first time in many years the inclement weather postponed many of the races and contests, which were held the following day.

The Copper Queen Crowning ceremonies proceeded as scheduled but had to take place in the school gym. At 2:00pm Constable Paul Cudmore of the RCMP, followed by the color party, led off the procession. Brownie, Colleen Rose, carried the Canadian flag, Cub Keith Knudsen carried the Cub Colors and Guider, and Theresa Tremblay carried the

Guides Colors. A quartet of Pipers and dancer from the White Spot Pipe Band preceded the Royal Party.

The Bugle Boys, Danny Olson and Glen McCall led the Royal Party followed by Flower girls Sheryl Yaky and Kerry O'Neill, wearing gowns of Sea Green, Princesses Kelly Locke and Julie Lepine, wearing gowns of mauve and carrying nosegays of yellow Shasta daisies, retiring Queen, Melanie McNeill wore a lovely white gown with a train flowing from her shoulders and carried a nosegay of red roses nestled in blue tooling, and her Train bearers, Caroline Teel, and Lisa Johnson wore lovely gowns of pink. The Maids of Honour, Wendy Andrezejczuk and Donna Marion wore apricot colored gowns and Carnations corsages to match; the Crown Bearer, Robert Fleming, who preceded the Incoming Queen's entourage, followed them.

Flower girls Adrienne Green and Sandra Adams wore long mauve gowns; Princesses Marla Baverstock and Lori Green wore gowns of yellow and carried nosegays of pink Shasta daisies. Incoming Queen Janet Husted wore a lovely white gown with a train flowing from her shoulders and also carried a nosegay of red roses nestled in blue tolling. Her Trainbearers Patricia Jacobson and Sherri Locke wore gowns of electric blue. The Flower girls all carried baskets of artificial carnations.

Master of Ceremonies for this occasion was Mr John Powell. Rev. M Boulger was introduced and gave the invocation to start the Crowning Ceremony. Mr B B Greenlee, Manager spoke briefly congratulating the Retiring Queen on her year of reign and also the new Queen on her forthcoming reign. Mr Bill Strelaeff, President of the Community Club, presented the entire Royal Party with gifts from the club.

The Royal Party was then entertained by the children from the two Kindergarten classes under the direction of Mrs Kay Pickard. The White Spot Quartet of Pipers then did a number of sets and ended with the Highland Fling dancers.

In the evening the Grand March started the children's dance. All young people from 2 to 16 enjoyed the music and danced until 9:00pm. Janet and her Princesses sang a song for them, and were then joined by the school children who sang "Raindrops". It was a long and exciting day for the young people at the Beach.

### **QUEEN JANET'S SPEECH**

May Day celebrations began in Britannia in 1926 and since then May Day traditions continued to be celebrated in the manner we are doing today.

Since this is Centennial year and we are looking back, I would like to remind you that we are fortunate indeed to live in a community that had continued prosperity when there is so much need and unemployment elsewhere. Each year we see improvements around us, the lovely flower gardens, the brightly painted houses, our modern school and even our tennis court are once again usable.

I would like at this time, to pay tribute to the retiring miners who have contributed so much to this community over many, many years. I know we will all miss them and wish them all luck in their retirement.

I would like to thank the members of the community who provide recreation for all the people of Britannia, the sports coaches, First Aid members and those who supervise the many activities.

The Anaconda Company deserves our thanks for the interest shown in maintaining the bright physical appearance of our town and also their support of the traditional events such as this May Day.

Lastly, I would like to thank the parents of my attendants and especially my own, for their help and enthusiasm in making this an exciting day. I would like to wish you all a successful year in this BC Centennial Year of 1971.

Janet Husted

NOTE - Mrs Dove, the former Pearl Russell, who was the 2<sup>nd</sup> girl to be crowned Copper Queen was in attendance at the May Day celebrations this year.

Doreen Clark was also in attendance and she has been to 45 Copper Queen Day Celebrations at the Beach since arriving in 1926 and has never missed one.

