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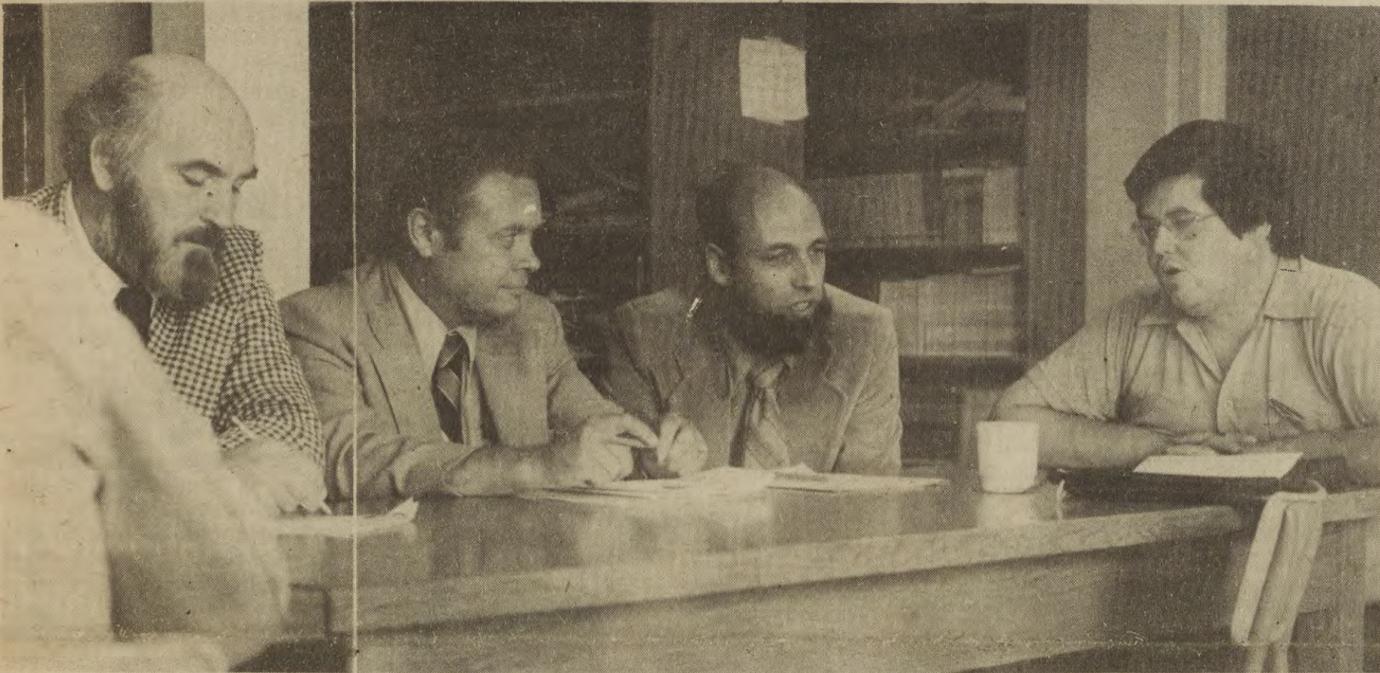
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(West Coast for "interesting" news)

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District Chairman George Watts puts a point across to DIA men during the District meeting in Tofino.

DISTRICT MEETING

As requested at the last district meeting, some of the top DIA officials were invited to discuss some of the problems we are having with them.

A general discussion was held about the proposal for a local government advisor. Mr. Van Itterson agreed to make a response to the proposal by July 31, 1977.

Mr. Van Itterson went on to explain the new position he holds and some of the plans he has. Mr. Porteous, introduced himself as the new district manager and put forth some of his philosophies.

When questioned about their problems, none of the bands put forth any complaints.

Mr. Porteous mentioned that he would like to meet with each band individually to discuss their objectives, priorities and problems. He committed himself to visiting each band within the next couple of months.

By invitation, Philip Paul attended the meeting and explained his position and also what the Union was doing in general. He is responsible for Education and expressed a desire to hold a District Meeting strictly for Education.

Jerry Jack brought up the issue of the Captain Cook celebrations. He mentioned that his band has not decided what their position would be. George Watts committed himself to attend their band meeting to discuss the issue if they wished.



