

# DRIFTWOOD

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### SCHOOL BUSES AND ROADS

In this modern age of consolidated schools and school buses, it is a crime that our school buses must operate on horse'n'buggy roads.

Perhaps in our cars, we do not notice the narrow roads, or the stumps along the edges, or the brush that obscures the view around a corner, or where the road is actually graded around a telephone pole, so that the pole is literally on the road. Perhaps we do not notice, but our school bus drivers, wheeling their over-sized vehicle full of laughing children, notice these things. They are aware of the hazards and they fear them. Twice a day they drive their human cargo through this maze of danger and twice a day they silently curse the wooly-thinking that allows modern, wide buses and then doesn't provide a modern road for the modern buses.

The school bus route to Beaver Point, driven by Jack Smith, is a case in point. It is a 26 mile round trip and some places it isn't wide enough to let two wagons pass. But he is lucky. Part of the run is from Ganges to Fulford on the paved road. This is our "good" road. It is paved and by all our standards, it is wide. It is only crooked and has such things as the "rock crusher" corner. Jack Smith thinks it is a good road, for his own private road to Hell doesn't start until he turns off the pavement at Fulford to go to Beaver Point. The bus shudders and clatters up the first washboard (except for a week or two after grading) and he swings into the first of many corners. On most of the corners he can not stay in his own lane for he must swing wide to avoid hitting stumps or trees or telephone poles with the back of the bus. On many corners, brush that could easily be cut back, obscures his view. He does not know if a car (CONT'D ON P. 2)

### COMMUNITY TAG DAY

Saturday, October 15th, was Community Tag Day on the island for the benefit of the Canadian National Institute of the Blind.

This community effort was organized this year by the IODE with nearly all organizations on the island taking part. Mrs. D. Slingsby of the Fulford Women's Institute organized the workers in her district, Mrs. P. H. Lazeny of Vesuvius took charge of workers in her district and in Ganges, the HMS Ganges chapter of the IODE, under the convenership of Mrs. V.C. Best and Mrs. J. C. West were in charge.

A total of \$195.50 was collected for this worthy cause.

The CNIB through their 4-R program, Rehabilitation, Research, Residence care, and Recreation, helps the blind to live happy, satisfying, self-reliant lives. Through the CNIB thousands of sightless Canadians are being guided to a new way of life. A continuing and vital part of CNIB service is the painstaking research into the causes and the cure of blindness. Coupled with this is the important task of developing new aids for those already blind.

Comfort and safety are the key-notes in the CNIB Residence programme. Modern buildings designed for sightless people and a specially chosen staff help remove the frustrations of blindness and make everyday living a pleasant experience.

In their Rehabilitation programme workers are trained for all types of employment and CNIB Employment Officers place them in industry.

In Recreation many and varied games are enjoyed and children learn to roller skate and ride tricycles like any other child.

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### FACTS, FABLES, & FOIBLES. . .

Earl Kaye shot a deer at 200 yards with a beautiful shot through the neck. However, it was his 13th shot at the beast. . . . The Major Bullock story that DRIFTWOOD quoted from a Hamilton, Ontario paper, was also carried by a Calgary and a Saskatoon paper. . . . Also in the Calgary Herald of October 12th there was an article about an amazing 92 year old gentleman named Rev. Thomas Neville. He stated that once, as a young man, he had preached to the Indians on Salt Spring Island, sometime in the 1890's. Does anyone remember him? . . . . A few days ago, young Morris Akerman saw a hawk swoop down and catch a pigeon. He grabbed his gun and fired at the rising hawk, killing both the hawk and the pigeon with the same shot. Morris is the boy who shot a large four-point buck this season, right in his own back yard. He is 13 years old. . . . Read in the Friday Harbour Journal that there's a new deodorant out called "Disappear" and after you rub it on, you disappear. Nobody knows where the smell comes from. . . . People on S.S.I. are going to have to listen to these radio quizzes. Miles Acheson was the latest to get called and he didn't know the answer. . . . Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week. . . . Allan Holmberg, aged 11, entered a Lever Bros. soap contest of "Why I Buy Lever Bros. products" and won himself two strings of pearls. . . . There are two kinds of men who never amount to much: those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing else. . . . The Wm. J. Stewart, huge Federal Survey ship, made an unscheduled stop at Ganges, last Thursday (CONT'D ON P.2)