## **COMING EVENTS**

May 21 Graduations

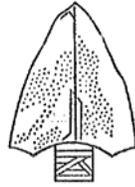
May 22 Swimming pool opens

May 27 Annual Mother-Daughter Banquets

June 5 Mine Rescue and First Aid Competition – Nanaimo

June 7 Gun Club meeting

June 30 Boat Club meeting



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### **FIRE SEASON IN EFFECT**

A reminder that the Forest Fire Season is in effect, and anyone travelling in the bush should take extra precautions with their cigarettes and matches.

We have already had three small bush fires at Britannia this year, due to someone being careless with matches.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Barney Greenlee, Manager of Anaconda Britannia Mines since August 1963 resigned from the Company on May 31, 1971.

Barney, the unofficial "Mayor" of Britannia Beach for the past eight years, contributed to the community and district at large during his years here, taking a keen interest in the welfare of the young as well as the old, and was instrumental in organizing a Club with recreational facilities where the young people could gather.

Britannia is a more beautiful place as a result of Barney's efforts in having lawns planted and flowerbeds places throughout the property.

Barney and his wife Lucy, who has also been very active in the community, together with their children, will be leaving the property to take up residence in Chilliwack.

The residents of Britannia will miss the Greenlee family and remember them for their generosity and good will. We wish them health and happiness in the years to come.

### **VANCOUVER ISLAND MINE SAFETY ASSOCIATION 57<sup>TH</sup> COMPETITION**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Competitions were held in Nanaimo on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The exodus of Britannia's team started on Friday afternoon to the Highlander Hotel in Nanaimo, which was the base for Britannia.

Teams were entered in all but 2 events, the 3 Men First Aid events, Junior Boys event and the Novice event for the Men and Women.

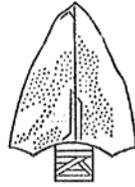
Mr Al French, coach of the Anaconda First Aid team, Great Falls, Montana, was an interested spectator at the competitions. His First Aid team is entered in the International competitions to be held in Vancouver on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He was especially interested in the Simulation Event, as they do not have this in Montana.

The junior and intermediate events were held in the morning, and after their completion the prizes were awarded to the winners. The Britannia Intermediate Girls team coached by C Critchley and captained by Kathy Greenlee were the only Britannia team to place in an event. They were a happy group of girls.

A Social hour was held in the evening followed by a Banquet and presentation of the senior prizes. Texada Island Mines Ltd. won the Mine Rescue event and Cominco's Benson Lake Division placed second in the competition. Mr Cyril white, Workmen's Compensation Board, announced that all winners of the First Aid events would be entered in the International First Aid competition in Vancouver as guests of Worker's Compensation Board and St. John's Ambulance. Mayor Frank Ney of Nanaimo extended a welcome to everyone and made several guests present, honorary members of the Royal Order of Bathtubs. He also extended an invitation to everyone to attend the Annual Bathtub races to be held on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Following the presentations, a dance was held which all enjoyed.

## COMING EVENTS

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| July 12 - 30 | Canoe Camp              |
| July 17      | Miners Day celebrations |
| July 19 - 30 | Music Camp              |
| July 16 - 20 | Wilderness Camp         |



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**VOLUME 5****NUMBER 11****JUNE 30, 1971****ANNUAL AWARDS DAY HELD AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> the Annual Awards Day was held at the Britannia Elementary School where Lorne Cope, Principle welcomed the parents and students and introduced special guests, Mr Jack Anderson, Manager, Anaconda Britannia Mines, Mr T J MacDonald, Trustee, School Board, Mr J Lowe, United Steel Workers Union and Mr Jim Brohman, Anaconda Britannia Mines. Mr Cope congratulated the students on their high academic record for the year and also stated their school had attained the highest attendance record in School District #48.