HA-HO-PAYUK MEETING OF THE MINDS

A Ha-Ho-Payuk meeting was held on Sept. 29, 1977, 7:30 p.m., at the Maht Mahs Complex, Port Alberni.

It was fantastic to see how many more people are becoming interested in the education of their children. It was one of the largest turnouts that the society has ever had. There was vast representation, right from grandparents and parents to students.

The annual financial statement was read and discussed. It was decided at this time that possibly the parents and community members join together in fund raising projects to help the school. Also, the society will view the idea of hiring someone to work on Indian books for each class. There was a brief discussion on their expenditures and then the report was adopted.

Each teacher then read the discussed reports on their particular class. April Thomas - Kindergarden and Nursery, Blair Thompson - Grade One, and Dave East - Alternate School.

First April reported on how the Kindergarden and Nursery school is doing.

Many questions were asked on the Indian education aspects of her classes. For their Indian Education the classes will be visited by a number of elders and also Erma Bos will teach them lullaby's, dancing and language.

The second report was given by Blair. Blair is teaching the core curriculum as it is taught in public schools and also has Indian education classes. Due to the size of his class there is a lot of time for individual attention. The way things are going if there isn't a grade two offered next year the students shouldn't have problems entering the public schools grade two classes.

A final report was given by Dave on the alternate school. In his report he stressed that the school basically deals with each student, starting from the level they are at and working up. Skills are being introduced that will probably be of use to the students when looking for jobs later in life. As an ending to his report he asked that parents and members of the community feel free to visit, observe and participate in any of his classes.

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

There will be a West Coast District Council meeting at the Tseshaht Cultural Centre on Oct. 28, and 29, 1977. After a very quiet summer, attempts will be made to get the council to meet on a more regular basis to deal with the many pressing issues which have not been resolved yet. At the last two district meetings the attendance has been very low and concern has been expressed by some of the bands attending.

Some of the items that will be discussed are:

1. Draft proposal of "West Coast Declaration".
2. Land Claims Research and Development.
3. Local Government Advisor.
4. Membership Cards.
5. The Return of Captain Cook.
6. Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

The meeting is expected to last 1 1/2 days so delegates should be prepared to stay overnight in Port Alberni. Lunch will be sponsored by the Opetchesah Band and supper will be put on by the Shesah Band.

As well as chiefs, councillors and band members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The next order of business was brought up by the students who felt that they should have a student representative sitting on the board. A motion was made to this effect and passed.

Margaret Lindsey, a representative of the West Coast Mission was at the meeting with a message that the audio equipment was available for the Society's use.

The final order of business was to elect a new board. The elected board for the upcoming year are: Gloria Ross, George Watts, Harold Little, Katie Fraser and Eileen Haggard. I'm sure the upcoming year will be as successful as the last.

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1977 GRADUATES

An Open Message to 1977 Graduates

My sincere apologies for being unable to fulfill the request to be a guest speaker at the dinner given in your honor on June 4, 1977.

May I congratulate you on your achievement in successfully completing your high school years. You have all worked hard in the last five years to reach this goal, but may I remind you that your life is just beginning. You have completed the first major step in your education. Education is something which never stops whether it be formal or informal.

As you begin your life in society, you will meet with failures and successes. If you are successful, be happy, but if you meet failure, don't give up, fight all the more for your rights. Often, as Indian people, we blame our failures on our race. Never think in that manner, be proud of who you are and what you are, never let it be a barrier. I have always thought positive, I have always been proud of my background, I have always admired the strong leadership of many on the West Coast today. I identify myself very strongly with the Nootka people.

Undoubtedly, as your parents witnessed your graduation, they felt a great deal of pride and were very proud of your accomplishments. I share their feelings for, last night I attended the graduation ceremonies of my own daughter Roberta Alice.

Just as my hopes and prayers are with my daughter for a successful and prosperous future, they are also with you. As parents we never know what your aspirations are, but from the bottom of our hearts we wish you all success and happiness. In all the years I have been away from the west coast the success of anyone of my people has always made me proud to be a Nootka.

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Marge Cantryn,
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CAPTAIN COOK BICENTENIAL WHAT DO WE DO?

According to press reports everybody in this Province is planning celebrations to commemorate the 200th year anniversary of Captain Cook landing at Friendly Cove. Funds in excess of two million dollars will be spent on these celebrations. Dignitaries from around the world will be invited to attend the celebrations.