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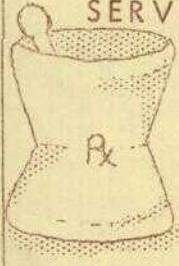
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The P.T.A. Monthly Meeting was held Monday evening at the school with Mrs. M. Sober, president, in the chair and 45 members present. It has been decided to have a member of the P.T.A. at all future meetings of the School Board. This representative will have no voice at School Board meetings and is there only to report back to the P.T.A. the business of that organization. The children's garden prizes were awarded to the following: Grade 1 - Special Class - 1st prize, Allen Jackson; 2nd prize, Elizabeth Lee; 3rd prize, Barry Lutz; Class 1, 1st prize, Elaine Young received the Retaining

(CONT'D FROM P. 1) SCHOOL BUSES.....is approaching, but yet we must swing wide. He fights more washboard road and dust or mud and narrow roads. Sometimes he fights ice and snow where one miscalculation means a bus load of kids in the ditch or a head-on crash. And the road has what is called the "Emsley" corner. Of all the dangers on the road, this is the one he hates worse. He goes on. Past Weston Lake to where the road gets really narrow in spots and the telephone poles are on the road. He winds around these dangers, watching for approaching cars, watching the soft shoulders, watching the stumps, watching and watching and always alert to the end of the run at the old Beaver Point school. He always gets there. He has never had an accident. But someday, he knows there will be a speeding car around a blind corner and he will not see it in time. Someday there will be a school bus tragedy on the Beaver Point road and it won't be the fault of the driver. It won't be the fault of the road crew boys who work on Salt Spring Island. They do the best they can. The fault won't even be in Nanaimo. The fault will be in Victoria, where this modern government, that gets things done, has done nothing to make the school bus roads as modern as the vehicles that have to travel them. Next week, we will review the conditions on the "North-end" run, which, we understand, is even worse.

Cup for 1st prize, Marian Hollings, 2nd prize; Jean Croft, 3rd prize; Class 2 - Rhonda Lee received the Retaining Cup for 1st prize, 2nd prize, Ken Kyler, 3rd prize, Gloria Harrison; Class 3 - Brian Cunningham got the Retaining Cup for 1st prize. After the meeting adjourned, the program committee under the convenership of Mrs. Ray Hill showed an excellent movie "Appointment with Youth". After the movie there was a lively panel discussion coinciding with the movie on parent-teacher understanding in re-

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gard to discipline and other curricular activities. Panelists were Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. E. McLeod, Mrs. J. Reid, and Mrs. P. Williams. Mrs. Hill was moderator.

Veterans of the Armed Forces who were born on Salt Spring Island will be the guests of honor of the Canadian Legion at the annual Remembrance Day Dinner to be held Friday evening, November 11. This traditional event, for many years under the auspices of the Salt Spring branch of the Legion, annually brings out more than a hundred veterans from all parts of the island, and is open to all ex-service people. As usual it will be held in Mahon Hall, with preliminaries ("Up Spirits" to the ex-navy types) beginning at 6.30 p.m. About a dozen names of veterans who were born on Salt Spring have been registered with Dr. R.W. Bradley, acting secretary of the Legion, but as the invitation list and table arrangements must be completed early, island born ex-service men and women who have not notified Dr. Bradley are asked to do so immediately. Veterans born less fortunately will, of course, obtain their tickets at the door the night of the big dinner.

(FACTS, FABLES, & FOIBLES.....(CONT'D FROM P 1)...evening, to rush a sick crew-member to the hospital.....The Fire Protection General meeting was held last night. We wonder if anyone thought to ask when oh when are they going to start putting in the fill for the new firehouse?.....One of the busiest spots in town is Jonesy's bird feeding station at the Florist shop. It's never without all sorts of birds.....For those who like to read the history of these islands, there is a book on the Open Shelf at Victoria called "Four years in B.C." It is written by Lt. Mayne (namesake of Mayne Is.) who was doing survey work on the ship "Plumper". We understand that it is well-written, humorous, exciting and not dry as most of these books are. It was printed in 1862.....The straight-and-narrow path probably would not be so narrow if more people walked on it.

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Sunday, October 16th, Father Roland Roberts, of the Scarborough Foreign Missions, Scarborough, Ontario, said mass at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Father Roberts, who is holidaying with his sister in Vancouver, is related to the Akerman's and the Carlin's of Salt Spring Island. As a boy he spent many happy summer holidays on the island and as a priest in Vancouver officiated at the wedding ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Carlin.

