

Cooling Off Period . . .

We seem to have enjoyed a certain amount of respite from the attacks of door-to-door salesmen lately. Whether this is actual fact or merely that local housewives have stopped complaining, we are not sure, but we are inclined to think that it is not the latter. Since the housewife, particularly in Powell River, has learned that the majority of door-to-door salesmen are fast-buck operators, they have been notably prompt in reporting them to us or to the license inspector with a resultant noticeable decrease in the depredations.

Still, there is something worth thinking about in a new law which recently went into effect in Britain. Late housewives — and their bill-paying husbands — complained bitterly to the British government about the growing practice of being pressured by door-to-door salesmen into installment buying they could not afford. That a law has gone into effect to get them off the hook. The new British law provides a four-day cooling off period after a consumer has signed a contract for such an installment purchase. If the housewife — or the bill-paying husband — decides she doesn't want to go through with the purchase of the item for which she signed a contract, she can return the goods within that four-day period and get her down payment back.

Now here is something up-to-date from what some people consider a backward nation!

It would be interesting to find out if it could be enacted at the municipal level, and if so, it would earn the undying gratitude of many people who have been carried away by the mellifluous overtures of a glib-tongued and personable door-knocker.

If such a law cannot be enacted at the municipal level, then it would be worth pressing for at the provincial level.

It would save a lot of time at the door spent trying to say no, and avert a lot of intramural battles within our normally peaceful homes.

Powell River (B.C.) News

Current Comments

Private flying clubs are on the increase. In a crowded, noisy world private pleasure flying offers a kind of relaxation not easily found in anything else.

We had better hope that the Russians are not forced out of the United Nations over financial matters. In the UN the two great antagonists keep talking. Out of it an armed clash could much more easily take place.

If you're too busy to get any fun out of life, you're too busy. Kitchener Waterloo Record

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

Thirty days hath September, April, June and Christmas. At least, it seems that way.

About the middle of November, the advertising swings into high gear. We are inspired to buy a gift to enchant her — like a dainty electric shaver. Or something "he really needs" — like a tastefully-wrapped bottle of dandruff remover.

Around the same time, the "Christmas music" begins. We are warned that Santa Claus is coming to town. We are reminded, 18 times a day, to listen, through the thunder of traffic and the snarl of aircraft, for those jungle bells. We are told, for 20 days before Christmas, that somebody saw mama kissing Santa Claus last night. It makes you feel all sort of sacred and . . . well you know, Marty?

Women start getting that harassed look about the first of December. They spend hundreds of hours at their Christmas chores: ruthlessly hacking off the list of people who didn't send us a card last year; desperately wondering what to get Uncle Dud, who is in an institution; frantically trying to get their husbands interested in trees and trimming and turkey.

Well cheer up chaps. It comes every year, but lasts for only 30 days. Perhaps something to get your mind off the whole thing . . .

With Christmas in the offing, perhaps you'd be interested in

a new party game. Any number can play. It is guaranteed to increase the spirit of good fellowship and jollity at any Christmas party.

Called "Conjugation of Irregular Verbs," it was invented by Bertrand Russell. It goes like this: The player is given an irregular verb, he conjugates it. Example: "I am drunk, you are inebriated, he is a pigheaded fool." Get the idea? Let's try another.

Reads? "I am witty and sparkling. You are unusually talkative. He is drunk as a skunk."

One more "I day dream. You are an escapist. He ought to see a psychiatrist." This sort of thing is certain to get a dull party off the ground.

Now how about some Christmas definitions, so that you won't be misled by a lot of clichés that have sprung up around the sacred and joyous occasion.

Christmas list — men acquire a heavy list to start and from reaching into their hip pockets for wallets so frequently. Women acquire a different type list: pelvis thrust out, back tilted badly to the rear from the waist up, acquired from carrying parcels piled to their noses.

Christmas pudding — closely allied to Christmas list. It is more noticeable in men — a type of paralysis that comes

from pudging their hands in their pocket so often.

