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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR! And this is the Spotlight's Birthday so, many thanks to the people who made it possible. They are, of course, the readers, the advertisers, the Postal officials (and, of course, the Bank), and the many people who rallied round and helped when your editor got snowed under. We are publishing a letter from G.A. Matthewson about a Liquor Store on Salt Spring and also the opinion we got from the Department of Lands and Forests about the Park situation. We have got it down more or less as they said it, and it clears up some of the points which were a bit obscure. Of course it must be remembered that both in Matthewson's letter and what we got from the Department of Lands and Forests, is given one point of view of a question; there are other points of view and it is up to the chap who is interested to make up his mind from the facts presented by the various sides. We say this because there are pretty strong feelings on both questions and our business is to give the facts as fairly as we can. Well here goes. The Department's view is: "Mount Maxwell Park, embracing 492 acres, was established by Order-in-Council in Oct. 1938, following requests for this action from the Women's Institute at Ganges. An Advisory Board was appointed under the then existing legislation, of which Mr. C.A. Cartwright was made secretary. On Dec. 3, 1938, Mr. Cartwright as secretary of the Board, wrote the Department as follows:- 'We understand that the Crown property timber on Mount Bruce is for sale. - Could we have this property reserved for a park, to be taken over at some future date by our Parks Board.' On the request of the Mount Maxwell Park Advisory Board, presented by their secretary, Mr. Cartwright, the Mount Bruce area was reserved as a park by Order-in-Council dated Dec. 1938. You might note here that the principal reason for establishing Mount Bruce as a park was the concern of the Mount Maxwell Park Board for the preserving for park purposes of the timber on Mount Bruce. In March 1939, following an enquiry from Mr. Cartwright of the Mount Maxwell Park Board regarding a Board for Mount Bruce, the Board was advised by the Minister (Mr. Gray) as follows:- 'It does not appear necessary to appoint any separate Board to administer this park. According to the provisions of the Provincial Parks Act, the Board already appointed for Mount Maxwell Park can act in the same capacity for Mount Bruce, & unless a separate Board is advisable there does not appear to be any necessity for appointing same'. In view of this rather hazy letter of March 1939 the Mount Maxwell Park Board assumed that they were also in charge of Mount Bruce, & continued in that assumption throughout the history of their tenure, regardless of some very important developments. In this connection, it is to be noted that the Mount Maxwell Board appointed in 1938 was an Advisory Board under the terms of the then existing legislation. The Board had no power of any sort to administer either one of these areas. In November of 1939 the park legislation was amended in important features and in May of 1942, these parks were made Class "C" Parks under the new legislation and the Minister (Mr. Gray) wrote to the Board as follows; 'I wish to advise that in accordance with Section 134 of the 'Forest Act', the Advisory Board for the Mount Maxwell Park is dissolved and is herewith reconstituted as a Park Board for the said Park. The Park Board shall now consist of Messrs. C.A. Cartwright (Secretary), N.W. Wilson, John Rogers, W.I. McAfee and B.L. Krebs, and shall be a body corporate and politic with power to manage, administer, regulate, and control the Mount Maxwell Provincial Park, in accordance with the provisions of Section 133 of the 'Forest Act'. The Mount Maxwell Park Board in question, therefore, dated from their appointment on May 5th, 1942, without reference in any way to Mount Bruce Park. Whether by oversight or otherwise, Mount Bruce in fact has had no responsible Board since that date. Mount Maxwell Park Board as of Jan. 23rd last consisted of Messrs. N.W. Wilson (Chairman), H. May, B.L. Krebs, John B. Acland and C.A. Cartwright (Secretary). Under the most recent legislation of 1939 there are established three types of parks, "A", "B" and "C". "A" and "B" Class Parks are administered exclusively by officers of the Department, although there may be Advisory Boards appointed. Class "C" Parks are intended to be small areas of purely local interest, that are turned over to a local Park Board for administration for park purposes; and by & large the local Park Board is permitted to do almost anything they please with the park areas for which they are appointed. At the same time, they have no property ownership, and by no terms of the Act can they be considered to be free to dispose of the property entrusted to their care. It was possibly a mistake to make Mount Bruce and Mount Maxwell "C" Class Parks. They are too large, too valuable, too inaccessible and too far removed from the local population to answer the purpose for which "C" Class Parks were established.

