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## They and Ellen Created This Totem

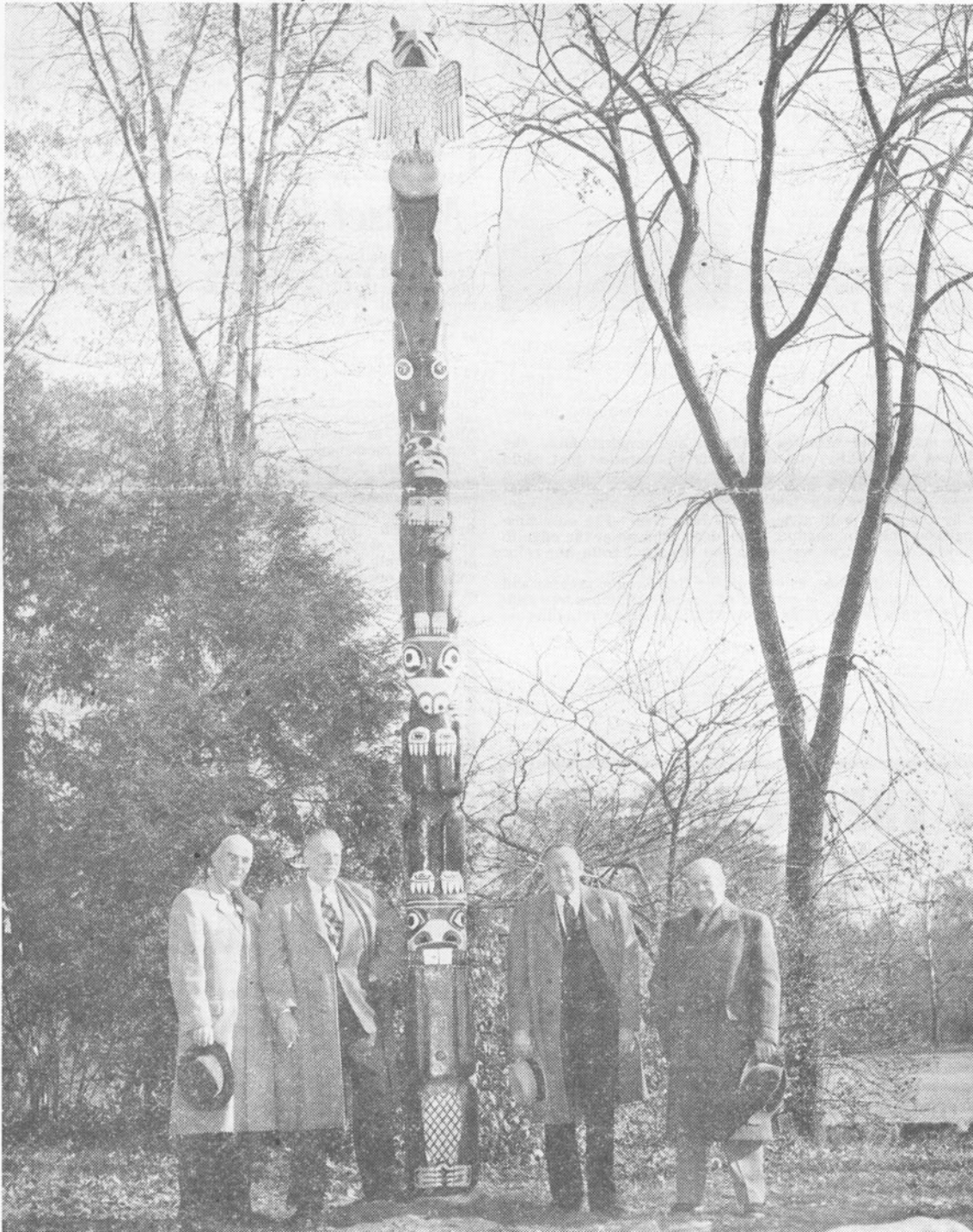


Photo by Nels Perry, N.Y.

THE FOUR WHO TRIED SUCCEEDED as this picture clearly shows. There is quite a story to the above totem carved by the four men, and it centres around our Ellen Neel whom they credit for advising them on how to go about their task. All from Bronxville, New York, they built the pole for the Boy Scout Cabin in Bronxville. The men are, from the left, Capt. Nelson R. Perry, who has a collection of Ellen Neel's carvings, and who sought her advice regarding the carving of the Totem Pole for the

Bronxville Boy Scouts; Ronald McLeod, of Bronxville, N.Y., nationally-known magazine illustrator and painter, who made the scale drawings from Ellen Neel's small model; Kenneth Russell, of Bronxville, N.Y., who did the carving; Lt-Col. Harrison Wright, of Tuckahoe, N.Y., who thought up the idea and directed the operation and did the painting. Wright is both a painter and sculptor, and naturalist of note in his own name. (See tribute to Ellen Neel, page 2.)



FROM THE FOUR WHO SUCCEEDED

# Tribute to Ellen Neel

March 22, 1955.

"The Native Voice"  
Vancouver, B.C.  
Canada.

ATTENTION: MRS. HURLEY

Classic Art, like Classic Music, earns the proud distinction of being "classic" only because it is fine enough to endure beyond the changes in customs, times, habits and the whims of man.