Jack Anderson presented the Anaconda Cup for the Highest Academic Achievement to Kathleen Degagne. A second Anaconda Cup was presented by Mr Jim Brohman to Sylvia Vukoslavceovich for second highest academic achievement. Jim MacDonald presented the Gertrude Fairburn Cup for Good Citizenship to Debra Adams. All three students are from grade 7.

Mr John Lowe presented the United Steelworkers of America Cup for the Best Athlete to Bradley Brohman. Mrs A Green presented the Glenda Anderson Cup for Good Helper to grade 1 student, Louise Bourque.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr Jack F Anderson has been appointed Manager of Anaconda Britannia Mines, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1971.

Mr Anderson previously held the position of assistant manager at Britannia. Our sincere congratulations are extended to him.

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MINER'S DAY**

The following programme is published at this time in broad terms to keep the community informed on plans for this year's Miners Day festivities. A more detailed breakdown of activities will be shown in this space on July 15<sup>th</sup>, the date of the next "Newsletter".

This year Miners Day is being held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Although this dates in later than usual, it was chosen to coincide closely with the '71 Centennial Day, which is July 20<sup>th</sup>.

As in the past the day will get underway at 9:00am. The sound truck will make its usual early rounds of the property to remind all that peace and quiet will not prevail on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Miner's contests will be run off first and this year you will see four competitions:

Drilling  
Mucking  
Hand Steel  
Hand Mucking

and something new has been added – elaborate means of rating competitors performances will be used and final results will see for the first time, “Britannia’s “All Around Miner” chosen. In our industry, a very important honour for which we anticipate competition will be keen.

Next we'll see Britannia's Ladies compete in Board sawing and Nail driving contests. These will be followed by Men's Tug of War and by the grapevine it's been heard that the Mining Department intends to acquit itself with distinction in this event.

Interesting demonstrations and displays of mining equipment will be shown as the various contests are being held.

Together with all of this there will be various booths in operation from which exotic foods will be sold, Centennial items will be available for purchase, including ore samples, and the volunteer fire brigade will erect an interesting display. There are other activities in the planning stage about which you will be informed at a later date.

The very popular PNE “Rube Band” will be performing all day. Plastic Miners Hats complete with Anaconda crests will be distributed from various centres throughout the day.

Adult watering holes will operate in the lower clubroom. After lunch, starting at 2:00pm the awards phase and firefighting demonstrations will take place.

The day would not be complete without the Miners dance, which will start at 9:00pm in the upper clubroom.

Jim Brohman

## **PERSONALITIES AT THE BEACH**

### **JOHN AND EILEEN POWELL AND TIGER**

John "Sandy" Powell was born in Brighton, England, the 7<sup>th</sup> child in a family of 8; three brothers and four sisters. His father was employed by the Electricity Board and his mother was kept busy raising the eight children. All of John's brothers and sisters still live in Brighton.

John took his schooling in Brighton and was indentured as an apprentice electrician with a large firm of Contractors. Upon completion of his apprenticeship, his services were requested by His Majesty's Government, which resulted in a 2-year tour with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, being stationed in Austria, Italy, Egypt and Palestine. On returning to civilian life, John was employed by Allen West as an Electrical Switchgear Inspector.

Eileen Powell, nee Brunton, was born in Southwick, Sussex, an only child whose father was a master plaster. Besides working at his trade, Mr Brunton was also an instructor in the Brighton Technical School. Eileen and her family moved to Brighton just before the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War during which she was evacuated to relatives in Gloucestershire, returning home in 1944. Upon completion of her schooling, she embarked on a career in office work.

John had taken an active part in scouting since he first joined the Wolf Cubs at the age of 8, and, incidentally, got landed with the nickname of "Sandy". He was running a Wolf Cub Pack when he met Eileen in 1951; Eileen was an Assistant Cub Master with another pack.

John and Eileen were married in Brighton in 1953 and moved to a small village in Sussex 6 months later where John was employed as Maintenance Engineer on a large country estate. Their home was in a 16<sup>th</sup> Century Coach House, which had been fully modernized, and was surrounded by 7 acres of formal garden. Since the owner died a few years ago, the gardens have been taken over by the Royal Horticultural Society and are now a show garden.