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DANCES. We turned up to a couple of dances, one on the 7th and one on the 8th. The first one was the Canadian Scottish at Fulford, Salt Spring. It was the kind of show where, from a committee point of view, everything seems suddenly to have gone wrong at the last moment; while from the guests' point of view the organization is perfect and everything goes with a swing. A board at the door (very helpful to your editor) gave the names of all those who gave prizes & donations and also the names of the officials, who were: G. Heinekey, M.C.; Colin Mouat, doorman; Mrs J. Foster (O/c) catering; Mrs A. Price, decorating; Mrs Bowden, table decorations; Mrs M. Harrington, checkroom. Mrs Adam Kropinski & Mrs H. Bradley did the organizing. The show was in aid of the veterans' Christmas parcels, and made a profit of \$330. The residents of Fulford very generously lent their hall for the occasion. We put down something complimentary about the decorations, but as somebody jogged our elbow when writing, it's now impossible to read it.

Among the guests were Paul & Mrs Bellm (F99), Harry Pickup (Melbourne, Australia), Miss June McLoughlin, Miss Kath Lawson (Seattle), Maurice Day. The piper was Pipe-Major Andrew Pollock.

Ronald Marrs danced the sword dance & the hornpipe; Joyce Clarke, Violet Robertson & Jean Robertson danced Highland dances. J.R. Robinson sang, and G. Heinekey made a speech. There was a presentation to Mrs A. Kropinski. The dance was attended by an Officer of the RCMP, in uniform & on duty.

The band was Andy Anderson's (with Howard Ruud, Bert Acres & Les Johnston) and there were eightsome reels as well as other dances. It was a good party, gay with colour, and we enjoyed it.

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DANCES (Continued).

The other dance, Dec. 8, was at Galiano. First, your editor was entertained by the Directors of the Galiano Light & Power Co. Ltd. The people at the dinner were B. and Mrs. Russell, P. and Mrs. Lorenz, F. and Mrs. Robson, L. and Mrs. Garner, O. and Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Scoones, G. and Mrs. Mouat. Island hospitality compares only with that of the Southern States and your editor was treated very well indeed. The dinner was at the Bellhouses' and was excellent. After the dinner we went to the dance and there was some square dances and also forms of "tag-dances" which enabled you to get to know people. There were, of course, other dances as well & the floor was very good. Peter Denroche was M.C. The prizes were won by Bob Pearson, Cam Prior, Kay Lorenz, George Rennie, Mrs. Gavin Mouat, R.C. Stephens, Tommy Carolan and there was another name we didn't get - - being somewhat late at night. The Potato Dance was won by R.C. Stephens and Florence Lorenz. The hall was decorated with very large colored balloons and greenery strung diagonally hung with colored lights. After the dance some chaps thought it a good idea to pop the balloons and pull down the greenery: other didn't. Your editor personally amused himself by throwing colored streamers and as it was a Saturday night very naturally went straight home to bed at 12 midnight!!! Many thanks to all our Galiano friends for a very pleasant evening.

L.L.A. - 5 Dec. Salt Spring. The proceeds from the Poppy Sale amounted to an all-time record of \$258.20 of which \$60.00 was collected by Fulford, Mrs. Hippisley (O/C). Two parcels have been sent to the local boys in Korea. Mrs. Lowe

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reported having sent two twenty pound parcels of clothing overseas in time for Christmas distribution and the third was mailed in November. Mrs. Deyell turned in \$11.50 proceeds from the Coffee Stall held in Mouat's store. Future stalls will be held after the New Year. Mrs. Colin Mouat was in the chair.

PENDER ISLAND. G.D. MacDonald reports. Boats like men are heirs to ill especially as they get older, and an inspection reveals the trouble. Apparently the Princess Mary is in hospital, but so far no bulletin on her condition has been issued. Expressions of sentiment are heard about the well known Mary, and her faithful serving of the Gulf Islands for so many years. The Elaine is taking up the burden but until some wharves are altered her call will be restricted to Ganges & Port Washington. In the meantime Galiano, Mayne, Saturna & South Pender will use Port Washington as a distributing point. They will, however, be served by the West Coast vessel Princess Maquinna every eight days. The voyage being alternately from Victoria to Vancouver and from Vancouver to Victoria. This will give us at least a direct connection with Victoria - something we have been missing for some time. The early arrival of the Princess Elaine at Vancouver should also be appreciated.

John Scoones of Galiano & Miss Beverley Auchterlonie of Pender were married in Vancouver on the 24 Nov. and are now making their home on Pender.

Mr. Bert Briggs, a returned veteran, has disposed of his property, and with his sister, Mrs. Clara Dunstall has left for his native England via the Panama Canal. We will miss them both and wish them a pleasant voyage and good luck.

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Donald Grimmer and Margaret Georgeson were married in St. Peter's Church on Dec. 1st, both scions of well known pioneer families. They will make their home at Port Washington.