Christmas Carols — girl born on Christmas day and named Carol. For better to call them Mary Louise for 1965.

Christmas tree — any coniferous tree which falls over the minute it is placed in a stand.

Christmas cookies — people who think they are going to spend less on Christmas than last year. Sometimes pronounced "Kookky."

Family Christmas — You cook the turkey and are stuck with the dishes while the relatives sleep it off.

Christmas punch — the recipe is simple. Take one husband and wife, decorating tree on Christmas Eve. Mix one set of lights which doesn't work. Throw in trip downtown for extra sets of lights, by husband. Stir in a few short calls on friends on way home. Put husband gently inside door at one a.m. Christmas morning — and you get your Christmas punch, right between the eyes. It is considered only sporting, if you feel like retaliating, to wait until Boxing Day.

ADVENT — WHAT IS IT?

We gladly speak of the advent season. Should we not be vitally concerned as to its true meaning for us? Advent means a coming, the coming of the Saviour — and He did come — when least expected — when least expected by most — looked for by the faithful few — it will be at an hour when we think not.

Editorial Page



SANTA GOOFED! During his visit to the Robert Little school Wednesday of last week, he left his BVD's behind after the Carl Goode concert. Lacking over the huge piece of wearing apparel, seated left to right are Karen Ashley and Betty Harris. Back row left to right Lieutenant Mrs. L. Street and Margaret Slaven.

Village Names Three Trustees

While election day was drawing to a close in Navesagawaya Township Monday, citizens of the Police Village of Campbellville were holding their annual nomination night to select three Village Trustees for 1965.

Chiffie Bill, who chaired the meeting, reports Trustees Walter Hamblly and Bob Elliott were returned to office. Ray Olan, a trustee for the past five years declined to stand again and George Gadd was nominated to take his place.

A fourth nominee, Murray Mahon, withdrew from the race, so all three were acclaimed and there will be no election.

Bees First Carolers Says English Legend

An early English legend suggested that bees were the first Christmas carolers, gathering on Christmas Eve to hum carols of praise to the Holy Infant.

It is certain that carol popularity was greatly promoted by the English custom of "wassailing" or "wassailing" expeditions. Children went from house to house, singing songs and receiving treats.

Traditional songs gave way to new Christmas carols, which themselves became traditional. About the year 1521 Wynkin de Worde, an apprentice printer, issued the first book of Christmas carols. Later, carols were so popular that people learned them from printed copies which sold for pennies.

RABIES SHOTS

Before taking the family dog to the country or on a long trip, he should be immunized against rabies, which is still epidemic in some parts of Canada. Rabies can affect any warm-blooded animal, including humans and it is always fatal. Wild animals, especially the dog tribes are susceptible to the disease.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

Although the finesse is a fairly simple play at contract bridge, many problems can beset a declarer who is going to take a finesse. How deep a finesse should be taken, which suit to finesse, which card to lead etc.

Today's hand illustrates one of these problems and declares an answer to it. This was Board No. 18 from last week's action at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer: West
Contract: 3NT
Vulnerable: None

West: S 9, H K J 10 6, D 9 7 6 2, C J 7 6 2
East: S K 1 7 4, H A 7 5 3, D 10 8 5, C 9 8 4 3

South: S K 1 7 4, H 9 4, D A K J 4 3, C A 10
North: S 8 6 3 2, H A 7 5 3, D 10 8 5, C 9 8 4 3

West Pass, North Pass, East Pass, South Pass
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The bidding may seem a little unusual but in the competition of duplicate bridge, a declarer must strive for maximum results. This board was played four times and two Souths got to three no trump. Two others settled for diamond contracts.

South does not have a good bid over East's spade opener. A takeout double is poor, because of South's own strength in spades. A diamond overall would be anemic on this bidding. North, of course, is trying to find a suit that he can do little with. South persists to three no trump. West opens his fourth best spade, East's ace wins, and a spade is returned. South finesesses the jack, which wins. When the diamond ace is led, good news

The Good Old Days . . .

