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PERIOD COSTUMES are worn at dinner honoring 154th anniversary of Charles Dickens' birth by Mrs. A. H. Gildermeester (left), president of Victoria branch, Dickens Fellowship, and Miss Janet M. Card a long-time member. (Strickland Photo.)

Bed Fire Smoke Snuffs Out Life Of Elderly Man

A rooming house fire Sunday morning claimed the life of a 72-year-old man who was smoking in bed.

Don't worry, city work crews

aren't digging up Centennial

Well, they are really, but

The turf slashing and hole

digging going on is to accom-modate sunken rose gardens

which will grace the outside

City officials say the piles of soil and the holes now sear-

ring the greenery soon will be

gone and the square will look

better than ever.

Of Year in Jail

A man who disobeyed parole

regulations was sentenced in

He received a two-year su

not with evil intent.

Dead is Angus MacNaughton, 331 Niagara, a retired civil enlived here since SURGERY

He was found GIVEN SQUARE chair in his smoke - filled basement room by other ten-

The man was pulled from the room by Joseph

wden and Ed Holmberg, owner of the home. He was taken to the back yard of the home and police conveyed him from there to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

A city fire department crew quickly extinguished the blaze, Parole Violator which did about \$100 damage. Fire Chief James Allen said Given Sentence today the fire was caused by smoking in bed.

The man's bed, mattress and heets were destroyed. It is not known if an inquest central court today to one year will be called.

TRAILER DESTROYED

In another weekend fire, the and was seen with known crimi-\$8,000 trailer of Mrs. Grace Pep- nals, court was told. per was engulfed by flames shortly after midnight Saturday. When View Royal and Lang- convicted of breaking into the ford units arrived at the blaze YM-YWCA building while it was at 2615 Chilco, it was too late to under construction.

save anything. He told the court he was sen-tenced to 20 months in Kelowna The 60-foot trailer was mostly tenced to 20 months in Kelowna by Dentists Royal fire chief Al Beasley said housebreaking tools.

but most of the burning was begin at the expiration of his around an oil heater, he said. present sentence.

CITY FELLOWSHIP HONORS THE OLD REFORMER

child labor and the wicked

schools against which he cam-

paigned so vigorously in his

"Yet as a perfectionist, he

would still find much to criti-

cize and his zeal as a reformer

MISS LUCY FOX

Car Insurance

The Victoria local of the Inter-

national Woodworkers of Amer

"It will be on absolute facts.

and are most objectionable,

points:

said local president Murray

Orivers who have had in

surance cancelled for no reason

Indians whose insurance

· Cars are essential to many

National and local statistics

which show there is no justifi-

Mr. Drew said Canadians

Locally, a survey of 259 IWA

members showed they paid \$21,-

and received back \$12,389 in

The union local, biggest on

Mr. Drew gave two reasons

for the union's support govern-

• It would create a mental

deterrent to bad drivers who

holds all the records and issues

• Government car insurance

would be cheaper by providing one program instead of the 200

the insurance. Bad drivers Harriott, secretary; James would be unable to drive with- Woolsey, treasurer; Barry Ford,

out insurance or by paying as telephone committee, and Rob-

southern Vancouver Island, rep-

esents about 1,700 persons.

ment car insurance:

nuch as \$400 for it:

RIGGEST UNION

823 in premiums in the past year hended.

even when they have accident-

Even in Space Age He'd Raise the Dickens

By NORMAN CRIBBENS

Living in Victoria are many people who believe the spirit of Charles Dickens as novelist, reformer and humanitarian is as alive today as it was 100 years ago.

And, in an age of automation, mass media and standardized thinking, they seek to perpetuate the immortal characters he created during his turbulent literary life.

They are the men and women who comprise the Victoria branch of the Dickens Fellowship-a world-wide organization founded in London, Eng., in 1902, which has since spread all over the world.

Victoria's Dickensians meet once a month to read and discuss his works, and every year they hold a banquet to celebrate his birth on Feb. 7, 1812. Not content with eulogizing Dickens and relating him to modern times, they seek to recreate the atmosphere of his novels by wearing the dress of the period-and this calls for some arduous dressmaking.

The Victoria Fellowship has had its ups and downs since it was founded 53 years ago by Capt. Wilfred Ord and a handful of fellow enthusiasts. But last Saturday's gathering in Holyrood House, honoring the 154th anniversary of Dickens' birth, was as homely and enthusiastic as ever.