In 1956, John and Eileen moved to South Africa where the Anglo-American Corporation at Vaal Reefs Gold & Uranium Mine as Electrical Foreman employed him. At one stage he was in charge of the Electrical installations in a new shaft at which the world shaft sinking record was broken by sinking 1,223 feet in 28 days. Eileen was employed at Vaal Reefs as a laboratory assistant in the Assay Office. This was an entirely new field for her, but she found it very interesting.

After 3 months vacation in Europe in 1961, they once more got itchy feet and in 1962 packed their bags and came to Vancouver, determined to get out of the mining field.

For 6 months John was employed at Burrard Dry Docks and Eileen took life easy. They moved to Britannia Beach in January 1963 when John was hired as Chief electrician. He transferred to purchasing agent in January 1971. Eileen started working in the main office in February 1963, and is presently the timekeeper.

During the time they lived at the Britannia, both John and Eileen took an active part in the community activities. John is currently on the 71' Centennial Committee.

John started the "Wakey Wakey" wagon on Copper Queen Day in 1964 and later extended this service??? To Miner's day.

The MMOBB, was formed in 1965, and although this band still play occasionally, only three of the original members remain, John, Doris Hansen and Ingolf Eliassen.

The Powell's left Britannia to move into their new home at Lion's Bay in August of 1970. We wish them much success and happiness in their new home and continued health.

### **ANACONDA GREAT FALLS MONTANA FIRST AID TEAM WINS INTERNATIONAL TROPHY**

Capilano Stadium in North Vancouver was the location of the First International First Aid Competition held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1971. Teams representing the state of Montana, Oregon and Washington competed with Canadian teams for the Workmen's Compensation Board International Trophy. This is believed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> competition of its kind. These teams were judged in their own category, but worked on the same problem as teams competing for the BC Senior men's championships.

The Anaconda Company, First Aid team from Great Falls, Montana won this competition and we wish to extend our congratulations tot them. Coach, Mr Al French, had attended the Nanaimo Competition in the early part of June as an observer. Team members are as follows:

Mr L Fabel –Captain  
Mr H Kervs  
Mr R Hoefler  
Mr c Smith  
Mr E McDunn

### **PROBLEM**

The pro problem presented to them was a group of visitors who have been attending a First Aid Convention are being taken on a tour of a local construction project and are seen standing at the entrance tot the project. As their guide is explaining some of the details of the project to them the following action takes place.

A workman is seen to walk from a building and enter a plywood lavatory, two other workmen on the project notice his entry and decide to engage in a little horseplay with the idea in mind of scaring the first workman into an embarrassing situation.

One of the two workmen picks up a ram set gun, which is used for driving metal pins into concrete. He places the explosive charge in the gun to make the noise, but fails to notice there is a metal pin in the barrel of the gun. He walks over to the lavatory and presses the gun up against the wall, which activates the firing mechanism, which results in the bang he hopes will scare the workman inside.

Unfortunately when the gun goes off it fires the pin in the barrel through the wall and the pin strikes the workman in the left knee and results in the following injuries:

- 1) Shattered lower end of the femur**
- 2) Torn Popliteal artery with severe hemorrhage**
- 3) Shattered upper and lower Tibia**

The guide realizing his visitors are First Aid trained will request their assistance in coping with the situation.

As they are treating the injured workman an unusual noise is heard coming from a nearby machine shop. This noise is followed by a loud explosion, which demolishes part of the machine shop setting it afire and injuring two workmen inside.

One workman is seen dragging himself from the demolished building minus both legs, which were blown off in the explosion.

This will necessitate the team dividing itself up and treating the second workman in order to control the bleeding and dress the stumps.

The third workman will be blown into a back corner of the machine shop and will be surrounded by fire, which will necessitate his removal through a window. His injuries are:

- 1) Blast injury to the lungs**
- 2) Fracture to the left Collar Bone**
- 3) Fracture of Pelvis**

In view of the fractured pelvis the team will be expected to place him on one of the planks from then demolished building in order to pass him through the window. This will complete the problem.

