

# KING EDWARD TIMES

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## 1) FINAL RESULTS OF UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

WE DID IT! We more than doubled our contributions compared to last year.

In 1978, 15 persons contributed to the Fund for a total of \$879.00.

THIS YEAR - 30 persons, plus our own Student Society contributed for a GRAND TOTAL of \$1,798.56!!!

A GREAT BIG HAND AND MANY, MANY THANKS to all those who helped "swell the coffers". WHO KNOWS????? - - Perhaps 1980 will be the year we triple the total??

WE TRY HARDER!

NOTE: Any "after thought" contributions will be accepted!

M.G.





2) ABE MEETING

There will be a local branch meeting of the Adult Basic Education Association of B.C. on November 15, 7:30 p.m. - Douglas College, Richmond Campus at 5840 Cedarbridge Way in Room 420. The meeting is to discuss concerns in the field to be presented at the executive meeting later in November.

Any instructor who is not a member of the ABE ABC and would like information about the association, should contact Michael Szasz or Cindy Onstad at local 83.

M.W.

3) GARBAGE PROBLEMS AGAIN!

PLEASE ask student not to throw garbage out classroom windows! "Neighborhood relations" are still being jeopardized by littering.

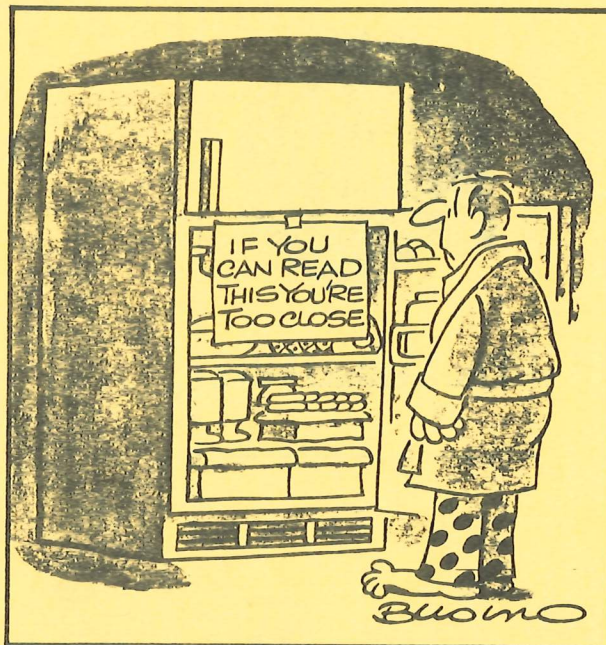
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4) AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

If 16mm film breaks while you're showing it, please don't try to tape it together. We appreciate the thought, but it creates problems. Instead, just advance film enough to wind around the take-up reel, then run the rest of the film.

What would help is to slip a scrap of paper in at the break, so that we can locate it later. Please tell us or the Library that there's a break in the film when returning.

A.W.





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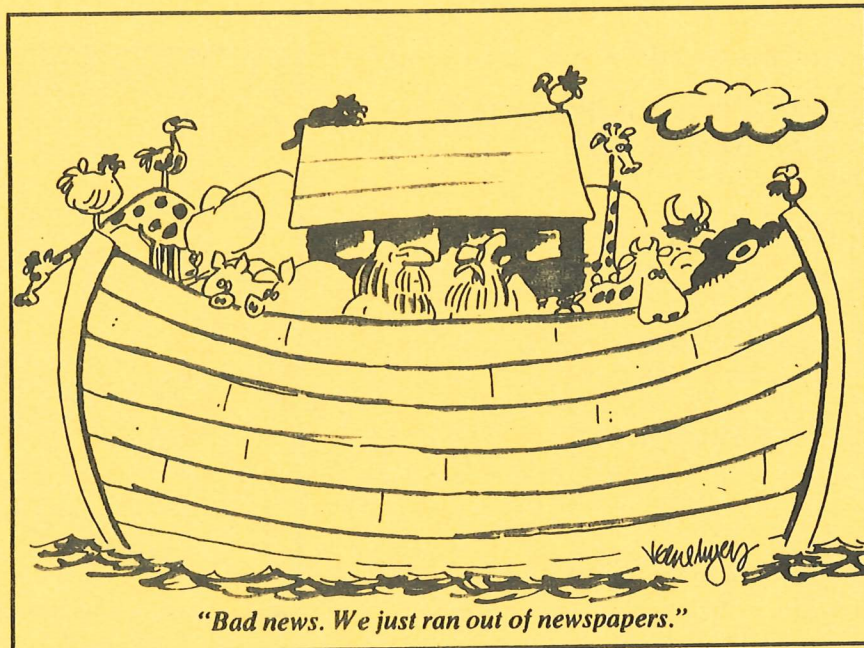


A warm welcome to Lorraine Bastien, our new Clerk/Steno in the Counselling Department.