Mrs. A. H. Gildermeester, the current president, wore the frills and laces of a bygone era, as did Miss Lucy Fox, secretary; Mrs. A. G. Mancer, treasurer, and most of the ladies present.

The atmosphere was truly Dickensian and there wasn't a TV or radio in sight to spoil the effect.

As is customary, the toast to the Immortal Memory was given by a member or visitor well versed in the life and WA Planning works of Charles Dickens.

This year it was Victoria writer Henry W. Maunsell, who returned recently from a twoyear stay in Britain during which he and his wife, a poet, visited many famous Dickens landmarks.

to the Space Age?

Mr. Maunsell believes the Royal Commission on Car Inhumanitarian spirit he brought surance. to bear on the social evils of his time can be applied to things we know have happened modern-day problems.

"If he were alive today, he would be deeply concerned Drew today. with the hardships of automation and the racial intolerance caused by immigration of colored races to Britain," Mr. Maunsell said.

• Some persons are driving FROM CONSTABLE, without insurance rather than "But he would rejoice at all pay prohibitive premiums of the social reforms which have \$400 and \$450 a year; been accomplished since his

Mihally Molnar did not report "Gone are the foul prisons, to his parole officer regularly the ill-clad undernourished free records; children, the dreary hovels,

miums in the past year averag- He threatened to kill the po- jarred from his holster. ing 27.7 per cent, 8 per cent and liceman and two of his fellow pended sentence June 18 when Wax Museum 10 per cent; has been cancelled "not because Clifford Harrison and Lorne **Purchased** munity";

Sale of Royal London Wax persons in their jobs and getting Magistrate William Ostler Cause of the blaze is unknown ordered the one-year term to Museum to two Edmonton den- to their jobs; tists was announced today. The price paid by Lanewood

Galleries Ltd. to London Wax cation for the increases.' Museum Ltd. was not disclosed. London Wax Museum Ltd., paid \$442 million in car insurwhose president and founder is ance premiums in 1964, while William Enman, remains fran- claims paid were \$345 million. chise holder and will work with the new firm on creation of new models and other development. Principals in Lanewood Galleries are Dr. A. H. Lane and claims paid, Dr. H. T. Southwood, who have engaged Howard Hill of Calgary,

Mr. Hill is former southern district manager of Alberta Government Telephones, The museum opened in Crystal Garden April 29, 1961.

LOCAL SHIP

MOVEMENTS

It employs up to 20 persons during the tourist season, personnel changes

The son, who was driving the west corner of Trutch when in bike, received leg, heel and nose cuts and his father a broken leg.

> A woman pedestrian injured Friday night is in good condi-

She is Lillian Colquhoun, 70, of 1035 Clare Street, who was in

Pleasant, yielded four tires and Police identified the driver involved as Gordon S. Soutar, 357



I'VE GOT TO STAY CALM AND NOT GET RATTLED...THIS IS MY BIG CHANCE TO PROVE TO EVERYONE THAT I CAN DO SOMETHING!





would extend to automation the bad roads, the sweated and racial intolerance everywhere."

Thousands of new homes are being built every year in Britain. But with the huge increase in population, due to large-scale immigration, there is still an acute housing short-

Mr. Maunsell spoke of "stupendous progress" in the field of education over the past few years. Many of England's stately homes have been taken over by the National Trust and are being used as adult colleges offering weekend courses in a great variety of subjects. "People in England today

scheme whereby young people can work as apprentices at almost any occupation so many hours a week and attend classes the rest of the

of any age group, can receive

instruction on the subject of

their choice. And there is a

Mrs. Mabel Jarvis recited

panied by Mrs. Jervis Reed.



there were songs by Miss Alexandra James, accom-

president since 1964, recalled that the Dickens Fellowship was founded in London in October 1902 by Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, youngest son of the novelist who later became a judge of the high court. The Victoria branch, since it came into being in 1913, has had many presidents and of-ficers who were active in community life.