## **5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CANADIAN MINE RESCUE COMPETITIONS**

On June 18<sup>th</sup> Anaconda sent a representative and observer, Mr Marshall Tichauer – Captain of the Britannia Mine Rescue team to the competition in Edmonton.

Six teams competed on June 19<sup>th</sup>. On the course first was the BC team from Fernie, followed by Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, N.W.T, Alberta and Yukon. Their problem was to rescue five men in the mine, doing whatever work was necessary.

After the competitions, a banquet was held in the Holiday Inn where the winners were announced. First in the hard rock division was the N.W.T team “Giant Yellowknife”, the overall champion was the team from Alberta, “Coleman Collieries” followed closely by the BC team from Fernie.

The BC Department of Mines announced that the Sixth Mine Rescue Competition would be held in Victoria in 1972.

## **OUTSTANDING MALE STUDENT AWARD**

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Howe Sound Secondary School held their Annual Awards Ceremonies. Mr Baldry, Principal, made introductory remarks. Awards were presented as follows:

Academic Block Letters;  
French Award;  
John Diefenbaker Award  
Athletic Award  
Service Award  
Fine Arts Award  
Special Award  
Intra Mural Championship  
Aggregate Awards  
Honour Blocks Award  
Outstanding Award

Reg Fogarty who lives in Britannia was the president of the student council, was awarded the Overwaitea Trophy for Outstanding Student .He has been very active in sports throughout the year, both in school and at Britannia Beach.

This summer, he will work for Anaconda Britannia Mines and then in the fall, he plans to further his education at UBC.

## **FAREWELL SERVICE**

The Britannia Beach Community Church held its final service before closing for the summer months on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

A family service was held at which the Sunday school pupils attended and received their awards for good attendance and special efforts throughout the preceding year. Laurie Green read the scripture lesson.

A luncheon was held in the Sunday school room following the service, as a farewell gesture to Reverend and Mrs Boulger and their family who will be leaving the Beach around the end of July to take up residence at Berens River, Manitoba.

Mr Jack DeKroon presented them with a gift of a tape recorder on behalf of the Congregation and expressed the good wishes of the community for health and happiness in their new home.

Reverend Boulger and his family came here from Bella Coola in the summer of 1967 and he worked in the mine as a miner's helper since that time. Last year he took a leave of absence to further his university studies and will go into the teaching field in Manitoba.

Michael will be missed by many families at Britannia for his willingness to help anyone in trouble, no matter when they called him and for his work with the young people in our community.

### **BRITANNIA BEACH WA**

Rainy weather put a bit of a damper on the June Picnic meeting of the WA, which was to have been held in the front garden of the McNair's home. Never the less, the ladies gathered at the home of Mrs J Graney and enjoyed the salads, homemade buns and meat pies, topped off with apple tarts and whipped cream for dessert before proceeding with the regular business meeting.

Further plans for the WA were tabled until the fall, until more information regarding future plans are available.

Gifts were presented to Mrs Boulger and Mrs Clark who will be leaving Britannia this summer with their husbands and families. The Boulgers are going to Beren River, Manitoba and Doreen and Dave Clark will be retiring to their home in Parksville on Vancouver Island.

### **WALK 200 MILES – RUN 100 MILES – SWIM 25 MILES**

These events may be completed right here at Britannia Beach. For all events, entrants must be medically fit, be 18 years or older on July 1, 1971, maintain their own record of performance on the honour system.

As you will see from the rules and regulations governing, you have until the end of the year to qualify for a BC Centennial '71 Fitness Medal. Swimmers will have less time,

however, owing to the pool closing date. You do not have to do all the activities, anyone of the three will qualify you for a medal.