Will the results be more rewarding to our people the second time around? We have heard about the 25 fishing boats that the Mowachat people used to own. We witnessed them confronting the herring fisherman to protect the herring spawn in Friendly Cove. Is the right to their food been enshrined in legislation? Most importantly, has their Aboriginal Rights Claim been recognized and settled?

The Federal Parks branch and Provincial Tourism branch will use this occasion to promote tourism and meet their needs. Will the feather go into Grace McCarthy's cap or Chief Maquinna's? Only the Mowachat people can make this decision. Their people must unite and choose one plan of action. The rest of the West Coast Bands are waiting for that decision so that they can support you.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In order to give West Coast Indians a true feeling of participation in our struggle for our rights, the district council is selling membership cards. This concept was borrowed from "The United Native Nations" who have been asking their membership to commit two dollars to the future generations of Indian People.

These membership cards are available to all people who are descendants of a West Coast Tribe. Associate membership is also available to all other people, but this membership is only an indication of support for the struggle of the West Coast Indians. It does not entitle the person to any privileges. Both memberships cost two dollars but a larger donation would be appreciated.

Families are encouraged to purchase membership for their children so that we can fight for a better place for them to live.

The regular membership entitles the holder to participate in all West Coast District Council meetings although the concept of one vote per band will still be in effect.

Membership cards will be available at band offices and the district council office. Mail orders will also be accepted at the following address, P.O. Box 1225, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tinus Braker would like to thank all their friends for the lovely gifts received for their silver anniversary.

We're Back

After an absence of several months Ha-Shilth-Sa is being printed again through it may be on an irregular basis. As the Federal Government has discontinued LIP grants which the paper previously ran on, we will now have to depend on other sources of funding for the paper.

So, the Ha-Shilth-Sa would welcome any donations from our readers, band councils, organizations, or whatever. Kle-ko Kle-ko.

Because we're on a tight budget, the Ha-Shilth-Sa staff will not be able to travel around as much as we'd like to, so we're depending on you, our readers, to let us know what's happening around your area.

Any news, poems, artwork, photos, etc. that you think would be interesting would be appreciated. Just drop a line or phone the Ha-Shilth-Sa office at 724-2822.

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I would like to say "Thank-you" too, for the friendship you have offered me over the last few years. Because of your warmth and hospitality, I have always felt comfortable among you, at meetings and in your homes. Now that Ken and I are finally in Our new home, I hope to have the opportunity to extend to you that same hospitality.

Friendship is a precious thing, and true friends are to be valued above everything. That is how I feel about you, my friends, the West Coast People.

Chou.
Jan Broadland

THE NOOTKAN INDIAN

Many of you may find the Alberni Valley Museum's newly published book, "The Nootkan Indian" — A Pictorial, very interesting.

The major contribution to this book was made by the Nootka Indians themselves and it is to them that the book is dedicated.

Aspects of Nootka Indian life illustrated are in the form of sketches, reproductions of old engravings and photographs. Subject matter encompasses the people, housing transportation, food quest, textiles and ceremonial activities.

For more information contact the Alberni Valley Museum, 4255 Wallace St., Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 3Y6.

OPETCHESAHT

After years of negotiating with the city of Port Alberni, they are finally starting to listen to us and ask what we want. That doesn't mean we will get it though.

We have always cooperated with them through the years and they always get the best part of the deal. This time we intend to get what we want or else they can just take out the sewer en-

croachments they have on Indian Avenue and down by the river and if necessary we will all go back to septic tanks. This may seem like a step backwards but we are fed up with giving and giving. In case anyone is interested has cost us about \$29,260 to have them put it through our A'swinis reserve for usage of sewer lines to the homes and also for using the pump station of Josephine Street.

TSESHAHT

HEALTH WORKER

By MAMIE WILSON

In September of last year, our band management announced a job opening for a health worker. I had been working as a homemaker for a time. Recognizing the need for a health worker, I decided to try for this.

The past year has proven very interesting and active. To meet and get to know our neighbors and the surrounding resource people in town. To work with people trying to solve various problems and also the resource people who avail themselves as help. Things sometimes get hectic, but in time, with experience and patience we'll overcome some problems.

Basic training requirements are four weeks of orientation within ones' community. Then five weeks away from home. Within these weeks we're introduced to becoming aware of health hazards and communication. A bit of home nursing care and first aid. Handling of requisition forms for B.C. Medical, eye glasses and dental needs.