The L.A. to the Canadian Legion held a meeting Dec. 12, officers were elected for the ensuing year; President, Pres. Mrs. R. Brackett, Sec-Treas. Mrs. A. Deal, 1st Vice, Mrs. J. Ruth, 2nd Vice, Mrs. Dave Dennis, Representatives Mrs. I. J. Garrod, Mrs. Max Allan, Mrs. Dave Faulkner. Meetings to be held 4th Thursday of each month.

SALT SPRING. U.B.C. Art Director Cliff Robinson, has been here lecturing to the Salt Spring Island Art Group and their guests and assisting them with their work -- especially in the field of oils and watercolour.

AS OTHERS SEE US. From Saanich & South Vancouver Island Health Unit Report. "Garbage - Refuse disposal - this continues to be a major problem." (on Salt Spring.) It always seems strange that people living in a community have but little pride in the appearance of their roadsides, and beaches when they defile the same with small dumps here and there. A garbage disposal district should be an objective to aim at! Adv

MAYNE ISLAND. The Annual Meeting of the Mayne Island Community Association was held at the Community Hall on Thursday 29th November last. Officers elected for the 1951-52 season were - Pres. R. B. Wilks, Vice-Pres. C. R. Underhill, Directors, W. Greene, C. Lord, Mrs. Foster, Sec. Treas. C. Murrell. Delegates to Gulf Islands Improvement Bureau, C. R. Underhill, W. Greene, Chas. Murrell. Apart from the election of officers the evening was mostly taken up with discussion re. the contingency which has arisen due to the withdrawal of the Princess Mary from the Gulf Islands run.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Open letter to Mr. G. McGugan, Chairman of the Liquor Control Board from Mr. G. A. Matthewson.

Dear Sir; Five hundred registered voters signed a petition for a Liquor Store on this Island, two hundred and sixty were listed as having left the Island for good and two hundred and twenty-five (I believe) voted against. The two hundred and twenty-five won. This is the story. Mr. G. S. Pearson, our M.L.A., in 1949, was told at a Coalition Committee dinner that the Coalition Committee had passed (in effect) "That the Attorney-General be approached in regard to opening a Liquor Store on this Island." Nothing was done. Mr. Pearson fell ill and so, - 1950. Letters from the Coalition Committee were sent to the Attorney-General and to the Chairman of the Liquor Control Board, Mr. W. F. Kennedy, asking for a Liquor Store. 1951. February. The Coalition Committee ceased to exist and I was appointed Chairman of a Committee to interview Mr. Kennedy again to ask for a Liquor Store. (Note: Voting population of places with Liquor Stores - Kaslo 378, Lillooet 377, Qualicum Beach 486 (and about 5 miles away), Parksville 692, Gibsons Landing (the latest Store) 773, etc. Salt Spring 1044 voters, about 2500 or more actual population - no Store.) Mr. Kennedy felt that we were entitled to a Liquor Store - on a commission basis or otherwise; but on a later visit he stated that the Board had decided against the establishment of a Store on a commission basis for the present. (In the meantime there was opposition - see Spotlight of May 15 and July 15, 1951.) Mr. Kennedy suggested that we should get up a petition and said that he would request the opposition to do likewise. He also stated that he would accept only names on the voters' list of the last Provincial Election in 1949. The petitions were drawn up but Mr. Kennedy died before the petition against, was received. You, Sir, then became Chairman of the Liquor Control Board and you replied to my letter of Sept. 8, 1951, that, "I have reviewed very carefully all the representations made, and am of the opinion that the establishment of a Government Liquor Store on Salt Spring Island could not be justified at the present time." So the 225 won.

Therefore, Sir, I would like to ask: As the list of 500 pro-Liquor Store petitioners has not only been checked and blue-pencilled but is also here open to public inspection, may we have your assurance that the list of the 225 influential anti-Liquor Store people has also been checked and blue-pencilled and is open to public inspection? And, (1). Would Mr. Kennedy have asked us to go to the trouble of getting up a petition if he did not think our demands were reasonable?

(2). Why did he receive application (and in one case a personal interview) when they suggested opening Liquor Stores on a commission basis?

(3). Re phone call: What have loggers and pensioners to do with this issue, the transient loggers are not on our petition.

(4). Should the people of this Island with a population of 2500 be forced to pay 75¢ minimum freight, plus money order, plus postage, after voting for moderation?

As a matter of public interest I am publishing the facts as the quickest way to inform the 500 I represent of the questions that remain unanswered and the sad story of our present set-back." Signed, G. A. Matthewson.