The Catholic Women's League held its monthly meeting in the parish hall of Our Lady of Grace Church with the president, Mrs. F. Bonar presiding. The League Director, Father P. Hanley, opened the meeting with the League Prayers. After the minutes and reports were read new business was taken up. New altar linen will be purchased to place on the new altar when it is installed sometime in November. It was decided to send a donation to the National Film Board and Mrs. Bonar and Mrs. I. Hughes offered to help with the Tag Day for the blind. Father Hanley gave a most interesting report of the

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family life conference held recently in Banff where he was a delegate from the Victoria Diocese. After the meeting adjourned, lunch was served by Mrs. Bonar and Mrs.

M. Blain.

The Anglican W.A. held its monthly meeting on Friday the 14th with Mrs. G.H. Holmes in the chair. Two new members were welcomed, Mrs. Hyde, the matron at Dr. Francis' Hospital, and Mrs. Faure. Mrs. Holmes took the devotional period. A letter

was read from the prayer partner, Rev. Don Whitbread and also the W.A. Bulletin. It was decided to send \$20 to the Diocesan Board for Christmas Cheer. Mrs. V.L. Jackson gave the sewing report. The Harvest Supper to be held Wednesday, the 19th, will be convened by Mrs. A.W. Barber. Members are asked to please turn in their thank offering boxes at the next meeting. Archdeacon Holmes closed the meeting. Tea was served by Mrs. N.W. Wilson and Mrs. G.H. Laundry.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Sampson on the birth of a boy on Oct. 15th at the Lady Minto Hospital. The new brother of Gerald, weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. Everyone is doing fine. Of all the Sampson grandchildren, this is the first one to be born on Salt Spring for nearly 20 years.

HOSPITAL NEWS....L.C. Lambert, M. Atkins, A.E. Roddis & W.E. Dipple attended a two day meeting of the Vancouver Island (CONT'D P.4)



## CREDIT UNION DAY

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(CONT'D FROM P.3) HOSPITAL...

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The Board wishes to thank Mr. Vic.  
Jackson for cutting the long grass  
and Mr. Harry Loosmore for digging

the garden, also to thank the following for donations:-  
Mrs. W.Y. Stewart, apples; Saturna Is., fruit & vege-  
tables; St. George's Church, fruit & vegetables;  
Vesuvius Bay Circle, fruit & vegetables; Mrs.  
Drummond, child's nightie; Mr. & Mrs. Loosmore,  
tomatoes.

"Did you hear that?", Asked the Seahorse (Johnson)  
"Really, old boy, do you think I have nothing else  
to do but listen to what goes on around here." replied  
the Seagull (British)

"You didn't hear Christmas was coming?"

"But of course it is coming. Why it is months and  
months away."

"Nope, just 9 weeks off."

"So it's 9 weeks away. You Canadians are always  
rushing things." Replied the Seagull.

"There are sure lots of nice things out in the front  
of G.B.Y. to make someone happy on Christmas morn-  
ing."

"The G.B.Y. What's this G.B.Y.?" Asked the Sea-  
gull.

"The Ganges Boat Yard, of course."

"I say, wouldn't it be great to be a gift under a  
Christmas tree?"

"But natch. That's the height of a seahorse's  
ambition. And G.B.Y. have a plan to make it so easy  
to buy us."

"Really now, you must have money after all, old  
boy."

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"I say," replied the seagull, "That is really  
something and all one has to do is go down to the  
G.B.Y."

"Ganges Boat Yard, of course. Or phone 173.  
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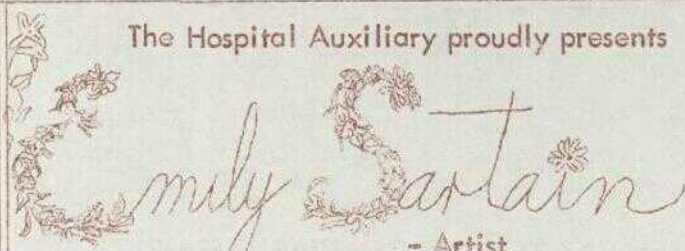
Mrs. F. (Irene) Grant, of Isabella Point Road,  
has been notified that she is winner of the first  
prize in the recently held contest offered by the  
Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Society.  
Mrs. Grant's prize winning article was on how the  
two brothers, Howard and Stanley Harris (Victoria,  
B.C.) had brought the first steam engine to Pender  
Island in 1902. (Mr. H.B. Harris, is Mrs. Grant's  
father) Mrs. Grant has had a by-line in the  
Cowichan Leader for some years and her interest-  
ing contribution "At the Seashore" has been read  
by many. She also had an article and pictures of  
a trip through the Gulf Islands, published recently  
by the Sea and Pacific Motor Boat magazine.  
"My first story," said Mrs. Grant, "Was written  
when I was twelve years old, and it was a Fairy  
Story, published in the Children's Page of the  
Victoria Daily Colonist and it won first prize in a  
contest. The Children's Page Editor was a Miss  
Lawson." The Children's Page was an attractive  
edition to the Colonist and enjoyed by many  
young readers in the not so distant past.