Standing like a bulwark against the decadent assaults of "modern" art is that of the totem of Northwestern America. It is the essence of American Art, and it has been as true and steadfast to its principles as is the compass needle to the North. The carvers and the painters of the British Columbia totem poles are worthy descendents of those early pioneers in that art, for art it is, 'in the fullest sense. They have refused to deviate from the inspiration of their predecessors, and wisely so. Among the foremost of them stands Ellen Neel of the Kwakiutl Tribe. Her work is supreme. She has refined and made more beautiful the designs and patterns of old so skillfully that none of their authenticity has been lost. This makes the truly great artist.



ELLEN NEEL

When we determined to place a bit of genuine American art at the Boy Scout Cabin in Bronxville, New York, a totem pole was chosen as being the most representative. None of us had any previous experience in such an undertaking, and although we had, in Marius Barbeau's books, enough of the designs to go ahead with carving, we had no pattern of color, nor any knowledge of what combination of animals and birds could be made without going counter to the laws of totem. In our dilemma we turned to Mrs. Ellen Neel of Vancouver.

She came to our rescue with the kindness and understanding, the assurance that goes with ability, and the hearty co-operation that could be given only by a lovely person. To her goes whatever credit is due a modest, but sincere effort to follow where she showed the way. The photographs that accompany this letter indicate the results achieved; made possible by the great help given us by Mrs. Neel. The only time we erred (in painting the Sun, shading from deep crimson at the edge to a brilliant yellow in the centre) was when we departed from her color pattern.

We who made the totem pole, as well as the Boy Scouts, present and future, will ever be grateful to the peoples of British Columbia who conceived the Art of Totem, and to Ellen Neel, who is so ably continuing its faithful reproduction.

Sincerely,

HARRISON WRIGHT  
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and  
NELSON R. PERRY  
For the Four Who Tried.

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# HADIA CHIEF'S WIDOW DIES

Mrs. Rebecca Weah, widow of the late Chief Harry Weah, chief of the Masset Haida band of the Queen Charlottes, died March 27 at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. She was 87 years of age.

Mrs. Weah and her family lived on Masset Inlet from the time of the war canoe days until the days of the seaplane. For the last 10 years she had lived in Vancouver.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Maude McEwen and three grandchildren, Vancouver; a nephew, William Matthews, present chief of the Masset band; and a brother, Robert Brown, Masset.

Funeral was held in Masset village in the Queen Charlotte Islands, with Rev. P. R. Kelly officiating at the service.

"The Native Voice" deeply regrets the passing of Mrs. Weah and we extend to the bereaved family our sincere condolences.



Mrs. Weah

## Masset Brotherhood Officers

The Masset Branch of the Native Brotherhood held its annual meeting on Feb. 15, in the Masset Community Hall. Peter Hill acted as chairman, while Elizabeth Jones acted as secretary.

Mr. Elizah Jones was elected president for the year 1955 and Mr. Peter W. Jones as vice-president. Mr. Victor Adams was elected as secretary and Mr. Rufus Abrahams as treasurer. Joseph Parnell is messenger.

Mr. Elizah Jones took over the chair upon becoming elected as new president. Mr. Peter Hill, former president turned over the Brotherhood Bible to President Jones. A word of thanks was given by all new officials and a very nice encouraging speech was given by President Jones.

Refreshments were served by Sisterhood members, and enjoyed

by everyone. Meeting was closed with a hymn, "God Be With You" and a prayer by Elizah Jones. Congratulations were offered to new president and other officials.

Phyllis Bedard.

## York Boat Wanted

WANTED — York Boat, or one that could be fixed up. Or plan and price for building one, or information or photo or sketch of same. For Alberta Jubilee Activities. Reply J. W. SHERWIN, 1 Macdougall Court, 10062 - 100 Street, EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

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## NATIVE BROTHERHOOD NEWS

By ED NAHANE

# FOOD FISHING POSITION CLARIFIED

The following letter from the Sechelt Tribe to the Fisheries Department and the reply regarding the taking of fish for food purposes clearly indicates the value of closer co-operation and relationship.

Many of our readers who have taken a keen interest in previous articles in "The Native Voice" dealing with this particular subject of aboriginal rights will no doubt agree that a step has been taken in the right direction and without abuses should be profitable and long-lasting.

Many of our Native people are being hemmed in by the steady influx of people from various parts of the world and employment is getting scarcer as the months go by. Is it any wonder that we must once again depend on the bounty from the sea and the forest as in the days of our forefathers. The letters will prove that we have made considerable progress to date:

January 25, 1955,  
Sechelt, B.C.

Mr. A. J. Whitmore,  
Chief Supervisor,  
Dept. of Fisheries,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We the undersigned Chief and Councillors of the Sechelt Band do hereby forward our request to your Department for a permit to catch fish, namely, scrap fish, cod, and salmon for our own use.

We believe that the amount that we consume will not interfere with conservation. We have contacted the local Fisheries Guardian regarding same and have had no results.

We hope that you will give this your earnest consideration and also hope for an early reply.

Yours truly,

Chief C. Craigon  
Ernest Joe  
Albert Louie  
Henry Paul.

Reply:

March 11, 1955.

Mr. C. Craigon,  
Chief Councillor,  
Sechelt Indian Band,  
Sechelt, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to revert to your letter of January 25. While I notice formal acknowledgement was not made, I would like you to know that the subject of your letter was im-

mediately taken up with our District Supervisor of Fisheries at Nanaimo, Mr. H. E. Palmer, and the various considerations were discussed with our local officers, all to the end that your wishes receive best possible attention.