Lorraine will be sharing the Receptionist's desk with Barbara Kennedy.

We wish you much success and enjoyment in your new job, Lorraine.

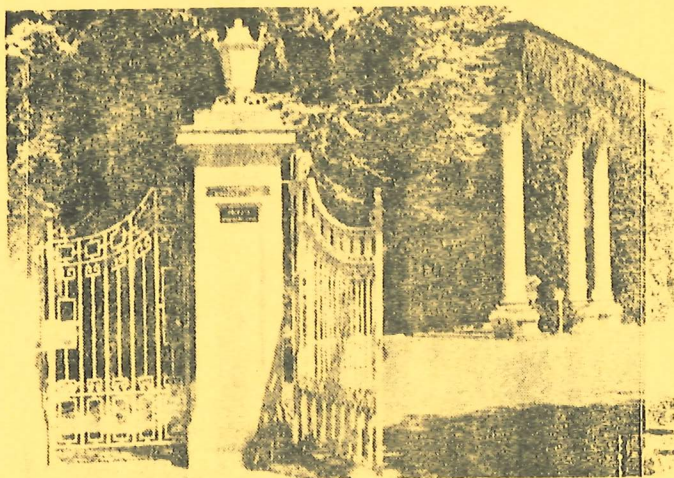
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# Christmas at Hycroft 1979



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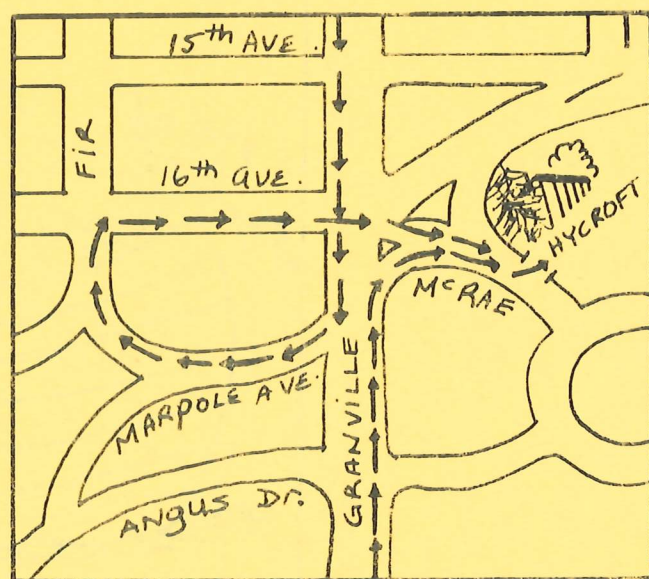
NOVEMBER 14th  
6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 15th and 16th  
11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 17th  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Information — 731-4661

Admission: \$2.00    Children 11 and under: \$1.00  
TICKETS AT THE DOOR





## 1979 CHRISTMAS AT HYCROFT

Hycroft house and gardens were designated in 1974 as "Heritage", by Vancouver city council "for the purpose of preserving evidence of the city's history, culture and heritage for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations".

Today Hycroft is a centre for many community cultural and educational activities.

### SHOWCASE OF CHRISTMAS IDEAS

#### MAIN FLOOR

**Drawing Room**  
Mid-Victorian Christmas

**Reception Hall**  
Children's Christmas Tree

**Dining Room**  
Traditional Christmas

**Oak Room**  
Gingerbread Village  
& Miniature Train

**Library**  
A Stitch in Time

**Landing**  
Doll Tree

**White Solarium**  
Christmas Breakfast

**Green Solarium**  
Parcel Wrapping:  
Ideas

#### LOWER FLOOR

**McRae Lounge**  
Old English Pub

**Ballroom**  
Decoration Boutique  
Dried Floral Arrangements

Refreshments Available (\$ .50)

#### SECOND FLOOR — BOUTIQUES

**Board Room**  
The Y's Owl

**Farris Room**  
C.A.R.S. Craft

**Edwardian Room**  
3H Society

**Green Room**  
UNICEF

**Group Room**  
C.N.I.B.

**General's Room**  
Save the Children's Fund

#### COACH HOUSE

Home Baking — Christmas Treats  
Jams, Jellies — Christmas Fudge

*Musical entertainment at intervals during the day.*



# Ottawa's metric 'overview' just smoothing way to inevitable

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By Philip Teasdale

OTTAWA

DESPITE anti-metric electioneering by some western Conservatives, the new government has decided Canada must continue to go metric.

But it sees two critical problems: the timing and the selling of the metric conversion program.