Edmund F. Watherston, a Dickensian scholar, was president from 1948 until his death in 1960, and was succeeded by Mr. Maunsell who held office until he went to England in

Mrs. Dorothy Hewitt White was secretary-treasurer from 1940 to 1965, and during those years preserved close ties with headquarters in London. The branch meets on the

third Saturday of each month at the home of Miss Olive Watherston, a sister of the late president, at 637 Linden



MRS. A. G. MANCER

"I knew I could never get

Jim said the waves picked

re. I stayed there overnight

"I had this sickening feeling

He saw a freighter way off in

home through those waves so I

'SURE GLAD TO SEE CLAUDE'S PLANE'

Man Marooned Two Days On Small Barren Island

LINE CLEAR FOR RAILWAY **OVERPASS**

Red tape has been cut by the provincial department of education to clear the way for construction of a \$5,000 railway overpass for school children near Langford. "I'm very pleased indeed,"

said Philip Lindgren, principal of Savory elementary school The overpass would give

access to the school from Atkins Road. Lobbying by the school par

bert Bruch last week convinced the department to class sify the project as a tempopermit it to bear half the cost.

re Police received a call from a

and Quadra.

lice in pursuit.

hind the Fox Theatre.

THREATENS TRIO

The officers, Ron Ferguson, volver away from him.

Police discovered the trio be- received one month.

A scuffle ensued at the corner at \$500.

Woolsey president for 1966.

Harriott, secretary; James

ert Lennon, publicity.

janitor at the Union Centre who Merke, 19, of 764 Roderick Pl.,

vagrancy charges.



JIM GAIT foiled by southwesterly

A Shoal Harbor weekend boater today is thanking his lucky stars for a box of matches, a bag of cheese sandwiches and pilot Claude Butler. Road, near Sidney, left his home a look at it. I had always seen Jim Gait, 24, of 2407 Tryon | Friday morning in his 18-foot wanted to explore it.

He was brought back Sunday morning cold, exhausted and the tried to pull the boat up on

The unemployed gardener left for Little D'Arcy Island, a half-there and watched it break to wearing a light windbreaker and day noon." carrying his lunch.

He was marooned on the island up the loose logs and seemed to aim them right at the boat. sprang up. Waves and the logs "I saved the motor though. battered his cedar-strip boat on "I found the ruins of an old the island shore. cement building the first day

ween Sidney and Victoria, more -but you know cement. It was than a mile out from Cordova so damp inside.

Sunday, aircraft piloted by Claude Butler and Joseph Howroyd started a search from their private airstrip off Keating Cross

Road

"I sure lost my taste for exploring the island in a hurry. All the time I just sat on the foreshore waiting for something to happen. When he was reported missing Drew today.

The brief will touch on these YOUTH GRABS GUN

Butler found him on Little of my wife and my father and my brothers worrying about me. cheese sandwiches, returned to "I looked for something to eat. land and alerted a rescue boat. There was nothing. Not even a

"I lit three fires on the is- the straits and another time a land," Jim said today, "and I tug having a heavy time of it day grabbed a policeman's gun of the youths grabbed Constable Harrison's revolver when it was day grabbed a policeman's gun of the youths grabbed Constable Harrison's revolver when it was like a jackass.

He threatened to kill all three Claude's plane. of the officers but was subdued.

Const. Ferguson took the re- like chicken to him-even though around in five-foot waves. they were wet through.

They were Donald Walker just always carry them. "I guess I was lucky this reported three youths prowling who was sentenced to three time.

unoccupied buildings at Hillside months and Robert Cameron He hadn't told his wife Diane Ward, 19, of 1033 Queens who where he was going.

"But I guess they had a pretty a look at" is on the exposed Merke was released from the good idea. When I didn't get side of Big D'Arcy Island, also They fled down an alley to young offenders' unit last Octo-back Saturday, they must have bleak and uninhabited.

This was Butler's seco

"The worst thing about it, be-Two of the youths stopped and Another youth pleaded not sides being so damp and cold, oue talents another continued to run west guilty to assaulting a police was losing the boat. Two years

on Hillside but was later appre- officer and was remanded to

"Even Sunday when it had "Boy, I was sure glad to see calmed, the cabin cruiser my cousin Tommy Polson used to The cheese sandwiches tasted come and get me was bobbing

"I never would have made it of their driving record but their Shandley, were investigating a guilty in central court today to have happened if I hadn't had stayed in one piece. in my own boat even if it had the matches. I don't smoke, I MORE RESPECT

to happen.

clam.

"I'll tell you one thing - I respect the water more than ever now." The island he went "to have

This was Butler's second dem-

onstration of his canny air-res-Two years ago he was credit

officer and was remanded to "I wasn't on the island an ed with spotting a truck from Friday for trial. Bail was fixed hour when the wind came up. Victoria which had gone missing I had only gone there to have on a trip to the interior.