I would like to point out that the arrangements in respect to your taking salmon for food purposes differ somewhat from those which would apply to the taking of scrap fish, cod, etc.

1. The B.C. Fisheries Regulations make special provision for permitting Indians to take fish for food purposes. These arrangements do not extend to any other class of B.C. Fishermen. Under these arrangements, the Chief Supervisor is empowered to issue Permits to Indians authorizing them to take salmon for domestic food purposes but not for sale or barter. In these Permits the waters in which this fishing may be conducted are prescribed, and the method and time for taking these salmon is indicated. As you know, we allow Indians to take salmon inside the fishing limits, and even in salmon streams at points well above the commercial fishing limits. We have tried to meet the wishes of the local Indians in the issuing of these permits as far as possible to meet their convenience and needs. In doing this, of course, we necessarily have to take into account the conservation requirements as there must be reasonable assurance that sufficient fish are allowed to escape for spawning purposes, to perpetuate the runs.

2. A Permit is not required for Indians to take scrapfish, cod, etc., for their own domestic purposes, at any time. When commercial fishing is prohibited for any of these varieties, any food fishing by the Indians must be restricted on the basis that it is food for the Indian taking it, and his family, and not for sale or barter.

If special commercial-type fishing gear is used in obtaining these domestic food requirements during closed season etc., it would certainly be most desirable that the

Indian using it should advise the Fishery Officer beforehand of his intentions so that there will be clear understanding that the fish caught will not be sold.

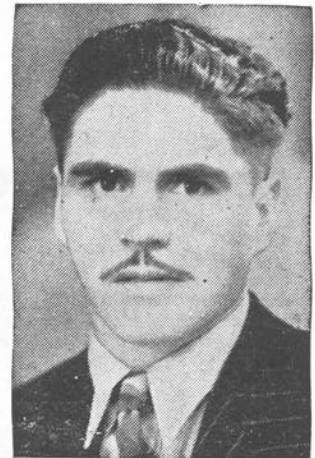
Of course, when the season is open for commercial fishing for these several varieties, the Indian fishermen would probably wish to protect himself by obtaining a commercial licence. He would thus be in the position to sell surplus fish. The licence fee in each instance is only a small one, so that no hardship in doing this would be entailed.

It is my understanding that the foregoing is now already well understood by you as a result of contact by our officer. However, if there is any room for misunderstanding or any further clarification needed, I shall be glad to assist.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ed Nahanee, Business Agent of the Native Brotherhood of B.C., Vancouver, and if at any time you wish to discuss the matter further with me I shall be glad to meet with you. Perhaps an appointment could be arranged through Mr. Nahanee.

Yours truly,

A. J. Whitmore,  
Chief Supervisor  
of Fisheries.



DANNIEL ASSU, Vice-President of the Southern District of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, has just completed the Fishermen's Short Course at the University of British Columbia, conducted by the UBC Extension Department and financed by the Federal Department of Fisheries.

More Native Brotherhood News appears on Pages 7 and 8

## Business Agent Attends Annual Game Convention

(Circular Letter to All Branches of the Native Brotherhood of B.C.)

The Business Agent will be attending the Ninth Annual Game Convention to be held on May 25th to May 28th, inclusive, at Nelson, B.C.

The meeting will be attended by all personnel of the Game Department from various districts and zones and also from the United States.

For the information of all concerned, the province, as was the case in the past conventions, has been divided into zones, with the first ten zones getting two delegates each and seven organizations listed, one delegate each.

1. Vancouver Island Affiliated Game Association.
2. Lower Mainland Zone Association.
3. Mainland (North) Coast Zone Association, Howe Sound to Knights.
4. Interior Fish and Game Protective Association.
5. Grand Forks - Greenwood (Sub Zone).
6. West Kootenay Rod and Gun Clubs Association.
7. East Kootenay Rod and Gun Clubs Association.
8. Cariboo Zone, which includes all of the area south of Prince George and north of the C.P.R., or in other words, all of the associations in the Cariboo, Chilcotin and Lillooet Districts.
9. North Central Zone, including all of the province lying east of Terrace to the Alberta boundary along the C.N.R.
10. Northern Zone, including the Peace River and northern portions of the Fort George, Omenica and Atlin Electrical Districts.

Besides the above mentioned Zone Delegates, representatives or delegates from the following organizations are invited to attend as outlined hereunder:

1. B.C. Registered Guides' Association.
2. B.C. Registered Trappers' Association.
3. B.C. Federation of Agriculture.
4. B.C. Sheep Breeders' Association.
5. B.C. Beef Cattle Growers' Association.
6. B.C. Auto Courts and Resorts' Association.
7. Native Brotherhood of British Columbia.

The above is a copy of the invitation sent to our organization. However, please forward any information that is available regarding game in your district and answer the following questions:

1. Are the game as plentiful as they were 50 years ago in your area?
2. If not, what happened to them?
3. Are there too many wolves, cougars or other factors?
4. Are you allowed to kill game for food, by the Game Department?
5. Do you have to obtain a permit to take game for food purposes?
6. Does the Game Department set a limit on the amount you take? week or month?
7. Does the Game Department limit you to a bull moose or buck deer?

