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SCHOOL BOARD SAYS NO.

GRADUATION

Graduation ceremonies, as known in the past, will not be held this year due to a motion passed by the School Board at last Thursday's meeting. The motion, presented by J. M. Campbell of Saturna Is. and seconded by G. S. Humphries of S. S. I. instructed the Principal that graduation ceremonies could only follow the completion of all examinations. The vote was five for and one abstaining.

The arguments for and against the motion were lively, but rather abbreviated indicating that most of the heated arguments had been carried out in the committee meeting prior to the public meeting. Mr. Campbell, evidently quoting an official of the Educational Dept., said the argument, advanced by the official, that graduation ceremonies should be held well ahead of final tests so that the students would be settled down, was the exact reason why such graduation ceremonies should not be held. Mr. Campbell went on to say that activity that detracts from the student's education was not good and the School Board should have nothing to do with it. Other arguments advanced favouring the motion included: that a student wasn't really graduated until the satisfactory completion of final tests, and that the ceremonies have become an unjustified emotional binge with all-night parties that have gotten out of hand.

Mr. J. Evans, Principal has announced that a "Departure Day" dinner and dance will be held on June 30th in place of the graduation ceremonies. Unhappily, some of the students have already shortened the new "Departure Day" to "D-Day."

AUDITORIUM

A motion, presented in writing by Mr. D. Dane of Fulford, requesting the School Board to take the necessary steps to provide a new auditorium and gymnasium for the local school, was "shot down" emphatically by the Board at last Thursday's meeting. With Mr. Campbell of Saturna eloquently leading the attack against the motion, all the members, except Mr. C. Harrison of S.S.I., voiced their disapproval. Mr. Campbell stated that all the evidence so far presented for a larger auditorium had nothing to do with operating a better school. "The idea of providing a larger auditorium so that a school opera can be presented in one night rather than three nights is ridiculous." He said, "the Fire Marshall can control over-crowding and it wouldn't make any difference whether the building was large or small if the Fire Marshall doesn't do his duty." In Mr. Campbell's opinion, a referendum would be defeated with strong opposition from the Other Islands. He saw no reason why Saturna should be asked to provide a larger hall for the community of Ganges.

He spoke of the recent referendums that were defeated in Sidney. "Three times the referendum was defeated, mostly because a large segment of the voters disapproved of the high expenditures for an auditorium and gymnasium," he said.

Mr. Humphries of S.S.I. stated that he felt strongly that any money raised by referendum should be for better school buildings and (CONT'D ON P. 2)

REFERENDUM

DRIFTWOOD has made a serious mistake concerning the proposed plans of building a School Board office. The School Board is not going to the people with a referendum on this issue. It is not necessary, according to the School Board, because they have a reserve fund for capital expenditures. The reserve fund, which consists of monies not spent on previous referendums, totals about \$11,000. Through prudent placing of contracts and other measures on past building projects, and by getting the jobs done for less than the referendums called for, the School Board has built up this fund.

There is good possibility that the Health centre will be included with the School Board offices, with the Provincial and Federal Governments participating in the cost.

SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 18

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has learned from Victoria that the summer schedule, on the same basis for S.S.I. as last year, will commence on May 18th this year. Slight changes in the schedule will permit the Outer Islands to leave Swartz Bay later on Fridays and Sundays.

The Joint Council of the Inter-island Chambers of Commerce had requested that the summer schedule become effective on April 26th, the first day of Daylight Saving Time. The Highways Dept. advanced the date to May 18th.

SCHOOL DAYS LONGER NEXT YEAR

Mr. J. Evans, Principal has requested that the (CONT'D ON P2)

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(CONT'D FROM P. 1) AUDITORIUM . . . class rooms. Mr. Hawkins of Mayne Is. stated the people of that island would not be in favour of building an auditorium for Ganges. Mrs. Barner of Galiano said that the ratepayers of Galiano don't even like to send their children to Ganges for schooling, and don't like to keep up the local hospital and a referendum on an auditorium is doomed.

