

Gold River: Planned Paradise Has Problems

Isolation Prices Bother Residents

By PETE LOUDON

GOLD RIVER — Imagine a beautiful timbered valley with guardian mountains lock out the cars of the rest of the world. Imagine a town in the valley, where every house is sparkling new and modern, where the blacktopped streets still appear unwarmed, where power lines are underground and all the sewers and drains are complete. Picture a town with no unemployment where there isn't a soul on welfare and there's no problem of caring for old people, because almost everyone is young. Think of a town on an inlet rich with salmon where a man can hunt almost in his own backyard. That's Gold River. Many of the almost 2,000 people who live here claim they've got a foot in the door of a new Paradise. But there are others who my all that glittery stuff at Gold River isn't gold.



MODERN elementary school features hexagonal-shaped teaching areas around a similarly shaped enclosed schoolyard. Auditorium is at centre left. New secondary school is now under construction to serve Kyatoot and Tahsis as well and it will have dormitory facilities. Tahsis is 40 miles away by water. Teachers are given subsidized living accommodation. (Pete Loudon photo)

This is a "golden city". It has been carved out of the bush in the past two years by Tahsis Company and its subsidiary development companies. The idea was to create a planned community ideal to the requirements of the people who would work in the company's new \$20 million mill, located just nine miles away on Mochalahat inlet. Gold River is far from complete. It remains from more settled communities. It's 60 miles over a rocky gravel road to Campbell River. And Gold River has some notable lacks. There is no hospital. There are only one store. There is little entertainment outside the home. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lamport, who came here from Cranberry, enjoy their modern house. They get to the boat on the trailer in their driveway. They're cooking a lawn lawmower. They have a family and they think the new elementary school built for team-teaching (the latest thing) — is fine.

They're happy about the new secondary school that will open in December. But they say the cost of living gets them down. Closing runs about \$150 a month. They had to accept electric heat and this runs to \$20 a month. Cable TV costs \$3 a month, more than in Victoria — for two channels. The hook-up cost. They feel they are at the mercy of the only store in town. It has been out of bread and milk on occasion. They say their gasoline costs three cents a gallon more than it costs for instance in Vancouver. They point out that costs of almost everything are so high that so far no church has been able to build — although the Anglican and the Catholics now are going in together for a mutual church — which would be a good example for the rest of the island. It is their understanding that although a new supermarket and general shopping centre is being built now, the economy will only permit one of each type of business to set up here for at least five years.

SHOT BEAR BOTHERED RESIDENTS

CAMPBELL RIVER — One shot from poacher Peter Beyer dispatched a 400-pound bear which had been bothering residents here. RCMP called on Mr. Beyer after residents complained that the male black bear had been wandering in the residential area and raiding garbage cans. Farmers feared the seven-foot-long scavenger might attack children. One man reported the bear chased a barking dog right up to the back door of a home. Two hunting dogs were used to track and tree the bear before it was shot.

Confiscation Issue Goes Into Court

GANGES — Confiscation of land 25 years ago will be argued in the Escheator Court next month. Lawyers for Mr. and Mrs. Foran Jassaid are claiming that 60 acres of land on this island were illegally confiscated after the couple's evacuation to Greenwood as alleged security risks during the war. It is claimed the land was placed under control of government custodian Gavin C. Mount and was later transferred to Salt Spring Lands Ltd. of which Mr. Mount was president. The lawyers will probably launch a petition of right and will argue the confiscation was illegal, that a violation of the BNA Act occurred and that the proceeds set out in the War Measures Act were violated.

Tattoo Staged

DUNCAN — Next Friday at Pioneer Park there will be a Tri-Service canteen. It will start at 7 p.m. and will comprise a varied program, starting with bands of the three services' force of 120 cadets.

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Walkout Continues At Crofton

CROFTON — Some 200 construction workers were still on the job here today, holding up progress on the \$22,000,000 residential mill complex. The men walked out last week after a machinist objected to the manner in which his work was criticized by a superintendent employed by the general contractor, The Day Construction Ltd.

NOTED ARTIST, WRITER

Clutesi Hired to Teach Course in Indian Culture

ALBERNI — Plans are under way to enable George Clutesi, well-known Vancouver Island Indian artist and writer, to give classes in Indian culture to an Alberni public school.

He studied another canvas on which another legend was depicted. "The man without a soul," said Mr. Clutesi. "I did that on one of the canvases that Emily Carr bequeathed to me."



CLUTESI AND DRAWINGS

"I believe it's the first time such a course will be given by an Indian to Canadian school children," said Mr. Clutesi, who must obtain special leave from his regular job as maintenance man at Alberni's Indian Residential School for the five hours weekly when he will give his course at the public school on Eighth Street.

not remembering my name but asking if I'm the "Mr. Raven man." Mr. Clutesi said with some surprise. He study admitted that he has received very little of it from Montreal and Toronto. "To think that people would bother to write and say they like the book—it's just wonderful for me to read their letters."

Legion Burgled

LAKE-COWICHAN — Sunday morning thieves broke into the Royal Canadian Legion building here.

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Alleging intimidation, 60 men, Chinese and white, were quickly joined by 75 pipelayers, 30 ironworkers and six carpenters. These were to picket lines at Crofton Mill gates but only trade brethren entered Friday.

Because the first book is popular among schoolchildren and adults, white and Indian, a sequel is being considered. "Indian history and customs written by an Indian for a people change," Clutesi smiles. "I have the rough notes for it but haven't had time to do more yet."

The schoolchildren who hear him talk of his heritage should learn a lot. It's a subject of which he rarely writes and his enthusiasm is contagious.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL Specials

East Indians Mark Two Anniversaries

MESACHEE LAKE-CANADA — Mesachee and India's 20th anniversary of independence were celebrated by 700 East Indians from the mainland and Vancouver Island over the weekend. The two-day event was sponsored and organized by the Hillcrest Indian Dancers Society here.

Retired Clergyman Carves New Career

COMOX — Retirement hasn't meant idleness for Frank Henderson. The former military chaplain who retired in 1954 is busier than ever carving intricate patterns into his own hand-made tables and chairs.

Man Drowned

KUPPER ISLAND — An Indian resident of the island, Vincent Sylvester, 77, drowned Saturday night after falling off the government wharf.

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CALM WATER of Nanaimo Harbor was soon churning as 215 swimmers thrashed over the mile-long course in the Protection Island. Louis Branch led the 154 finishers with a time of 23 minutes. Second was Doug Nickle, in 24 minutes.

Garbage Bylaw Not Passed

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CON. Dennis Hogan said Sunday council might submit the bylaw again in December. The bylaw incorporating a \$27,000 fire hydrant scheme passed with an 85.9 per cent majority. A 70 per cent poll resulted in 226 votes. In favor and 33 against. The scheme involves installing 26 hydrants along with the new water line currently being constructed in the south end.

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