## Salmon Gillnet Hanging Set at Three to One Ratio

March 30, 1955

Last year the British Columbia Fisheries Regulations were amended to require for the 1954 season that salmon gillnets be hung at a ratio of not more than 3 fathoms of web to 1 fathom of cork line, with the proviso that commencing 1955 a lesser ratio of 2½ to 1 would be invoked.

The objective was to eliminate fine thread or "spider" thread tangle net gear hung in as much as 5 to 1 or 6 to 1 which operate basically by entangling fish rather than by gilling them; and which had the effect of defeating certain principals of our gillnet generally.

The experience of the 1954 season has indicated the regulation requiring a ratio of not more than 3 fathoms of web to 1 fathom of cork line has given the desired result, i.e., elimination of the spider web tangle net type of gear. In these circumstances the Department has now advised that it is not proposed to enforce the lesser ratio of 2½ to 1 for 1955 but rather that the ratio in effect in 1954 will be continued, and that the regulation is being amended to read as follows:

(6) The web for drift-net or gill-net used for taking salmon shall not be hung at any place on the cork line at a ratio greater than three fathoms of web (extension measure when in use) to one fathom of cork line, and no additional web shall be hung, added, or inserted to increase such ratio throughout the vertical depth of such drift-net or gill-net.

A. J. WHITMORE,  
Chief Supervisor of Fisheries.



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## Message From R. Clifton

**P**RESIDENT Robert Clifton of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. brought fraternal greetings to delegates attending the eleventh annual convention of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union last month in Vancouver. He passed along a message to the 100 representatives of UFAWU fishermen and cannery workers. The Native Brotherhood and the Union together negotiate wages and salmon prices with the Fisheries Association of British Columbia.

President Clifton looked back to the time, not so many years ago, when the fishermen were divided into various organizations, several of which he listed from memory.

"When we used to go out to the fishing grounds," Mr. Clifton said, "we never knew just what price we were going to get for the fish we might catch."

In recent years, however, this has changed, he said. "Now we have a round-table conference of the industry in our negotiations and we sit side by side with no ill feelings among ourselves."

In concluding his short but pertinent speech, which was well-received by delegates, President Clifton stated, "Let's keep up the good work, keep united and stand side by side."



ROBERT CLIFTON

## 'Always . . . One Of Us'

**R**OBERT CLIFTON, president of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia has been appointed a director of The Native Voice following the official resignation of Chief William Scow March 30 as a director of the publication.

In a telegram to publisher Maisie Hurley, Chief Scow declared:

GREETINGS AND WISHING YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS STOP I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE HONOUR YOU GAVE ME STOP IT SURE WAS A PLEASURE TO BE A MEMBER OF YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD STOP BUT I CANNOT DO JUSTICE TO THE POSITION AND FOR THE GOOD OPERATION OF THE PAPER I DO HEREBY TENDER MY RESIGNATION STOP YOURS SINCERELY BILLY SCOW

A special resolution passed by a general meeting of the directors has been forwarded to Chief Scow expressing regret at his resignation. It states in full that "We are sorry that you have resigned your position as director of 'The Native Voice' and will surely miss you as long as the body of the executive functions on behalf of The Native Voice Publishing Company Limited. We will always honour Chief William Scow as one of us."



CHIEF WILLIAM SCOW

## Grandmother and the Indians

(First prize taken by Margaret Murphy—Language Arts—Seattle, Washington, March 7. Margaret, age 13, is the beloved granddaughter of the publisher and beloved daughter of the late Michael M. Murphy, drowned at sea, December 28, 1944.)

**S**OME of the things that my grandmother did was in 1930 when she started painting portraits of Indians. She first met the Indians with her father, a mining engineer, in the interior of British Columbia in 1890. After she had painted many pictures of the Indians, she became more acquainted with them and began to see more of the injustices they were forced to endure. She took up their cause and helped reorganize the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia.

She started a newspaper called "The Native Voice" which in time became the official organ of 25,000 members of the Native Brotherhood and many of the tribes associated with the Native Brotherhood. This paper has many subscribers and goes all over the world.

She was instrumental in placing the first Indian on the Canadian police and later she helped place the first Indian in Parliament (put down that cuspidor, Casey Calder—M.H.).

There was an Indian Act written in 1847 and no changes were made until she had them make the first improvements (the first man who moves gets both barrels—Publisher). The ACT WAS MADE LAW OVER 100 YEARS PRIOR TO THAT TIME. She got whaling rights back and improved fishing rights, but most important of all she was responsible for their getting the right to vote. She also helped them in the fight for new schools, hospitals, and to raise their living standards. Out of gratitude, the Indians made her a Chief, NOT an honorary kind of Chief like celebrities rate, but a genuine chief with all honours and privileges which go with such an office. She is the only female Chief in the history of Canadians.

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Will the lady chiefs please lay down their scalping knives; I like my hair long. I dare anyone to dispute this: I am the biggest, bestest grannie of 21 grand-children and will fight any and all challengers.

## Voice of Great Chief Crazyhorse Speaks Out of Past Through Friend

**G**OOD FRIEND MAISIE: I am good happy with you, much you give me in your paper. I am old and dry like leaves on snow. Soon I die. I am what white man says with years of full one hundred. I go to sleep in the ha-sa-ta and be one with my la-ha-ta.

Crazyhorse when he die in arms of me 20 summers gone (Time to the aged means nothing.) "My blood is gone, my people are dead with war of white man."

I say with him the same words, "The good of our blood they do not know, and tears there were many in us." Then he sleep with this bad dream.