Mr. G. Heinekey, Chairman asked for a vote on the motion "to settle the question once and for all." The board saw no reason for this action as the motion was the same as presented last year which was acted upon at that time.

Mr. Dane's motion was accompanied by a short brief outlining the limitations of Mahon Hall, and the need for better facilities.

(CONT'D FROM P. 1) SCHOOL DAYS LONGER School Board lengthen the school day next year for the Secondary grades, with their school day ending about 4:00 p.m. According to Mr. Evans this will add 20 hours to the curriculum per quarter. This action, if taken, will necessitate extra school bus services, with the elementary grades getting out at an earlier time. This request will be discussed at the next School Board meeting.

We suppose if somebody gets killed on that vicious corner on Scott Rd. (at the Hellman property), the Highways Dept. might get around to cutting down the brush, so a driver could at least see an approaching car. Last Saturday, a car driven by P.J. Bennett, Prov. Gov't Electrical Inspector and a truck driven by J. Mollison of S.S.I. collided at that corner. About \$325 damage was done to the car, with little damage to the truck. This was the second bad accident at that corner, the first one resulting in a girl being critically injured.

The corner is so bad, that no blame could be laid on either driver for that accident last Saturday. The blame lies squarely on the shoulders of the Highways Dept. A half-day of brush cutting would help immensely; a full day's work with a "cat" could straighten the

bend to a less-dangerous curve. (the property owner is agreeable)

Scott Road is now getting a lot of traffic due to the Pozzolan Plant, and a little work on that corner might save someone's life.

Mrs. Bruce Campbell of Beaver Point (the old Stewart Place) has reported that their pet doe mule deer has been missing for the past ten days. These deer, which are practically house pets, were recently brought over from Vancouver. Campbell is employed by Stanley Park. The deer, two mules and one Coast deer, are as tame as a dog and never leave the place very far.

One of two things could have happened to the doe. She was either shot by some meat-hungry hunter or the cougar, that is now roaming the island, has killed her. While the doe is only three-quarters grown, she is very large compared to our native deer. She is ear tagged. She

is easily identified by her very large ears, tipped with black. Mule deer have a completely white rump. If anyone sees this deer, either dead or alive, please contact Mrs. Campbell or DRIFTWOOD.

Mrs. Campbell, thinking of the two remaining pets, pleads that any meat-hungry hunter in her area do not shoot her deer. "If anyone is that meat-hungry, I'll gladly buy that person beef to eat." She said.

GOVERNMENT CUTS SHARE OF SCHOOL COSTS

The local School Board has just received the final budget and much to their shock, the Education Dept. is going to pay approximately 25% of the 1961 budget. This compares to the 43% the Government paid last year. As reported in DRIFTWOOD two weeks ago, it appears the mill rate will be increased to about 18 mills. The total final budget is \$223,861.00 and the Government is paying \$62,124.00.

The Vancouver Island Hospitals Regional Convention was held April 14th, 15th, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria - this was the largest one to date with a representation of 202. Those making the short trek from Salt Spring were: (CCNT'D P. 3)



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(CONT'D FROM P.2) V.I. HOSPITALS REGIONAL CONVENTION. . . . Mr. E. Dipple, Administrator, Mr. J. Reid and M. Atkins, Trustees and Miss D. Micklaborough, Mrs. Scot Clarke, Mrs. E. Dipple and Mrs. M. Atkins, Women's Auxiliary. The first meeting, on Friday, for administrators, trustees and Supt. nurses, was addressed by Mr. Dick Batey of C.J.V.I., Mr. A. Toong, Sect. Labour Council, Mr. R.V. Taylor of PortAlbarni, and Mr. F.A. Fairclough, Director of Public Relations at U.B.C. Mr. Batey's speech - "What the Public Thinks of Hospitals" was most impressive. At the Friday evening meeting the delegates were informed that the next convention would be held at Chemainus in six months time.