EDITORIAL. Parks Board (continued) "Shorn of details the Mount Maxwell Park Board entered into contracts to dispose of timber from Mount Maxwell, where they had some authority, for the purpose of road building and further proceeded to dispose of all the timber on Mount Bruce which had been set aside at the Board's own request for the express purpose of protecting the timber. Under the circumstances Mount Bruce having been ruined for any park purposes, with the possibility of the same fate in prospect for Mount Maxwell and in view of the unsuitability of these areas, in any event, for Class "C" park purposes, it seemed that that the only course that could reasonably be adopted by the Department was to dispense with the services of the Park Board, cancel Mount Bruce as a park area, and hold Mount Maxwell inviolate for future park values. Class "C" Parks are set aside, and the Boards appointed, at the request of local people. This is with the definite understanding that no money is available, or will be provided, for improvement purposes. If the local interest is sufficient, the community can raise certain sums of money for minor improvements for their own enjoyment, as has been done repeatedly elsewhere in the case of these Class "C" Parks. If they are not prepared to improve their property in this way at least they are assured that the area is reserved from all alienation and will be available for improvement if and when conditions in this regard improve. It was never intended, and no Class "C" Park Board was ever given reason to think, that they would raise revenue by the device of sale of Crown Property entrusted to their care."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. 11 Dec. A luncheon was held in Harbour House to celebrate the installation of Street Lighting in Salt Spring. About 40 people were there and it was a very cheery party, culminating in Charlie Nash of the B.C. Power Commission presenting the President, Desmond Crofton, with the Street Lighting contract and J. B. Foubister handing C. W. Nash, the cheque. The dining room was decorated with flags, several of which (a dragon pursuing a red pearl on a yellow ground) symbolized, so we were told, Salt Spring Island chasing a street light through a cloud of dust. Among the guests were (Power Commission) C. W. Nash, District Manager, Nanaimo, L. E. Wight, Asst. District Manager, Nanaimo, C. Barnip, Customer Relations, Nanaimo, J. G. McKeachie, Public Relations Head Office, Victoria, R. J. Hepburn; and (C.P.R.) J. M. Alderson, C. G. Jordan, and R. J. Burland. The guests were introduced by the Secretary. C. Nash made a speech complimenting the Island on its community spirit and there was a good deal of joking during the ceremony. Des. Crofton

saying he'd tear away to lock the contract in a strong room and Charlie Nash saying He'd rush to the Bank to see if the cheque was good!!! J.M. Alderson then made a brief (unofficial) speech & as somebody had put a small model boat in front of him there was a good deal of laughter there too although nobody was particularly happy about the new schedule. The luncheon was over before 2 o'clock and all the speeches were short. Great credit is due to Harry and Mrs. Lindsay for providing transportation for Power Commission guests. The Street Lights were on through part of Ganges on the 10th and will be installed at Fulford and Vesuvius very soon. After the luncheon the following telegram was received from the residents of Gabriola Island:- 'President & members The Chamber of Commerce, Salt Spring. Congratulations on your achievement how did you do it we the residents of Gabriola are still going around like blasted owls with candles flashlights and coal oil lamps after six years promises from the B.C. Power Commission and we certainly congratulate you on your fine achievement.'

SALT SPRING 11. Dec. We were asked to a dinner (for which many thanks) given by the School Trustees; there were present the resident Trustees and Secretary and G.B. and Mrs. Jennens, Mrs. H. Baines, W. and Mrs. Morson, J.B. and Mrs. Foubister, Inspector J.E. Brown (who later congratulated the Board on a fine community spirit), L. Mouat, G.F. & Mrs. Parsons, G.C. & Mrs. Mouat, H. & Mrs. Chalk, M. M. & Mrs. Acheson. After the dinner your editor went to a School Board meeting, and was very much interested in the wide field involved and the attention each question received. An innovation was the presence of a P.T.A. representative.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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C.P.R. BOAT. From 13 December the Gulf Islands C.P.R. Schedule will be:-

Princess Elaine. Tuesdays & Saturdays. Vancouver 8.30 am. Port Washington 11:15-12:15 am Ganges 1-2:30 pm, Vancouver 5:30 pm. Thursdays, Vancouver 8:30 am, Ganges 11:30-1:00 pm, Port Washington 1:45-2:45 pm, Vancouver 5:30 pm.

Princess Maquinna. Will leave Vancouver 4 am Dec. 13 & every 8th day thereafter for Victoria and from Victoria 9 am Dec. 19th and every 8th day thereafter.

Approximate Times. Vancouver 4 am, Galiano 7 am, Mayne 8 am, Hope Bay 9 am, Saturna 10 am South Pender 11 am, Victoria 2 pm. Return Run: Victoria 9 am, South Pender 12 noon, Saturna 1 pm, Hope Bay 2 pm, Mayne 3 pm, Galiano 4 pm, Vancouver 7 pm.