Forms upon which you maintain your performance record may be picked up from Mrs Blue in the Personnel office and at that time the measured walking or running course will be explained to you.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

A.B.C. Centennial '71 Fitness Medal will be awarded to each successful participant in these programmes. Participants must meet the following requirements:

**WALK** – Must walk 200 miles between July 1 and December 31, 1971. Keep an accurate record of the dates and distances walked on the approved accumulative report form.

Walk at least 1 mile but not more than 5 miles during each session of walking. Walk on a track or course (i.e, measured distance on road) approved by the local recreation commissions or agency administering the programme.

Upon completion of 200 miles, the record must be approved and signed by the recreation commission or agency administering the programme. This record must then be forwarded to the Secretary, Physical Fitness and Amateur Sport Fund, Victoria BC.

**RUN** – Must run 100 miles between July 1 and December 31, 1971. Keep an accurate record of the dates and distances run on the approved accumulative report form. Run at least one-half but no more than 3 miles during each session of running. Run on an approved track or course (see walk).

Record must be approved and signed on completion (see walk).

**SWIM** – Must swim 25 miles between July 1 and December 31, 1971. Swim at least one-eighth mile but not more than 1 mile during each session of swimming. Recreation commission or department administering the programme must approve pool or course distances. Keep an accurate record of dates and distances swum (see swim) Upon completion of 25 miles; record must be approved (see walk).

Britannia Beach Centennial '71 Committee

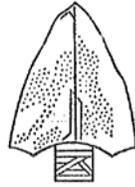
## **ANNE PULLEN IS HONOURED WITH A WEDDING SHOWER**

The Chatterbox, gaily decorated in pink, yellow and green streamers and fresh flowers hosted a shower on June 10<sup>th</sup> for Bride elect, Anne Pullen, organized by her Maid of Honour, Darlene Smith. Approximately 20 guests were present and Anne received many lovely gifts. A lovely cake was made by Mrs Buckmaster with "Showers of Happiness Anne & Jerry written on it. The guests prior to sitting down to a luncheon played bingo.

Darlene wishes to express her thanks to Mrs Horrobin of the Chatterbox, Mary Marzocco and Lynne Stembridge for their assistance. Anne Pullen would like to say thank you to the many friends who attended the shower held for her and also thanks everyone for the gifts.

### COMING EVENTS

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swim competitions	Squamish – Woodfibre
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swim competition	Britannia – Squamish
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Miner's Day	9:00am



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**WALLY ANDRZEJZUK DECLARED ALL ROUND CHAMPION MINER**

For the first time in the history of Miner's Day an All Around Champion Miner was chosen. Contestants had to enter and compete in all four events and the judges had a very difficult time coming to their decision. The top two contestants were separated by only 1 point, and the next 4 were within 5 points of each other; it was extremely close. The following were the top six contestants:

Wally Andrzejczuk  
 Martin Bourque  
 Dan Brede  
 Knud Jensen  
 Ray Marttila  
 Pat Patasi

A total of 187 entries were received for all the competitions. Ninety of these competed for the Miner's events, 40 in the Tug of War, 30 in the Nail Driving contest and 27 in the Board Sawing contests.

<u>RESULTS</u>	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3RS
<b>HAND DRILLING</b>	R Marttila	D Brede	W Andrzejczuk
<b>JACK -LEG DRILLING</b>	M Bourque	K Jensen	W Andrzejczuk
<b>HAND MUCKING</b>	K Jensen	H Last	R Marttila
<b>MUCKING MACHINE</b>	P Patasi	W Andrzejczuk	D Brede
<b>NAIL DRIVING</b>	Mrs Begin	Mrs Holowachuk	Mrs Andrzejczuk

**BOARD  
SAWING**

Mrs Rose

Mrs Nagy-deak

Mrs Holowachuk

Numerous residents and their families donned costumes to portray the Centennial Theme used on this Miner's Day. Women in colourful gowns and bonnets manned the Centennial Booth and they sold Centennial novelties and other times pertaining to the Beach. The guys and Dolls food booth did a roaring business all day as usual, and the Fireman's Booth was kept busy handing out posters for the children to colour and enter in the contest.