Saturday morning everyone gathered in the Nurses Auditorium for coffee, were warmly welcomed by Mayor Percy Scurrah of Victoria and the group divided to attend their various meetings. Following an appetizing lunch served in the Nurses Dining Room an excellent film on the Campbell River Hospital was shown. After the Report of Divisions and the concluding address by retiring President Mr. Cooley tea was served and a tour of St. Joseph's Hospital was invited.

C.R. Horel, President of the S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce, has proclaimed the week of April 22-29 as Chamber of Commerce Week. Activities during this week will include a membership drive, a

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general clean-up, paint-up drive on the Island and a clean-up bee on the beach at the cenotaph. The week's activities will be followed by a Chamber of Commerce dinner early in May with the Hon. Earle C. Westwood as the main speaker.

At the Vancouver Island Junior Championships held last Sat. at the Fulford Hall, Marrie Akerman of S.S.I. was declared "Silver Boy", outclassing boxers from Vancouver, Victoria, Burnaby, Langley,

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close decisions.
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT A horseshoe tournament will be held on May 22nd. at Fulford with the winner receiving the J. Grosart trophy. Entry fee will be \$1.00 and for additional information contact Mr. Thomas Duncan or Gavin Reynolds.

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The lawyers of the teachers, who were awarded an extra increment by the Arbitration Board last winter, have sent a formal demand to the School Board that they pay this increment, retroactive to Jan. 1st, 1961. The School Board, of the opinion that increment payments are not automatic and are not paid except on Sept. 1st., passed a motion to advise the lawyers that in its opinion the Board has discharged its obligations within the terms of the Arbitration Board.

In another dispute with the union representing the local Janitors and Bus Drivers, the union representative has demanded that the School Board go to arbitration over a grievance concerning the duties of the janitor. The Board contends that the union has refused to define the grievance and the Board has nothing to meet them on and until they can find out what the complaint is they will not go to arbitration. The Grievance Committee of the School Board has sent a letter to the union representative to this effect.

HOWARD - PETERSON

Miss Diane Peterson of Topley, B.C. and Mr. Frederick Edward Howard, son of Mrs. W. Howard of Ganges, were joined in marriage at a quiet ceremony on Saturday, April 15th, at St. George's Anglican Church. Archdeacon Holmes officiated. The best man was Harvey Reynolds and the bridesmaid was Miss Winifred Howard, sister of the groom. Mrs. E. Ashlea played the wedding music. After a brief wedding trip to Campbell River the newly weds are at home at Seabreeze Cottages, Ganges.

The regular monthly meeting of the Anglican W.A. was held on Friday the 14th in the St. George's Parish Hall. Mrs. Holmes was in the chair, and 14 members were present at the meeting. Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Holmes took the devotional period. Mrs. Davis gave an interesting missionary reading. Mrs. Jackson gave the sewing report. The admission for the concert to be held on May 27th was set at \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students. Final arrangements for the Wayside Sale, to be held on Saturday, Apr. 22, were made. Mrs. Holmes closed the meeting and the members had a Donation Tea. Mrs. Price and Mrs. Palmer were convenors. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Barber received the gifts.

Miss Morioka Schwagly, pretty daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Schwagly, owners of the Dutch Beauty Salon, has been chosen as one of the ten finalists in the Miss Victoria Contest sponsored by the Victoria Jaycees. Miss Victoria will be picked in May. Miss Schwagly is 20 years old and a blonde.

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Friends of Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Brown were saddened to hear of her death after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Brown had resided on Salt Spring since 1910. Her husband came to Salt Spring from England in 1906 and purchased land in the Cranberry. She and her son, Ted joined him in 1910. Funeral services were held at St. George's Anglican Church, Sat. April 15th. Survivors include: one sister, Mrs. G. E. Barker of Bainton, Yorkshire, two brothers, G.R. and W.M. Wilson, many nieces and nephews and her one son, Ted of Ganges.

The cougar hunt is still going on with two hunters and many dogs working every day. Recent signs have indicated that the cougar has returned to Mt. Bruce after roaming over a wide area of the Island. While the dogs do get the scent, they are having difficulty tracing the animal. The hunters are confident that the cougar's days are numbered.