The C.P.R. idea is that the present wharves are not safe for the Princess Elaine and that as the Dominion Government makes the wharves safe one by one, so the Maquinna will drop that port and the Elaine will take its place. All this is official and down in black and white.

Now this isn't official but we believe it to be true. The C.P.R. boat on the Gulf Islands run has lost money consistently for years, and now the boat is going to be faster and in summer, is going on the Vancouver-Sidney run, with the Gulf Island as a port of call. Why? Our guess is that there is enough traffic to make the Vancouver-Sidney run pay. The Port Washington and Ganges stops are a gamble, they may pay now, or they may pay in years to come. Also, we would guess that the Accounts Department in Montreal takes a pretty dim view of our Gulf Island service because it is a consistent money loser for years. The C.P.R. is a private company, its responsibility is to its shareholders, it is not forced to provide our islands with a service. We bring in this point because, one time on Salt Spring some lads thought the Coach Lines service was a poor thing and ought to be improved, so they got the representative over to talk to him. He merely said; You've brought to my attention the fact that this bus service has cost us money for years, and in future there will be no bus service. And, that was that.

But, if you look at the work which has to be done on the wharves, you are appalled by the amount of work to be done, the amount it will cost and the time it will take. And in the meantime, the islands have to be served. So there is a movement on foot to get a feeder service - something the size of the Cy Peck or Mill Bay ferry - which would run with a Government subsidy, and serve the islands. Some chaps we talked to are dead against this because they say that if they get the feeder service they'll never get the C.P.R. back. This may be so. But at present Galiano and Mayne are temporarily in a bad spot and Saturna and South Pender in a worse one. And if there was something like the Cy Peck the islands would be in the same position as Salt Spring, which has two outlets. For one thing we think is certain; when there is enough business and when the wharves are safe enough, the C.P.R. boat will be right there.

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WE REGRET to announce the death of Mrs. Bompas' Mother in Wolseley, Saskatchewan.

NOTICE. It has been ordered by the Board of School Trustees as follows: In future any complaints of insubordination or willful damage on the School buses will be received by Mr. J. B. Foubister, School Principal. The pupil concerned, if guilty, will lose the privilege of riding on the bus for the period of one week on the first occasion, and on the second occasion for one month. It is clearly to be understood, that this ruling will not relieve the responsibility of the parents concerned of sending the child to school as provided in Section 157 (2) of the Public School Act. T. Fowler, Secretary, Ganges, B.C. Dec. 12, 1951.

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GUIDES (continued) The visitors were introduced to the Company, the parents, & Local Association members by Mrs E.Charlesworth, the District Commissioner. During the meeting, Mrs J.W.Bishop was enrolled as a Guide. Mrs Midgley gave further details about the Dominion Camp at Ottawa next July, & Mrs King spoke on the difficulty of picking two girls to represent the Saanich Division and hoped that Salt Spring would submit at least two names. Tea was served by the Local Association under the convenorship of Mrs Foubister.

MAYNE

A meeting held Wednesday night the 13th under the auspices of the Mayne Island Community Association to protest against the situation arising from the quite inadequate service put on by the C.P.R. since the withdrawing of the Princess Mary was perhaps the best ever attended and the most representative ever held on the island.

After a brief preamble by the President Mr R.W. Wilks, Mr Walter Greene was elected Chairman of the Meeting and Mr C.Murrell Secretary.

Probably the most important motion passed was in the form of a petition, later signed by those present, calling on the Government to amend the plans of the new wharf to provide facilities necessary to permit the Princess Elaine to include Mayne Island on her schedule.

Other motions were passed not dealing so concretely with the situation and the Secretary was instructed to make detailed copies available to the press and other parties involved. (Not received here yet - Ed) Mr Tim Gurney informed the meeting that if the changing of the location of the wharf to Village Bay would simplify the situation, he would be willing to donate the necessary land. This has long been considered a more suitable location in marine circles. At the request of a majority of those present this suggestion was embodied in the petition referred to above. Another residents meeting will be called later as the situation develops.

COURT OF APPEAL

The conviction of Charles H.Lumley of Ganges on the charge of retaining stolen goods at the last assizes held in Victoria was quashed by the Court of Appeal at Vancouver recently, and a new trial was ordered. The Counsel for the accused was Lawyer E.M.Levy of Ganges.

OUR RUMOUR DEPARTMENT. The story is going round - we don't know how true it is - that the reason why Salt Spring didn't get a liquor store is because the Government is not going to open any more liquor stores. "What, never? Well, no. Hardly ever."

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