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BAND NEWS

In a town this size it is ridiculous for people within the city to be without water, but that is exactly how it is with two homes on Indian Avenue. Well, we are fed up

and we intend to stick to our guns.

We recently had a Band Meeting with an excellent turnout. It was decided then to reallocate funds to complete our Community Centre and it should be completed in approximately three weeks when we will be moving our office down there. Our next Band Meeting will be held there.

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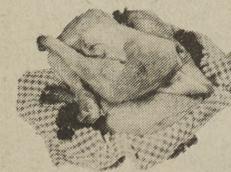
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POTLATCH



Young Trisha Georg gets into the swing of things at her familie's potlatch.



A potlatch by the Georg family was held to give Indian names to the youngest members of the family. From left to right are David Georg, holding David Georg Jr., Evelyn Georg, Jacob Georg, Chief Cecil Mack, Trisha Georg (sitting), Charlotte Georg, and Beverly Georg.



A familiar sight at potlatches in the Alberni area are oldtimers Mrs. Lucy Bill and Mrs. Cecelia Williams.



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Qui-Qualtha-fha by Paul "Frisco" Lucas.



The wedding feast got underway with the singing of Indian songs.



Linus Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lucas, and Cindy Crocker, daughter of Elaine Crocker, were married at the First United Church in Port Alberni on Oct. 24. An Indian style feast followed the wedding.



The Qui-Qualtha or Sparrow dance performed by Louie Sabbas, Paul Lucas, Charlie Lucas and Ben Andrews was a favorite of the wedding guests.

Omeek Fishermen's Meeting Slated for November 1st

The Omeek Fishermen are holding a general meeting in Tofino on Nov. 1 to discuss fishing issues and to prepare policies regarding the fishing industry.

This important meeting will start at 1 p.m. at the Christie School Residence. All native West Coast fishermen and any concerned band members are invited to attend this meeting.

The topics on the agenda are:

1. Nominations and Election of Officers.
2. Guest Speakers — Simon Lucas and Nelson Keitlah.
3. Membership Fees.
4. Dr. Paul Sinclair (Department of Fisheries).
5. Licenced Limitations — Salmon and herring.
6. Sports fishing and fishing derbies.
7. Fishing rights and regulations.
8. Food fishing.
9. Foreign fishing.
10. West Coast oil ports industry.
11. PTA (Pacific Trollers Association) Proposals.
12. Native Brotherhood — IFAP proposals.
13. Salmon Enhancement Program.
14. Provincial Fisheries.
15. Fish Patrol.

The Omeek Fishermen consists of committee representatives from each community on the West Coast. Any community or band which has not formed a committee is urged to do so that you have a say in the development of fishing policies. Please send someone to represent your people.

Ha-Shilth-Sa SPORTS



***** A glance at softball *****

Although softball season is long over, Ha-Shilth-Sa will briefly cover some of the past summer's events on the diamond.

In senior men's play, the Ahousat Native Sons and Nootka Warriors both had successful seasons, with Ahousat taking their own tournament in Tofino and also coming out on top at the all native Olympiad in Victoria.

The Nootka Warriors captured first place in the Island Zone Playoffs in Saanich, giving them the right to take part in the B.C. Playoffs in Kamloops.

The Warriors won it the hard way, having to beat Tsa-out from Victoria twice in a row after dropping an earlier 12 to 7 decision to Tsa-out in a game that went 10 innings.

Nootka came back with an 8 to 3 win and then knocked off the Victoria team 7 to 5 in a game which was played in almost total darkness to take the championship.

The championship game was dramatic to say the least as Tsa-out jumped into a 5 to 0 lead in the first two innings and it looked as if it was all over for the Warriors.

The Nootka team came

back to life in the fourth inning however, as Axel Murphy led off with a single, John Amos walked, and Pat Johnson brought them around with a home run.

The fired up Warriors added three more runs when Matt Williams reached first on an error and Francie Amos and Tom Dick belted back-to-back home runs.

The Warriors final run was scored in the fifth inning on a home run by Jiggs Johnson.

Francie Amos led the Warriors with four hits in four times at bat in the championship game and he was

rewarded with the top batter award, an allstar trophy, and the tournament's most valuable player award.