The Golden Anniversary Tea and Sale of Work of the Guild of Sunshine was held recently in Mahon Hall and honored guests were ladies who had been members in the pioneer days of the group and descendants of others who are no longer with us. Letters of congratulations and good wishes came from friends who were unable to be present. The tea table was centered with a silver vase of daffodils, tulips and forsythia and the same colors were used in the decoration of the smaller tables. The President, Mrs. G. Lowe, cut the large birthday cake and she and Mrs. F. Newnham poured tea. During the afternoon, four pupils of Mrs. Doris Crofton, the Misses Heather Anderson, Joan Stevens, Susan Fellowes and Cheri Horel, gave a delightful programme of pianoforte music. Mrs. J. Snape convened the tea and was assisted by Mesdames S. Claibourne, S. Bannister, W. Rogers, C. Wagg, F. Reid, J. Wallis, R. Lumley and Mrs. R. Bidwell. The sewing stall was in charge of Mrs. J. Catto and Mrs. E. Parsons, and the Home Cooking was sold by Mrs. S. Kitchener and Mrs. W. Jameski. Mrs. W. Norton and Mrs. F. Fredrickson presided over the flower and plant stall and Mrs. W. Haguc and Mrs. L. Holloway were in charge of the white elephants. Mrs. J. Bennett looked after the grocery hamper which was won by Mrs. W. Asbury.

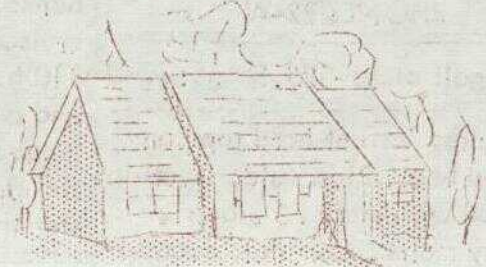
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COMING EVENTS

- April 20- O.A.P.O. Luncheon- Parish Hall. Happy Hour-3:15 p.m.
- April 21- Bingo-8 p.m. Youth Rally-8 p.m.
- April 22-Wayside Sale-St. George's-2:00 p.m.
- April 23-Anglican Confirmation- St. Mary's
- April 25-Spring Flower Show- Mahon Hall-2:00 p.m.
- April 28-Youth Banquet Island Capers - 8:00 pm
- April 29-Island Capers-8:00 p.m.

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St. Mary's-Confirmation Service- 11 a.m.
St. George's-St. George's Day Service-3 p.m.
St. Mark's- Evensong-7:30 p.m.
EVANGELISTIC SERVICES: 2:15pm and 7:30 pm. (Both at Ganges)
UNITED: Ganges-11 a.m.
CATHOLIC-Our Lady of Grace Holy Mass-10:30 a.m.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP: Mahon Hall - 11 a.m.

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MISSION.....Father Dominic Marryman, a Passionist Missionary from Los Angeles, conducted a very successful mission at Our Lady of Grace Church at Ganges, April 9 - 15th. The exercises included Holy Mass each morning with a short lesson, instruction for the children after school, and in the evening was the recitation of the Rosary and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Marryman was formerly a Lay Brother with the Montford Fathers at Kuper Is. and had visited S.S.I. many times by boat several years ago.

The Vesuvius Bay Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary sponsored a most successful Donation Tearecently, at the home of Mrs. W. Flewin, "Tantramar". This annual event, which was convened by Mrs. L. C. Lambert, was attended by approximately fifty persons. Greatly admired were the floral decorations of the rooms and tea table, which were artistically carried out by Mrs. J.J. Sharland. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. G.H. Holmes, president of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. F. Jackson, president of St. Mary's Guild and Mrs. Cecil Springfield, president of St. Mark's Chancel Guild.

The proceeds of the "Island Capers", being presented by the Lion's Club on Apr. 28 & 29th will be for the Ambulance Fund. "Island Capers" is a musical comedy with a Hawaiian theme. Tickets are now being sold for the two performances. Anyone without a ticket will not be guaranteed entrance by paying at the door. The Fire Marshall has allowed only so many tickets sold and when those are sold, no one will be allowed to pay cash at the door. So hurry! The tickets are limited! They can be purchased from any Lion.