All on his own, Butler flew up the Fraser Canyon and found the truck's wreckage and the bodies of Frank McGrath and Derrick (Butch) Belcher were

Times

Q. What is the order of the kindling temperatures of wood. celluloid, phosphorus and sulphur?-D.T.

A. White and yellow phos phorus will ignite at 86 degrees Fahrenheit, says Uvic refer-ence library. Red phosphorus will ignite at 500 degre Ignition temperature for su

phur is 450 degrees. Cellu sitrate, burns between

and 238 degrees.

It is difficult to place an ignition temperature on wood because there are so many varieties and also it is made up of several different com

Pedestrian Poor After Car Mishap

An elderly woman pedestrian He was proceeding east on is in poor condition in St. Jo-Richardson. seph's Hospital after being in-volved in a car accident Satur-nesses.

She was taken to hospital un- noon.

Police said the woman was dress. crossing Richardson to the south-

They identified the driver as Police said they were going Johann Amering, 405 St. Charles. cast on Begbie when in collision

Thieves Busy In City On Weekend

Duncan Shell Service, Bay and and Oak Bay Avenue, 24 quarts of oil.

Loot was valued at \$100. Police said thieves removed a small window to gain entry. A portable TV valued at \$1.5 was taken as well as a chenille bedspread to wrap it in when thieves entered the home of Rene Bouchard, 1262 Oscar.

Thieves also broke into Ethel's Bakery, 305 Cook, but took nothing and attempted to enter Fairfield Barbers, 309 Cook.

Police have appealed for wit-

In another weekend accident Mrs. Mabel Fairclough, 83, of two motorcyclists were taken to 715 Cook Street, received head hospital following a mishap at Ash and Begbie Sunday after-

conscious following a mishap at Injured were Eric Kjekstad.

Richardson and Trutch at 7:30 18, of 3461 Bonair Place, and his father, Bernard, 48, same ad-

with a car driven south on Ash

A weekend break-in at Dave collision with a car at Richmond

The Royal Commission on Car Insurance is headed by Mr. Justice R. A. Wootton. He has said hearings will begin "second to the Clearibue building." DPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
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The royal commission was and in the Pacific Northwest area. In the P no unced by the provincial His talk is sponsored by the explosion beached it on the paired driving conviction Sat-



Luxton 4-H Purebred Holstein Other officers elected at a rewould know the government cent meeting were Dave Brem-The resolution, sponsored by p.m. ner, vice - president; Barbara

TOPICS of the DAY

13 break-ins, court was told.

passed with virtually no opposi-

ment of 1954 to replace all the books. University of Victoria stu- foreign troops now in Viet Nam.

The Ss Westar, which was to have joined the Alaska Cruise EV 6-6291 or GR 9-6683. He is Larry Abraham, one of Line fleet this year on trips the co-ordinators of the society along the B.C. coast, is reportshores of Sardinia recently. urday was jailed 21 days.

The company's Yukon Star George Cottler, 1516 Redfern

Westours, parent company of Street Dec. 24.

University of Victoria's first, Vancouver Island residents of subsequently located. Calf Club has elected William model parliament Saturday Weish descent are invited to a night passed a resolution call-ing for a ceasefire and free elec-anta Ganu Association in the Empress Hotel Saturday at 6:30

the New Democratic group, Guest speakers will be Mr. and Mrs. T. Lloyd-Roberts of Vancouver, who will show films. It called for an international Community singing will be led peace force to be supplied by by Jack Jones and members the signers of the Geneva Agree- are asked to bring their song

> The soloist will be John Willams of Vancouver. Inquiries should be made to

A man with a previou: Im

and Glacier Queen will carry was convicted at an earlier the passengers with tickets for hearing of impaired driving. He the Westar. The first cruise had a conviction in March, 1963. leaves May 10 from Vancouver. Central court was told he Charles B. West, president of backed into a fence on Amphion

Westours, parent company of cruise line, says he anticipates "the best year in the company's history," in spite of the loss.

Alaska Cruise Lines will endeavor to find another ship to replace the Wester on the run to Ketchikan.

Street Dec. 24.

Also sentenced today was been will one of the loss.

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Anyone wishing a question another is invited to send the problem along the loss of the loss of fact and be of general interest to replace the Wester on the run motorists had their licences will statement to be a value on of the colon, stamps or antique. These should be coloned to be dealer, with the problems and the