I smile now for good words I read in your paper. The heart of our people is made to be good are the words of Cha-la-nung he says, "What was our people, I cry for the good Voice of them." Go back that is his name—he speak good peace this paper.

Crazyhorse was of his tongue — but bad sorrow of dead come his heart and war is this. I know Cha-la-nung of his blood — I smile with my chest that his name is good. Cha-la-nung I hear him say when his sister give name to son of this man, her husband Indian with white man book of Great One.

Crazyhorse cry for this. I with him when words that is hot cry—when white man come we cry our blood is good. You say it good, make happy; I say my thanks you all—you bring good word to my people they do not die with you.

Good tears are mine for the words of Cha-la-nung, I know our blood not gone — I GO TO MEET SPIRIT ON WHITE-HORSE. I thank you good friend, Maisie, Crazyhorse smile with me for you and Cha-la-nung.

— F A S A T A.

**GREAT CHIEF FASATA:** Humbly I bow my head in reverence to you great Chief of other days, friend of the great Chief Crazyhorse, now has long since passed on. You too have reached your hundredth year.

Your memory, your blood, great Chief, shall never die—or the great good word spoken by your people or the great lesson taught, of honour and faith, shall not be forgotten, but shall be spoken again by the living "VOICE" of the great dead.

Cha-la-nung and others will speak the Word as will many of the sons and daughters of the dead.

As we pass through the ancient villages, the Spirit of the great Chief Crazyhorse and other great Chiefs be around us, for the dead never leave us. Their spirits will strengthen our tongue, and give us the Power to speak again. We shall be heard, so that the blood will not die, so that teachings of the original owners and inhabitants of the Americas will live on. Yes, the dead will speak again through the living 'VOICE' of the Native people.

— MAISIE.



# Sechelt Natives Hear 'Native Voice' Publisher

By ALICE A. FRENCH

Mrs. Maisie Hurley of Vancouver, publisher of The Native Voice, a paper which brings to the public the activities of the Native Indians and also their problems, was guest speaker in the Indian Council Hall March 20 at Sechelt.

With Mrs. Hurley was Mrs. Ellen Neel — the well known Indian carver and Mrs. Majorie Wade daughter of the late F. C. Wade — one time B.C. High Commissioner to Britain. Clarence Joe introduced the speakers and brought greetings from the Native Brotherhood. Mrs. Hurley is the only white woman in Canada being honored by membership in this organization.

Reverend Father Sutherland of the Indian residential school also welcomed the visitors.

Mrs. Hurley stressed the point of organization for our native brethren and deplored the idea of taking the Indian off the reservation. She said they were not yet ready for this drastic move. Mrs. Hurley spoke briefly of the encroachment on the Indian means of living, especially fishing and logging, where now it would seem that many "displaced persons" are being taken in to these industries and said that although Canada needs new citizens, it must not be at the expense of our Native brethren.

Mrs. Hurley outlined her work in the early days — and gave great credit to various church missions—who in the earliest times had looked after their welfare. She also touched briefly on the recent attack on Indians by I. F. Corbett, member for Yale.

Mrs. Hurley said the Indian was not demanding more liquor, only his right to please himself whether he drank or not, which should be his privilege, but not to abuse this privilege if and when he got this right.

She asked the mothers at the meeting to send their children to Sunday School, so as to give them a good foundation in later life. Not to be bitter to the government for unjust treatment but to work together with faith in better times to come.

The Sisterhood in the village was the most important factor, and had done very good work both spiritually and financially. The 'Native Voice' publisher spoke of the better educational advantages now available where young Indian people may now get to High School and University. She deplored the fact that some of the tribes are

## Treaty Indian Dies at 89 Years

CALGARY. — Pat Grasshopper, believed to be the last surviving Sarcee Indian to witness the signing of the treaty at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877, died at his home on the Sarcee Indian reserve recently following a brief illness. He was 89 years of age.

Grasshopper was born on the Prairies somewhere near Blackfoot Crossing, near Cluny, Alta., in the summer of 1865. As a boy of 12 he sat astride his pony on the outer circle of the council ring when the Blackfoot, Bloods, Peigans and Sarcees signed the historic treaty in the summer of 1877.

dying, especially Bear Lake which has dwindled to a population of 38.

Wonderful co-operation has come from Indian Commissioner Mr. Arneil and Indian Agent Mr. A. F. Anfield. She asked that the press give more publicity to Indian affairs.

Mrs. Ellen Neel also spoke along these lines and spoke of her work under great difficulties. She had felt the same discrimination as our local boys and girls and told the meeting to get out and advertise the wonderful work they do. Mrs. Neel saw a future in Indian lore and stated that with regard to the tourist trade the village is in a wonderful location and should be exploited as such.

Mrs. Hurley was presented with an Indian tray on behalf of the Sisterhood by the president, Mrs. A. Johnson. Father Sutherland and Clarence Joe thanked the visitors for this wonderful trip to Sechelt Indian Village.

During the course of her speech, Mrs. Hurley brought greetings from Native Brotherhood president Robert Clifton and Mrs. Clifton. She also extended to the Sisterhood branch the good wishes of Kitty Carpenter, president of the Native Sisterhood of British Columbia.

## Capilano Indian Pow-wow Colorful Two-Day Event

The eighth annual Capilano Indian Pow-wow of the Capilano Indian Community Club will be held on Sunday and Monday, May 22 and 23 at the Capilano Reserve at North Vancouver. Our new track will be finished and ready for our two days of sports.