Mike Savey of the Warriors was selected the top pitcher and was also on the allstar team.

Others named to the allstar team were Brian Amos, Nootka Warriors; Charlie Thompson and Jack Little of West Coast Nation; Barry Underwood and John Underwood of Tsa-out; John Dick from the Eagles, and Francis Frank of the Clayoquot Chiefs. West Coast Nation won the most sport-

smalike team trophy. In the Olympiad, the Ahousat Native Sons finished first by defeating Tsa-out 19 to 9 in the championship game, after Tsa-out had beaten Ahousat 8 to 3 in the semi-finals.

Tsa-out placed second and the West Coast Nation came in third. The Clayoquot Chiefs were chosen the tournament's most sportmanlike team.

Ahousat's Wes Thomas received the top pitcher award and was named the tournament's most valuable player, while Frank Cooper of Tsa-out walked off with the top batter award.



KYUQUOT SPORTS DAY

By FRANCES STOCKS

This year's Kyuquot Sports day and Spring Queen Crowning was held under sunny skies on Atkis Island.

On June 8 we started at 10 a.m. with races for the students. The races were organized by the teachers and parents and featured running, the sack race, three-legged race and many others. The races ended at noon with a banana race which was a lot of fun for both participants and spectators.

Following a lunch of hot-dogs and barbecued salmon the queen was crowned. The girls all looked lovely in long dresses as Gina Sutherland, last year's queen, crowned Liz Hanson. Queen Liz was attended by her two princesses, Burnice John and Diane Jack.

A high point of the day was the tug of war. Unfortunately the women and girls were defeated by the men and boys. Better luck next year ladies.

The day ended with a soft ball game between the teenagers and the adults. It was a good game with the teenagers winning by only one point. The final score being 11 to 10.



Women's Floor Hockey — The Tseshaht Band have a floor hockey team for women. They would like to have exhibition games with any other teams. Contact Darleen Watts — 724-4873 or Marlene Dick — 723-8340, for more information. Thank you.

Girls Basketball — Any girl under 16 years of age interested in playing basketball please contact April Thomas, 724-1225.



Ahousat Native Sons — Olympiad Champions: Back row (l-r) Webster, Greg Louie, Joe Campbell, Eric Pelkey, Louis Touchie, Bert Thomas, Wes Thomas, Alex Dick, Rod Atleo, Angus Campbell, Ike Campbell, Hudson Webster, Basil George, Bobby Dick, Frankie Charlie; Front row (l-r) Luke Arnie Thomas, Ralph Titian, Batboy.



Nootka Warriors — Island Zone Champions: Back row (l-r) Francis Amos, coach; Eugene Mark, Thomas Dick, Mike Savey, Matt Williams, John Amos, Larry Andrews, Francie Amos, Mike Maquinna; Front row: (l-r) Brian Amos, Bruce Mark, Herb Dick, "Jiggs" Johnson, Francis' friend, Axel Murphy,

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Native Courtworker**

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20. Section 86D is amended

(a) by repealing substituting the following:

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(a) on a first conviction, 3 months, but where injury or death of a person or reportable property damage occurred in connection with the offence, 6 months, and

(b) on a second or subsequent conviction, 6 months, but where injury or death of a person or reportable property

damage occurred in connection with the offence, one year.

(1a) For the purpose of this section, "convicted" or "conviction" includes an absolute or conditional discharge and a finding of juvenile delinquency under the Juvenile Delinquency Act (Canada), in the relation to the matter at issue.

(2) The Superintendent, or a person or person authorized by him, shall review the driving record of a person referred to in subsection (1) and may extend the period of suspension for such period as he thinks is appropriate.

(b) in subsection (5), by striking out "clause (b) if", and (c) by adding the following after subsection (5):

(6) Where a person convicted of an offence referred to in subsection (1) is not the holder of a driver's licence the Superintendent shall assign a driver's licence number to that person's right to apply for a driver's or an operator's licence for the

period of time set out in subsection (1).

Section:
233 (2) C.C. — Hit And Run
233 (4) C.C. — Dangerous Driving

234 C.C. — Impaired Driving

235 C.C. — Fail to Supply Breath Sample

236 C.C. — Blood Alcohol Over .08 per cent

238 (3) C.C. — Driving While Under Suspension

203 C.C. — Criminal Negligence

The period of suspension begins immediately upon conviction. Please be prepared to surrender Your Driver's Licence to the Court Clerk at time of conviction.