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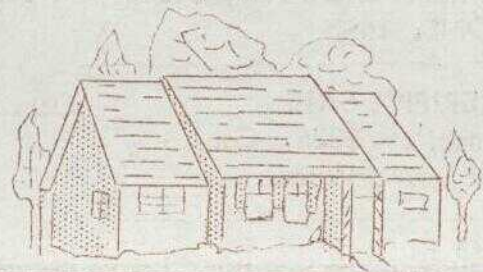
The Annual Meeting of the Nanaimo Federal Progressive Conservative Association will be held Saturday, October 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Parish Hall, Church Street, Nanaimo, B.C. Election of Officers. Mr. W.F. Matthews, M.P. will be guest speaker. Please Attend Refreshments will be served

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The "Wheels" are rolling again! Yes, every second Saturday night at the Mahon Hall, Caller Norm Williams and wife, Mary, are again putting the Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club through their paces. A Beginners' Class, every Saturday night at 8 o'clock, is fast becoming proficient in Western Square Dancing. Norm is also instructing us all in the fine art of "Round Dancing". President Harry Caldwell welcomes all members and invites you to take a look in to see how its done. We're not experts yet but well on the way - and a far cry from our first stumbling steps of five years ago. Then, in the old Central Hall, with the pot-bellied stove giving its all, Kitty and Jack Lamb organized the club and guided our first steps. To recorded calls, and to the tune of "The Old Red Mill" with Bill Palmer and Bill Evans taking their turn at calling, we've "Allemande'd Left and Right" and "Do Sa Do'd" to the present status of a Western Square Dance Association member.

DID YOU KNOW ?

That Chuck Horel has left the Island for three days and didn't give us anything to put in this space? However, don't wait for Chuck's return to see some of our fine waterfront lots.



NEWS AND VIEWS OF SALTSRING HIGH by Donna Hollings..... On Wednesday afternoon, an assembly was held for the students of grades 7 to 12 in Mahon Hall. Mr. O'Rourke of Vancouver and Mr. Roberts from Toronto spoke to the students about the "Curtis Book Plan" by which the school can raise money, as the Student's Council is low in funds. To date, there is \$75.00 in the treasury and the Council's objective is \$600.00. This will enable them to buy more sports equipment, uniforms and other necessities. Plans are well under way for the mid-Vancouver Island School Conference, which is to be held here on Oct. 20 and 21st.

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This week we started the six period day plan which makes it possible to have our extra-curricular activities in school hours instead of remaining after school to participate in them. This very often involved transportation difficulties. This is being done by shortening our lunch hour period and the intervals between classes. It is proving to be satisfactory. An assembly was held on Thursday Oct. 13th for the presentation of the Garden Prizes. Mrs. M. Sober, President of the P.T.A. and Mrs. Lutz, garden contest convener, presented the prizes for the best gardens in the competition held annually by the P.T.A. (The winners are listed on Page Two)

FULFORD... Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Daffurn are back in Fulford after spending some time in Vanc., where Mr. Daffurn was a patient at the Vet's Hospital... Mrs. B. East has returned from visiting relatives in Vancouver.



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## NOTICE

The Annual meeting of Nanaimo and the Islands Constituency Assn. of B. C. Social Credit League will be held in St. George's Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21st. Agenda will be: General business and election of officers. A welcome is extended to all. Refreshments will be served.

### CARD OF THANKS

My husband and I wish to thank Dr. T. Jansch and Mr. & Mrs. S. Sewell for the prompt assistance at the time of my sudden illness. Also the Matron and staff of the Lady Minto Hospital and last, but not least, all the kind friends who are sending flowers, cards and messages to me here in the hospital.

Winnie & Charles Watmough

## COMING EVENTS

Oct. 20: Credit Union Day Supper & Social Evening - Fulford Hall - 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club  
School Board Meeting

Oct. 21: Social Credit League - St. George's Hall - 7:30p  
Bingo - Our Lady of Grace Church.