Sunday will be a day for all Indians from the small tots to the oldest person. There will be races and prizes for all events during the day. Our generous white friends helped us by donating some of the prizes for our Indian day on Sunday.

At the end of the day, the Capilano Trophy will be presented to the athlete of the day, to the Indian boy or girl who has the most points.

We will have our Indian dancing with different tribes presenting their own tribal dances and customs. The entertaining tribes will be the Lummi's from the American side, the Burrard Indians from Burrard Inlet, Mungo Martim and his Kwakiutl dancers, the Coquitlam Indian dancers, the Squamish Indian Band newly organized consisting of young and old members of the Squamish Band, and the Capilano Indian Pow-wow dancers.

There will be a Sla-hal game between tribes, Indian salmon barbecue, games which will include Bingo, and the inter-tribal Tug-a-War, which was won by the Chilliwack Indians who will defend their cup this year.

### TRACK and FIELD MONDAY

Monday, May 23, Empire Day, will be the Track and Field Meet, open to all athletes, races for boys and girls. This meet will be capably handled and taken care of by officials and members of the Track and Field Association.

The following trophies will be presented to the winning participants in the events:

- 100 yard dash event — Totem Land Trophy.
- 220 yard dash event — Charles Cates Trophy.
- 440 yard dash event — Alex McDermaid Trophy.
- 880 yard dash event — Tom Chubb Trophy.
- 1 mile event — Ellen Neel Trophy.
- Aggregate Cup for girls — B.C. Track and Field Association Trophy.
- Tug-a-War Trophy.

The B.C. Lions of North Vancouver have kindly volunteered to help us out at the Pow-wow.

### SHOW FOR ATHLETES

The Track and Field Meet was postponed last year on account of rain. So on Sunday, April 24, we are organizing a picnic and show for the athletes who won the trophies in 1953. They will be given replicas of the trophies won at the 1953 Track and Field Meet.

We wish to extend our invitation to all tribes throughout B.C. to participate in sports events and Indian dancing during the two-day Pow-wow.

Balance on hand	\$464.17
Profit from Sports Day	896.86
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1316.03</b>

Expenditures	
Maintenance of park and clubhouse	\$533.62
Entertainers and prizes	418.39
Church group donation	30.00
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Miscellaneous	26.92

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# Tecumseh and the War of 1812

By NEWELL E. COLLINS

The plan of attacking Malden was abandoned. Instead of attacking offensively, we broke up our camp, evacuated Canada and recrossed the river in the night, without even the shadow of an enemy to injure us. We left to the tender mercy of the enemy, the miserable Canadians who had joined us, so that the protection we had afforded them was but a passport to vengeance. This fatal and unaccountable step dispirited the troops, and destroyed the little confidence which a series of timid, irresolute and undecided measures had left in the commanding officer.

"About the tenth of August the enemy received a reinforcement of four thousand men. On the twelfth the commanding officers of three of the regiments,—the fourth was absent,—were informed through a medium which admitted no doubt that the General had stated that a capitulation would be necessary. They on the same day addressed Governor Meigs of Ohio a letter of which the following is an extract: 'Believe all the bearer will tell you. Believe it, however it will astonish you, as much as if told by one of us. Even a c— is talked of by the —. The bearer will fill in the blank lines.' The risk of sending this letter to Governor Meigs and the doubt of

its reaching its destination, and possibly falling into improper hands made it necessary to use the utmost circumspection in giving details, and therefore the blanks were left. The word 'capitulation' will fill the first, and 'commanding general' the other. As the enemy was not near us and as the superiority of our forces was manifest, we could see no necessity of capitulating, nor any propriety of alluding to it. We, therefore, de-

termined in the last resort to incur the responsibility of divesting the General of his command. This plan was eventually prevented by two of the commanding officers of regiments being ordered upon detachments.

"On the 13th the British took a position opposite Detroit, and began to throw up works. During that and the two following days, they pursued their object without interruption and established a bat-

tery of two 18-pounders and an 8-inch howitzer. About sunset on the evening of the 14th a detachment of three hundred and fifty men from the regiment commanded by Colonel McArthur and myself, was ordered to march to the River Raisin to escort the provisions which had sometime remained there protected by a party under the command of Captain Brush. (To Be Continued)

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By KARONTOWAMEN

## SHADIAH - - - The ARROWHEAD

We travelled that day and when evening came were miles from our village. We had sent out scouts and flankers all day in an effort to pick up the trail of the Sioux, but they returned without any news. Now we posted sentries for the night. My master was on the second group to stand guard that night and until he was called for, lay down to rest. The night was uneventful, and the camp was up early, packed and on our way. Pawi-shi-ka was eager to meet the enemy as soon as possible. In our party was about four hundred fighting men, with only a few, as before mentioned, not veterans.

As we rode along, here and there could be heard a song. Why were they singing? These men were going to fight a battle and who knew just what the outcome would be, so they were preparing their souls to meet the Great Spirit. Some called it a prayer song, others called it the death song. One would have to wait and see.

Poweshiek was silent, but as he rode, his eyes took in everything. He saw every movement that was made by anyone near him, but he was tense, and would be glad when it was over. What was that? Oh, just the scouts riding in to report. But wait! They were excited. They tell us that there is a large village of Sioux not more than two miles ride.