Ralph Lovlin and Al Stembridge were busy throughout the day giving the children rides in the miniature trains, one ran on rails and a miniature cart drew the other.

In the afternoon, everyone assembled in the stage area for the presentation of the Service Awards and also to learn the names of the winners of the various contests. Master of Ceremonies John Powell introduced Mr Jack Anderson and he welcomed everyone on behalf of the Company and community. Mr Glenn Waterman, Vice President of Anaconda presented the Service Awards to the recipients and also turned over the Lease for the Museum Building and site to Jack Moore, one of the members of the recently formed Britannia Historical Society.

One of the highlights of the program was the young Centennial Children's Choir, which was organized by Mrs Graney. The choir was dressed in colourful costumes of electric blue long skirts, white blouses and bonnets trimmed in matching blue ribbons. The choir was composed of our local girls and one brave young lad. The children sang songs pertaining to the coast and did a wonderful job for the short time they have been practicing. Mrs Teel accompanied the choir at the piano. Both these ladies deserve to be congratulated for the hours of work they put in with the children and for their accomplishment.

During the day, the PNE Rube Band who played from 11:30am until 3:30pm entertained everyone. There was also a very lively clown around passing out balloons to the children. Has anyone learned who he was?

The watering holes were busy as the adults tried to cool off from the heat of the day, and John Sarna and his crew were kept on the run most of the afternoon.

In the evening a very large crowd attended the Miner's Centennial Ball in the community club to wind up the day.

It was a very successful day and night, and to the many people who worked so hard to get everything in readiness we wish to extend our thanks.

C Smith  
Editor

## **ANACONDA HONOURS RETIRING EMPLOYEES**

Anaconda Britannia Mines honoured the following retiring men and their wives at a dinner held in the Chieftain Hotel in Squamish on Miner's Day:

Jack Balderson	Walter Freeman
Arnie Bennett	Kalle Mikkila
Mike Vukoslavceovich	Harry Terry
Art Buckmaster	Arne Fors
Dave Clark	Sam Giovinazzo
Minto Marchauk	

Each retiree was presented with a certificate for their service, and the following were also presented with a copper mug, suitably inscribed, making them exclusive members in the "20 year Club for no lost time accidents":

D Clark	M Marchauk
G A Bennett	W Freeman
J A Fors	H Terry
F J Anderson	M Vukoslavceovich

Everyone present stood and toasted the retirees and their wives and wished them all good health and happiness.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITES FLOAT WINS FIRST PRIZE**

There were a lot of proud, happy young people at Britannia Beach when they learned that the float they had worked on received 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Squamish Loggers Sports Day parade.

The following children worked long hours preparing 3000 flowers made from Kleenex for the float, and deserve our heartiest thanks and congratulations for a job well done.

Debbie, Sandy, Linda Adams, Lori, Lisa & Adrienne Green, Sheryl & Chris Yaky, Sandy & Chris Murray, Theresa, Michael & Anne Tremblay, John Cote, Kelly & Brenda Locke, Carol Blanchette, Lisa McCall, Keith Knudsen, Janet Husted, Boris Krizek, Debbie Kerr, Greg Knudsen, Kathy Dvoracek and Karen & Brian Kivimaki.

Carol Hansen, supervisor of the Summer School, worked out the theme for the float, organized the children and worked very hard decorating the float. Congratulations Carol.

Our thanks also go to Bill Strelaeff and his crew for their time and effort in making the skirting and covering the cab, and a special thanks to Bill Reid, who drove the float in the parade, and I'm sure the heat must have been terrible in the cab.

### **Centennial '71 Plaque Design winner – Peter Piehler**

Peter Piehler, 16 years old was presented with an award for his entry submitted to the Centennial Committee for a plaque design for the display in the mine museum.

A lot of thought, time and effort were shown in Peter's entry, and although it was not judged the winner throughout the Province, the Centennial Committee felt that Peter should receive an award.