Dog Obedience Training Club  
Students Council Conference Dance - Mahon Hall - 8 p.m.

Oct. 22: Sea Scouts  
Cribbage Tournament - Beaver Pt. Hall.

Oct. 25: C.G.I.T.  
Oct. 27: Emily Sartain - St. George's Hall - 2:30 to 5 p.m. & 8:00 to 10:00p

Oct. 24: Rod & Gun Club - Monday - Mahon Hall - 8:00 p.m.

## CHURCHES

(Services for Sunday, Oct. 23, 1960)

### ANGLICAN

St. Nicholas - Vesuvius - Holy Communion - 9 a.m.

St. Mary's - Fulford - Matins with Holy Communion 11a

St. George's - Ganges - Evensong - 3 p.m.

St. Mark's - Central - Evensong 7:30 p.m.

### UNITED

United Church - Ganges - 11 a.m.  
United Church - Burgoyne - 7:30p

### CATHOLIC

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Crofton has reached the finals by defeating Bob Morris and W.H. Bradley. In the top half of the championship bracket there are two matches to be played before the finalist is known. The winner of the Jack Scott & Fred Morris match will play Spike Alexander who advanced by defeating Nels Deggen. In the first flight, Bob Morris was the winner over Jack Harvey. Nels Deggen is to play the loser of the Scott-Morris match. In 2nd flight matches, Inky Humphreys beat Chuck Hougen, S. Adams defeated V. Case-Morris and Bill Trelford won two matches from Bill Wells and A. McManus. A. McManus had previously won over W.M. Mouat. Jack Smith is the winner of the 3rd flight with victories over Reg. Price and Slim Thorburn. Play will continue this week.

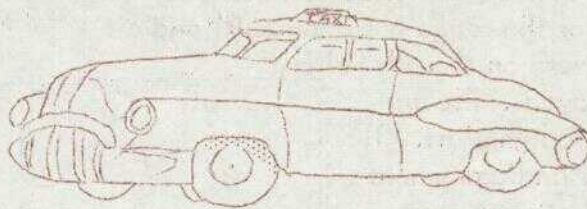
Mr. F.W. Fredericksen left Thursday for a visit to Sweden with his daughter who has been visiting here.

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The Beaver Point annual Winter Cribbage Tournament will start this coming Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 8:15 p.m. at the Beaver Point Hall. Everybody welcome.

A card party (500) with a home cooking stall and a Chicken Dinner draw, will be held at Nancy's Coffee Bar at Fulford on Saturday, November 12th at 8:15 o'clock. This is sponsored by the members of the local Women's Institute and Fulford Hall Committee. Officials of these organizations wish to thank the people for the generous response to their request for Nabob coupons, with which they hope to purchase a coffee urn for the Fulford Hall. About 900 more Nabob coupons are needed to complete the deal. Residents of Ganges have been most generous in sending in coupons. Those at Fulford hope some day soon to repay all donors by serving good cups of coffee, so please keep the coupons rolling in, and a vote of thanks to all once again.

The recently acquired S.S.I. Rod & Gun Club property, which was purchased from Mr. Vic. Jackson, has been the scene of feverish activity during the past few weeks. Over three quarters of an acre has been cleared, with most of the slash piled and burned. The log cribbing, for the range has been built and all the buildings that were on the old Fulford range have been moved. The access road has been roughed in. All the work, machines and equipment used so far, valued at more than \$1000, has been donated. The

spirit of cooperation on this project has been an outstanding thing. It is hoped that the first shoot will be held sometime in December. Mr. Pete Frattinger, of the Scott Point Marina, and an expert shot, who has been an instructor in shooting classes, has been approached by the Rod & Gun Club to help with the Junior Shooting Program that will be started soon. Mr. Frattinger has expressed his willingness to help in what ever way he can.

A General Meeting for all members of the S.S.I. Rod & Gun Club will be held in the Board Room of the Mahon Hall at 8:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24th to discuss Range and Buildings.

Miss Emily Sartain, widely known flower painter in water colour, will be in Ganges on October 27th and will hold a "one-man" show at St. George's Hall from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon and from 8 to 10 p.m. in the evening. Miss Sartain will be present both at the afternoon and

evening showing.

Mr. Evan Hughes of Beaver Point has a very good Border Collie to give away to anyone who would provide a good home. PHONE: 109-R

Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Horel and Mr. & Mrs. H.S. Noakes attended a Notary Public Convention at Harrison Hot Springs this week.

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