Everyone dismounts and turns over the ponies to the younger men, then gathering around in a circle, we wait for the plans of the chief.

His plans are to separate and come in from the opposite directions. This will confuse the enemy, making him think there is a greater number against him. It will also act as a pincers, leaving him just one avenue of escape as he is already camped with his back to

### SECHLT SISTERHOOD RATES HIGH PRAISE

Native Sisterhood of B.C. president Kitty Carpenter has expressed her satisfaction with the excellent work being done by the Sisterhood Branch at Sechelt. The ladies in this village have given marvelous support to both the Native Brotherhood and 'The Native Voice' and they deserve considerable praise for their efforts.

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### SPACE PROBLEMS DISPLACE ITEMS

'The Native Voice' regrets that a number of interesting items have been omitted from this issue including reports from Eastern Associate Editor, Big White Owl and Native Brotherhood Business Agent, Ed Nahanee, on the Skeena River salmon fisheries. Every effort will be made to place all the absent material in our next issue. We wish to mention, however, that the space in 'The Native Voice' is limited through reasons largely beyond our control and we would respectfully urge readers writing in to keep an eye on brevity in their contributions.

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## Deputy Minister Reports On Pink Salmon Treaty

Highlights of the Address of G. R. Clark, Deputy Minister of Fisheries at the Annual Convention United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union held at Fishermen's Hall, Thursday, March 31, 1955:

"I should now like to cover a few matters in which I am sure the delegates to this Convention and others present are directly concerned.

"I was greatly interested in reading a recent issue of one of the fisheries trade journals on this Coast of a list of nine headlines which the editor would like to have the pleasure of publishing in 1955. Here are the headlines:

1. New Pink Agreement Ensures 50-50 U.S.-Canadian Split.
2. New Government Regulations May Spell End to "Holiday Fishermen."
3. Skeena Committee Near Solution to Salmon Depletion Problem.
4. Strike-Free Season Promised by Union Policy Change.
5. Vancouver's Fishermen's Wharf Goes into Operation August 15.
6. Booming Export Markets Reward Efforts of Industry Leaders.
7. North Pacific Commission Finds Answer to Salmon Origin Problem.
8. Scientists Find Fool Proof Device to Get Migrants Over High Dams.
9. Conservationist Forecasts Constantly Growing Fish Supply on B.C. Coast.

"Now these I think are current and important matters. I want to say something about each of them with the exception of number four on which I am not competent to comment nor would it be proper for me to do so.

"The negotiations of a Pink Salmon Fishery Convention for the Fraser River with the United States. The Minister in his talks to you last year and the year before stated the position clearly and concisely. He said he would do everything possible to initiate discussions with the United States on this problem. His instructions to the Departmental officials were for us to commence bringing together the case on which to start discussions with our American counterparts. This we have done and we have had some informal discussions with the United States officials. So far we have not been too successful in gathering much enthusiasm in these informal talks. The Minister informed you, without qualification, of his views and the fact that we are not in too strong a bargaining position with the United States because they were still taking the lion's share of the pink catches bound for the Fraser River. Hence, he was strongly of the view that our Canadian fishermen should make every effort to take more of the pink salmon runs in this area to the point where Canada was obtaining the largest share.

"I don't think I need to point out to my old sparring mates Homer Stevens, Alec Gordon, Tom Parkin and Bill Rigby the value of a strong bargaining position — if I know anything about that art I learned it from them. The fact remains that we are up to the present on the short end of the catch and until we are on the long end we don't hold too many cards to successfully negotiate an agreement which provides for a 50-50 division.

I think we could, without too much difficulty negotiate a Convention regarding conservation because there seems to be general agreement on both sides that there is a need, which is becoming more urgent, for joint conservation measures for the Puget Sound and Fraser River pink salmon.

"But I don't think our Canadian fishermen would be satisfied with an agreement which provided for anything less than an equal division of the catch," the deputy minister stated.

A meeting between the United States Fishermen, Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union, and the Vessel Owners' Association was held on the April 17, at the International Border.

Present were: A. J. Withers, Chief Supervisor of Fisheries; Dr. A. W. H. Needler, Fisheries Dept. Research Board; Mr. Taylor, Fisheries Dept.; Robt. P. Clifton, Pres. Native Brotherhood of B.C.; Ed. Nahanee, Bus. A. Native Brotherhood of B.C.; Homer Stevens, United Fishermen & Allied Workers Union; Vessel Owners Association, Fisheries Association.

Meeting was called in March between representatives of the fishing industry and the federal fishing department in regard to the anxiety felt by fishermen at the tremendous amount of undersized herring caught by seiners in the northern areas this season. They felt some steps should be taken by the Fisheries Department to find out if closures could be imposed or some other method adopted to protect these immature fish.

Dr. Needler, director of the Nainimo Biological Station, was called by the Chief Supervisor to give his version of the question involved, namely immature herring in certain areas.

The Doctor opened discussion on the above request of fishermen by stating that we, as the industry, should approach this question with an open mind. Also reported on herring operations in many other

parts of the world, especially in Norway and Sweden where herring fishing is very intensive and the efficient methods used are quite similar to those used here.

Doctor Needler felt there was no immediate need for alarm; however, further study of the habits of the herring would be made by all departments interested in conservation and he further stressed the need of more assistance from the fishermen themselves by reporting catches, findings and other matters that might be of great assistance to the biological station.