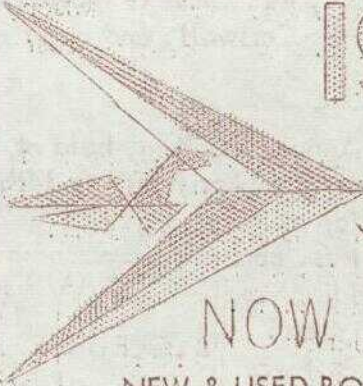
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Mr. & Mrs. Kellow Wilson entertained recently at a tea party to celebrate Mr. Wilson's (CONT'D P.8)

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(CONT'D FROM P.7).....father's return from England. Those present were: Mr. & Mrs. F. Johnstone, Mrs. G. Hemmings, Mr. Chris A. Loosemore, Mrs. G. Lowe, Mr. B. Krebs, Mr. Chris G Nelson, Mrs. F. Frederickson, Mrs. E. Carswell, and guest of honour, Mr. J.Y. Wilson.

FULFORD by Bea Hamilton.....Last week a number of youngsters celebrated Ronda Lee's 13th birthday at her parent's home. They played games, & ate up some perfectly good birthday cake. Helping to celebrate Ronda's birthday were: Lynn Bennett, Susan Townley, Lynda Englin, Lynn Laursen, Patty Wilson, Pat Atkins, Jill Scott, Cecelia Walters, Betty Fennell, Dixie Thorburn, Ronda & Elizageth Lee.....Mrs. A. Steven won the Cribbage Tournament prize last Saturday. She won

The I.O.D.E. Provincial Annual Meeting, held at the Empress Hotel in Victoria from April 11th to 14th was attended by the following members of H.M.S.

Ganges Chapter I.O.D.E.: Mrs. Earl B. Hardie, Miss B.E.M. Beddis, Mrs. V.C. Best, Mrs. W.M. Mouat and Miss M. Lees. Mrs. V.C. Best was again elected a Provincial Councillor.

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Mr. & Mrs. George Nelson of Churchill Rd., have received word of the birth of a grandson on Apr. 15th to their son & daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Nelson. The boy, born in St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, weighed 9 lbs., 11 oz. and will be named Dean Gordon.

year too. Mr. H. Ruckle and Mrs. L. Reynolds were runners up, while Mrs. Edna Fraser won a consolation prize.....Miss Gwen Ruckle has returned home after spending a week in Victoria with her brother, Mr. G. Henry Ruckle.....The So. S.S.I. Women's Institute had a very successful tea last Thurs. at Nan's Coffee Bar, raising \$44.00 Mrs. Ronnie Lee, president, opened the proceedings and greeted the visitors. Mrs. F.L. Jackson was in charge of the stalls, assisted by Mrs. V. Grant and Mrs. Lee.....Work on the Jack Graham Memorial Stage addition at Fulford Hall has been progressing. Last week, Rex Dakin donated the use of his "cat" and dug the basement. Anyone desiring to donate to this worthy cause may contact Mr. Jack West at the Bank of Montreal.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS by Donna Hollings.....The may queen candidates were nominated last Thursday from Grades 10 to 12. They were: Roberta Akerman, Verlyn East, Marguerite Gear, Grade 12, Lyn Akerman, Jean Galbraith, Grade 11, and Caroline Marcotte, grade 10. The voting results were: Lyn Akerman, Queen; Verlyn East and Roberta Akerman, Princesses. The Home Economics classes under Mrs. Smith will entertain the public with a fashion show on May 15th in the Mahon Hall. The choir, directed by Mrs. Seymour will sing for the occasion.

All of last year's officers were re-elected for another year at the annual meeting of the Rod & Gun Club held last Monday at the Legion Hall. They were: L. Lorentsen, president, D. Crofton, Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. Bennett, sect., & L. Mouat, treasurer.

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