That's the clear message from last week's announcement that the Tories have set up an "overview committee" to look into metrication.

In the announcement, Ronald Huntington, minister for Small Business & Industry, said: "The metric program has been contentious right from the beginning.

"Because the metric issue did not proceed through full parliamentary debate, there is a feeling at large that it has been imposed."

But, he added that he is convinced international realities present and future, "will demand that Canadians accept the fact metric is here to stay."

The Tory inquiry — headed by Gordon MacEachern, president of the privately funded Agricultural Economics Council, and Vancouver marketing consultant Rex Wirts — is to report to the government before the end of this year.

They will study the effectiveness of the Metric Commission (the government body that is co-ordinating the changeover), assess the progress of the U.S. in converting to metric and consider the complaints of consumer groups and the agriculture and business communities.

Huntington says the inquiry has been established "to identify quickly and clearly the problem areas of metric conversion."

Perhaps the main problem, in the view of both the Metric Commission and Huntington, is communications.

Despite a fairly expensive (\$3 million a year) communications budget, the commission has been unable to convince large numbers of Canadians metrication is either desirable or inevitable.

Canadians have been annoyed by — and are finally getting used to — Celsius temperatures and metric highway signs.

A new round of confusion and complaints will start next Jan. 1 when grocers across the country must begin selling meat and produce by the kilogram rather than by the pound.

But these are only the most visible areas of metric conversion. Most people are probably not aware that Canada's manufacturing industries are at least halfway converted to metric already. Or that the U.S., Canada's major trading partner, is not far behind.

Both countries are converting to metric because it's considered the only way to stay competitive in international trade. (The European Community, for instance, now imposes a penalty fee for nonmetric imports.)

Paul Boire, executive director of the

commission, welcomes the inquiry. He says it's "perfectly natural" for a new government to want to review controversial programs or policies.

Any change as massive as metrication is bound to cause resentment and resistance on the part of the people. It's also inevitable that there will be real problems.

One of the most recent to appear is in the building-supplies industry.

With a growing number of buildings — and all federal and provincial ones — now being designed in metric units, manufacturers of panel board, concrete blocks and clay bricks have to turn out products in both metric and imperial measure.

This is expensive. The extra costs are showing at the wholesale and retail level. The block and brick manufacturers, for example, have had to make substantial investments in new molds.

A complicating factor for the panel-board makers is that up to 70% of their production is exported to the U.S., where the construction industry hasn't yet gone metric.

The U.S. buyers won't accept metric plywood, for example, because at 200 x 400 millimetres the sheets are a fraction smaller than the imperial size.

With metrication scheduled to be essentially completed by about 1982, here's the situation to date:

Federal and provincial departments of public works have been designing exclusively in metric units since January, 1978.

The steel industry has been producing metric-sized hot and cold rolled sheets and plate since early in 1978, along with reinforcing bars, welded wire fabric, pipe and tubing.

For large construction projects in the private sector, all invitations to tender now must be in metric units.

The automobile industry in Canada and the U.S. now is largely metric. At General Motors, two thirds of all car parts and all car bodies for the 1979 models are metric. Ford, Chrysler and American Motors are only slightly behind GM.

Metal container manufacturers started switching to metric-size production in 1978. These containers are starting to appear for paints and solvents, edible oils and motor oils and other products.

Retail outlets have been selling fabrics in metric dimensions since July, 1978.

The Canadian wine industry has been using metric-size bottles since 1978, a move that has resulted in 57 bottle sizes being rationalized to 10.

Most grocery products, chemicals and agricultural products now are sold in metric units.

The Post Office started weighing all mail and parcels in grams and kilograms last July.

Service stations have been selling fuel in litres since the beginning of this year.

## 7) Vancouver Conversion Schedule:

May 5, 1980

Retail Scale Conversion begins.

80-12-31

Scale Conversion complete.

Only metric units to be used in advertising and trade.

Imperial units not to be used anywhere for random weight products.

E.C.C.



8) UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA: MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Dr. P. J. Murphy of the Faculty of Education, University of Victoria, has asked that the University's master's degree program in Educational Administration be drawn to the attention of faculty. The notice has been posted on the bulletin board for the information of those interested.

H.E.P.

9) POSITION OPENINGS

V.C.C. Langara Campus requires temporary instructors for the Business Administration Department. The appointment is from January 1st, 1980 to April 30th, 1980. Apply in writing by November 15th, 1979.

For details, please see posting on faculty bulletin boards.

FULL-TIME ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING POSITIONS

Teaching positions are becoming available in Lower Mainland School Districts.

Richmond and Abbotsford have vacancies now. Interested instructors should contact appropriate school boards.

R.F.C.