Several reports were made by individual fishermen with long records of experience in the B.C. fishing industry on their findings of conditions in various parts of the coastal waters, and felt that some steps should be taken by the Fisheries Department, especially where large numbers of small herring were in evidence, it being a known fact that many areas were now producing smaller catches, and likewise smaller fish.

Reports also indicated that dogfish were now becoming a real menace to herring as well as to the equipment of the herring seiners and further suggested that some means should be considered

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# Ellen Neel Addresses Union Convention

DELEGATES to last month's eleventh annual convention of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union listened with rapt interest to a message delivered by Ellen Neel on behalf of Kitty Carpenter, president of the Native Sisterhood of British Columbia.

Noted British Columbia artist and carver, Ellen Neel, was accorded an enthusiastic ovation on the conclusion of her remarks and she sat through several sessions of the convention as a fraternal delegate from the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Neel's complete speech follows:

"The president of the Native Sisterhood of B.C., Mrs. Kitty Carpenter of Bella Bella, has asked me to convey her apologies to you for not being able to attend this convention, but also her sincere thanks for your kind invitation.

"I personally feel honored and privileged to have been asked to substitute for her. Although I have not been a member of the Sisterhood since its inception, I have taken notice during many years, of the extraordinary help they have been able to give to their parent organization, the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia.

"I am proud that the Native women have stood shoulder to shoulder with their men and fought the good fight for better working conditions in the fishing industry.

## Masset Sisters Elect Officers

By PHYLLIS BEDARD

Election of officers was the main business at the Feb. 17 annual meeting of the Masset Sisterhood.

Held at the home of Mrs. Emily Swanson, the meeting was opened by "Onward Christian Soldiers," and a hymn by Mrs. Florence Davidson.

Last year's report was read by recording secretary Phyllis Bedard and was adopted as read by Ethel Jones. Treasurer, Mrs. Amanda Edgars also gave her last year's report.

Mrs. Emily Swason was re-elected president; Vicky Kelly, re-elected vice-president and Amy Abrahams second vice-president. Mrs. Mona Bell was elected general secretary; Phyllis Bedard, re-elected recording secretary and Mrs. Amanda Edgars re-elected treasurer.

Social committee: Emily Thompson, Hannah Marks, Olive Brown, Mary Williams, Lillian Samuels, Ruth Brown. Labor committee: Ida Smith, Mona Bell, Rose Davidson, Norma Adams, Ruth Brown, Emily Williams. Messenger Boys: George Jones, Jr., Gene Samuels, Robert Collinson, Jr., Francis Williams.

All the new officers gave a word of thanks and Mrs. Florence Davidson gave a speech containing good advice.

Mr. Elizah Jones read a letter from Mr. S. L. Simpson, crab canner manager at Masset.

Refreshments followed and Mrs. Charlotte Marks closed the meeting with a prayer.

And I feel that so long as this is so, the Native people will continue to find an honored place in the industry.

"When Alfred Adams, the founder of the Native Brotherhood, decided that our women should function as a group, he was instrumental in the formation of the original Women's Auxiliary to the Native Brotherhood. Since that time, this Auxiliary has become the Native Sisterhood and the Sisterhood is now being absorbed into the parent organization.

"We hope and trust that the time is not too far distant when every sister will have an equal vote with every brother. We know that our president, Robert Clifton, is fully aware of the strength and solidarity inherent in such a union, and we feel he will do everything in his power to see that the Sisterhood will eventually have women on the negotiating committees which deal with working conditions in the plants.

"Who but the workers themselves have a better knowledge of these working conditions than those people actually engaged in the work itself?

"Mrs. Carpenter has also asked me to tell you she has every faith that your organization will keep in mind the needs and aspirations of the Native people. In your own deliberations, she wishes you the greatest success in the work you have chosen to do for the people you represent, and sincerely trusts there will never be a time our interests diverge. For the Native women of B.C., as exemplified in the rank and file of the Native Sisterhood, I extend greetings and very good wishes."

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in attempting to produce a market for these predators. If a market could be established for dogfish oil and meal, perhaps this section could assist in cutting down the dogfish population. Many fishermen could derive a living when other fisheries are idle.

The Chief Supervisor reported there were more boats on the grounds fishing for herring than ever before and these boats and fishermen were more efficient with all the latest equipment for locating fish and it was felt that this, too, had much effect in various changes of fish habits.

Mr. Taylor, also of the Fisheries Research Department, produced a colored map showing the large and small spawning years of the herring on the west coast of Vancouver Island and by statistics showed small spawning years often produced large herring schools and vice-versa.

However, the stand taken by the fishermen and other personnel was well taken by Dr. Needler and he assured the meeting that further study would be made regarding these small herring in heads of inlets and other areas and research to find out if the heads of these inlets were primarily nurseries or better still, growing areas. If this be the case, then measures will be taken for conservation.

## Message From President Of Toronto Indian Club

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From the immemorial our fathers before us were noted for their fidelity, their dignity, and their decorum. Their meetings around the camp fires and council fires were orderly and every courtesy was always extended to friends and visitors. While I am your president I shall make every endeavour to emulate the precepts of our wise forefathers!

Therefore, I should like to extend to one and all, (but more especially to you), my sincere salutations and greetings. And if you are not already a member of the T.I.C., come and join us, won't you? Even if you cannot attend all of our meetings, you can help us by joining and paying your club fees and dues.

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