I find that fines usually average around \$500 or more if you're involved in a car accident.

If you're in Port Alberni you'll probably get six months probation with the main condition that you attend the impaired driving course in Port Alberni. Failure in attending the course will be a charge with criminal sec. 235 (2) C.C.

If the police pull you over and read a breathalyzer demand to you, go along with them even if you don't feel you're impaired. If you don't go and refuse to blow you will be charged with a criminal offence sec. 235 (2) C.C.

Remember this though, DO NOT make a statement to the police until you have consulted a lawyer or a native court worker. I stress this because there are loop holes in some cases, not many, but some, so consult a lawyer or get a hold of me before making a statement.



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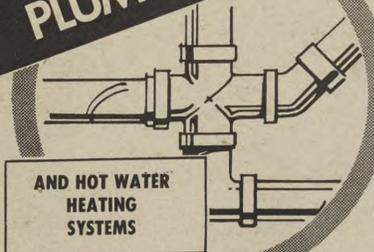
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Just the thought of hearing you say,
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Brightens my whole day;

It was over seven years we shared,
But never fear, thoughts of you
Will always be near;
Wishing you were here,
To hear each one of us say
"We love you Mathilda Mae."



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BIRTHDAYS

We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to our son and brother, William Sam Jr., who celebrated his birthday on Oct. 6.

Love Mom, Dad, Charlie and Stephanie

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BIRTHS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tatoosh on the birth of their son Stephen, born Oct. 3, 1977, weighing 8 lbs. 15 oz.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lance Ross on the birth of their son Lanny Jr., born on Sept. 2, 1977 weighing 5 lbs.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Watts on the birth of their son David Jr., born Sept. 21, 1977, weighing 4 lbs. 12 oz.

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BELETED WEDDING WISHES

Uchucklesaht Band would like to extend belated Wedding Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Robinson and to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Robinson who were wed on May-27th, 1977.

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Grads honoured at banquet



Graduates Jean Wylie, Carolyn Little, David Little, and Irma Robinson were honored at a ceremony at Maht Mahs at the end of the school year.

Four high school graduates from the Port Alberni area were guests of honor at a dinner and dance at the Maht Mahs Gym on June 4.

The four graduating students were David Little, Carolyn Little, Irma Robinson and Jean Wylie.

The dinner was put on by the Native Education Awareness Committee and the parents of the students.

Mrs. Agnes Dick gave the welcoming address and explained that the purpose of the Education Awareness Committee was to raise

money for native students for such things as recreation.

After the singing of ha-ook-shtl-yuk (grace), the students and about 150 guests sat down to dinner.

When dinner was finished a toast to the grads was given by Johnny Jacobsen from Ahousat.

Dr. George Clutesi followed, saying that he hoped that each year the ceremony would continue to grow.

"You have spent 12 of the best years of your life to attain this goal and you have achieved this goal," he said.

"We want you to be useful to your own peple," Dr. Clutesi added.

Other remarks were given by Bob Skelly, MLA for Comox — Alberni, Nelson Keitlah from Ahousat, and Adam Shewish, Chief of the Tse-Shaht Band.

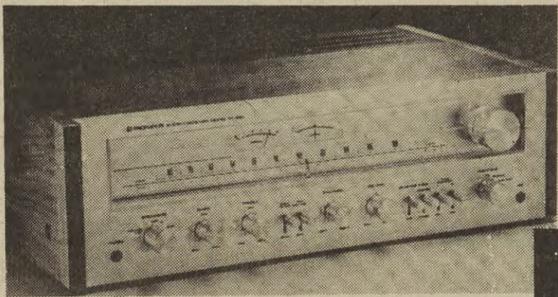
On behalf of the graduates, David Little thanked everyone for the banquet.

The dinner ended with the giving of gifts to the graduating students.

Later that evening the guests and students attended a disco dance courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Samual.

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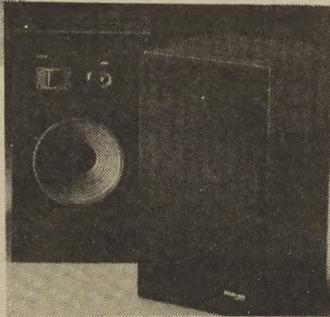
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