20 YEARS AGO
Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, Dec. 14th, 1944.
The value of a plow to clear the roadways about town came early this winter. The snowfall by Tuesday morning had traffic not only on the highway but on the other streets as well, badly snarled. It was not moving by noon. But the No. 7 highway plow had made a couple of trips through by noon and a two-car lane was made. Several of the roadways had been well ploughed by noon and good roadway was made and most of them cleared for traffic by evening. It certainly was appreciated after a few hours of being stranded in both legs and one arm on August 17th he still has one leg in a cast and goes about on crutches although his wounds are healing satisfactorily.

50 YEARS AGO
Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, Dec. 17th, 1914.
Snow shovelling commenced in earnest on Monday.
The mercury almost touched zero on Monday night.
Corp. Collier announces that he has orders for the securing of prospects for a third contingent.
The Government has set aside Sunday, January 1st, as a special day of prayer for a speedy end of the war.
Guelph Winter Fair was a great success. The aggregate attendance reached 17,200 against 40,000 of last year.
Major James Hallett, of the 20th Battalion Rifles, left Canada in command of a company of the 4th Infantry Battalion, Canadian Contingent. He has been promoted to the rank of Major.
The attendance of Acton High School is higher than ever before. The enrollment is now nearly 150.
The post-war has had many successful features in the war zone. Russia has given Germany and Austria great defeats along the eastern front of conflict. In the west the Allies are slowly advancing. The German Pacific fleet, which sunk the two British warships a month ago has been overtaken and sunk.
Died: Donn At Chatham, on Sunday, December 13th, 1914. James Donn formerly of Esquimaux aged 88 years.
Died: Ryder at Sarina, on Friday, December 11th, 1914. James William Ryder, Acton, aged 52 years.

M.P. Seeks Opinions On Death Sentence

Do you favor the abolition of capital punishment?
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GIFTS FOR CHILDREN
Make sure that the gift you send to a small child is suitable to his age. It could be dangerous to give a three or four year old a toy airplane or a sled or wagon which he would use on the sloping side drive of his home. A gift for the child in hospital should be carefully chosen, with the sanction of his doctor or nurse. Dull and soft cuddly toys would probably be permitted by any kind of nurse maker or food

FUNNY MAN

Little Lewy came tumbling into the house.
"Mamma, there's the funniest man in front of our house."
"Is that so darling?" asked his mother.
"What's he doing?"
"He's just sitting on the sidewalk and yelling at the banana peel I left there."

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Friday, December 18, 7.30 p.m.—Christmas Pageant.
The Fourth Sunday in Advent
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1964
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
10.30 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon.
7.30 p.m.—Candlelighting and Carol Service.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1964
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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9.30 a.m.—Grade 5 and higher.
11.15 a.m.—4 years to Grade 4.

DIVINE SERVICES
9.30 and 11.00 a.m.
Candlelighting Service and White Gift Service at 7 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1964
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
10.00 a.m.—Minister's Teen-Age Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Christmas Worship.
Theme: "Christmas With or Without Christ." Special choral music.
(Nursery for babies and toddlers during the service.)
7.00 p.m.—Amen to C. G. I. T. Christmas Vesper Service with Junior Choir singing. Rejoice! The Lord is Come!

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10.00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Special Christmas Message in Word and Song.
7.00 p.m.—Christmas Service with special Christmas music.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.
Thursday, December 17 — S. S. Christmas program at 7.30.

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"Dedication."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
"Peace in the Heart."
Saturday, December 19 — S. S. entertainment.
Saturday, December 19 — Prayer meeting, 7.30.
Wednesday, December 23 — Prayer meeting, 7.30.
Thursday, December 24 — Choir practice, 7.30.
Friday, December 25 — "His Birthday."
Text: "And when they saw His star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."
Matt. 2: 10.

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Y.M.C.A.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1964
9.45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"Making Christmas Meaningful."
7.00 p.m.—Candlelight Service. Christmas message in word and song. Join us for this service of blessing and inspiration. Carol sing at 132 Churchill Rd. S. following evening service.
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