### **Reg Fogarty wins scholarship**

The department of education has advised Reg Fogarty, who had received the outstanding male student award this year, that he has won a "Nancy Green scholarship" in the amount of \$250. Congratulations Reg.

## **MRS BAXTER REPORTS**

Among the many guests here to enjoy the Miner's Day celebrations were two real old timers, Mrs Nelson, mother of Mrs J Wrangmore of Minaty Bay and Mrs Swanson, who resides in Vancouver with her daughter Hannah. Both will be 90 years old this month.

Other out of town visitors noted were:

Mrs. Maion Fraser

Mr & Mrs Jack Balderson – Vancouver

Mrs J Bloom & Mrs Patterson – Parksville

Molly & Don Seymour – Walla Walla Washington

Mr & Mrs K Smith – Saskatchewan

Mr & Mrs Fred Bagnail Mrs Mouir and WE Williams – Saskatoon

Mr & Robt – Tucson Arizona

Brian Harvey is visiting with his parents, Mr & Mrs Charles Harvey, after spending 6 months in Ottawa where he graduated from Air Traffic Control School with honours, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in his class. He will be at Britannia for two weeks before accepting a position at Penticton Airport Control Tower. On his way home, Brian stopped off at Battleford, Sask. for a two-day visit with Constable R Guy MacDonald, son of Mr & Mrs J MacDonald of Britannia.

Mrs J R Alexander and son Jamie of Monterey Park, California, spent a couple of days at Minaty Bay visiting with her sister and brother-in-law, Olive and Fred Baxter after

visiting with another sister Mrs J Cameron at Madeira Park and her brother, A Burnley in Seattle. She is spending the remainder of a three-week vacation with her mother, Mrs B Bunley in Vancouver before returning to her home.

Mabel and Wally Andrzejczuk and their family are enjoying a visit from her cousin Mr William Vyne and his wife Sayuri and little daughter Rumi. Mr Vyne has travelled extensively to many parts of the world but his is their first visit to Canada and they are really very appreciative of our beautiful BC scenery and weather and are enjoying their visit to Britannia.

Mrs Tillie Mikkila was the guest of honour at an afternoon Tea Party held at the home of Mrs Roy Johnson of Minaty Bay. Around fifteen ladies enjoyed the pleasant social afternoon on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs F Baxter presented the gift of cash and card of well wishes on behalf of the ladies present and wished them happiness in their new home. A beautifully decorated cake, inscribed "To Wish You Happiness In Your New Home" was the highlight of the delicious refreshments.

Sorry to hear that Mrs Rita North and Mr Clint Nicholson are both patients in the Squamish Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for their well wishes to Kalle and I and for the gift of money with which I will get a Sunburst Wall Clock as a lasting remembrance of you all. We hope that you will come out and see us after we get moved to South Burnaby.  
Tillie Mikkila

Our sincerest sympathy goes to Mr & Mrs Clint Nicholson and their daughter Olga, on the sudden passing of Olga's husband, Dr. Ben Crishlow of Ottawa at the age of 38 years. His loving wife Olga and his 2-year-old son, Renn and his parents, survive him. Ben graduated from UBC in 1952 and from the University of West Indies in 1968.

## **SALMON FISHING DERBY**

The Britannia Beach Boat Club will hold its annual salmon derby Friday August 20 to Sunday August 22, 1971. To be eligible to enter you must be an employee of Anaconda Britannia Mines, or a resident of Britannia, Minaty Bay or Furry Creek.

Entry fee is \$2.00

Weigh in time 9pm each night

The derby will end at 8pm on Sunday

Tickets will be available at the Boat Club

### PRIZES

1<sup>st</sup> Largest fish

2<sup>nd</sup> Second largest fish

3<sup>rd</sup> Hidden weight

### **COMING EVENTS**

August 14-15 Regional Swim meet

August 14-16 BC Fishing derby

August 20-22 Britannia Boat Club derby

August 21 swim meet Woodfibre vs. Britannia

September 2 School registration