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S.S.I. SECEDES ?

Here and there we have seen signs that Premier Bennett is a bit unhappy at the Dominion Government, but we didn't realize he was seriously considering seceding from Canada until we saw the B.C. flag waving merrily, all alone, over the Ganges school last Monday. Since DRIFTWOOD is the first paper in B.C. to report a possibility of secession, we must assume he thinks Salt Spring Island should be the first to be weaned from the influence of Ottawa and perhaps even from Mother England, the Union Jack, Scotch whiskey and tea that dares to be known by TV advertising alone. How wrong could he be!

It seems the flag arrived at the school, with a plain wrapper, in a box without markings and without a directive or a hint of instructions.

The flag, showing part of the Union Jack, a crown, a setting sun, a mountain and a tree is very symbolic of B.C. - showing its roots, its heritage, its position and its weakness for gaudy symbols. Not having a directive to guide him, Jack Evans, Principal, used shrewd deductive reasoning. He decided that a flag was made to go up a flagpole. So he did. Or, we should say, the flag did.

It wasn't long until knots of muttering people stood about in Ganges, muttering. There were snorts of derision, shouts of "Down with Bennett's Bunting", and talk of organizing a flag-burning committee. The organization was a flop - none of the committee members could agree on what Canadian flag should replace the B.C. flag. Some wanted the Union Jack, most wanted the Red Ensign, and there was one who advocated Eric Nicol's famous flag of the beaver hanging with his teeth onto the eagle's tail. (CONT'D ON P. 2)

PARK PROGRESSING

Work on the Mouat Park has been progressing at a good clip for the past several days and it is expected to have the park completed for the July 1st weekend. At present, the roads are being surfaced and the 15 campsites cleared.

When completed the campsites will each have picnic tables and benches and a "fireplace". Water will be available at two sites in the park and there will be restrooms. A service area, containing an incinerator, will be installed. At the park entrance there will be a registration area where people can sign in, read the bulletin board, etc. The parks Dept. will furnish wood for the campers, storing it in strategic areas.

The road makes a loop in the park, with the campsites branching off in such a way that each campsite will be out of sight of the neighbouring one, giving privacy to each camper.

Seven local men, four local trucks and drivers, local bulldozers and loader have been hired to do the job.

The Highways Department has received permission to move the Cenotaph and it will be moved in the next couple of weeks about 40 feet toward the Firehouse site. This is being done to improve the road near Turner's Store. The widening of the causeway and the installation of a special guard rail on the beach side is hoped to be completed by the middle of June. The flower boxes, being built by the Chamber of Commerce, will then be placed.

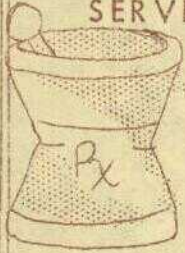
The access road to the new Anglican cemetery on Upper Ganges Rd. is now being built.

FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.....

When clearing in the Mouat Park, the crew discovered two six-inch trout in a pool of water. How they got there is a mystery . . . Mrs. A. T. Ryan of Walker's Hook Road reports an unusual tree, part maple and part fir. The 11 foot maple, growing out of an old maple stump, is topped by a five foot fir. The continuation is perfect with no fork or apparent place where the fir started to grow. . . . Most people don't think they are middle-aged until they aren't . . . Mrs. T. McDonald of Vesuvius had sweet peas in bloom on the 24th of May. . . The bird watchers saw something different along the beach in front of the Cenotaph - A. Quesnel's tame goose. . . Here's some figures that might surprise some people. According to the President of the Farmer's Institute, the farm income on S.S.I. averages around \$15,000 per month from the sale of dairy products, eggs, turkeys, sheep, beef cattle, truck farming and fruit. The local farmers have over \$200,000 invested in farm trucks and machinery, with much of it purchased on S.S.I. and most of it being serviced on the Island. And, according to the President, the \$15,000 per month gross income is more than it was in the "good old days" . . . INCOMPATIBILITY: "in marriage, a similarity of tastes, particularly the taste for domination." . . . And a poem from an old-timer about an old-timer: "Willie's off to church girls / In his Sunday best / Thinks he'll give the girls a treat / Twig that snappy vest / But the girls won't look at Willie / Although he struts his best / You had best think of your soul lad / And give the girls a rest." . . . There's nothing wrong with being a self-made man provided you don't consider the job finished too soon. . . Don't tell us worry does no good. We know better. The things we worry about don't happen!

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(CONT'D FROM P. 1) . . . FLAG . . . Monday ended in confusion and not a Sacred voice was heard in the land.

Tuesday the flag was still there.

Wednesday all was serene. The Red Ensign was flying and the B. C. flag was not to be seen. There was no sign of a struggle, no blood spilled on the ground and not a hint of a fire. We found, upon checking, Jack Evans had relegated the B. C. flag back to its unmarked box to gather dust. It had all been a mistake - Salt Spring Is. was not seceding, and she never will, without more specific instructions from the Premier on "How, When & Which Flag Should Be Flown from a Schoolyard's Mast."

VANCOUVER ARTISTS ENTERTAIN AT CONCERT. . . . A delightful evening of singing and music was held at the Mahon Hall on Saturday evening featuring the well-known Vancouver trio, Mrs. Bern Morrison, pianist, Mr. Gordon Lund, tenor and Miss Frouida Baker, contralto. This was the sixth concert given on the island by this group and again proved highly successful. Mr. Lund who recently sang the tenor role in the Vancouver Opera Assn.'s production of La Traviata, received prolonged applause for his operatic selections and the duets in which he was joined by Miss Baker. Miss Baker was a delight to listen to and to watch during her recding of "That Old Sweetheart of Mine" by James W. Riley and her beautiful contralto voice was at its best in the selections by Brahms. Mrs. Morrison, who accompanied the artists, also played several selections from Mozart and Liszt. Miss Baker and Mrs. Morrison were presented corsages of lily of the valley and carnations by Mrs. G.H. Holmes.

The local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion gave a farewell meeting in honour of Jack Green, who is departing for Kitimat. He

was presented with an ashtray with the Legion Crest in recognition of his outstanding work with the Scouts and for serving the Legion so well. Harry Hall, with the rare musical talent of being able to play the guitar and harmonica at the same time, entertained the 45 people attending the farewell meeting.

At last Monday's meeting of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Board of Management, Mr. J. G. Reid was re-elected as Chairman. Mrs. H. G. Scott of Pender Island was elected Vice-chairman. Two new members were elected to the Executive. Mrs. W. Hastings replacing Mr. H. C. Giegerich, who has resigned, and Mr. M. Atkins replacing Mr. G. S. Humphreys. The Chairman, Vice-chairman, and the Administrator, Mr. E. Dipple are the other members of the Executive.

Jack West, Manager of the Ganges Bank of Montreal is in Vancouver for a fortnight of schooling. Mr. Earle Bradshaw of the Burnaby Branch and no stranger to Salt Spring Island, is filling in for Jack. Mr. Bradshaw was married on S. S. I. to the former Miss Wendy Fanning, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Fanning. Mrs. Bradshaw and the two children are also on S. S. I.

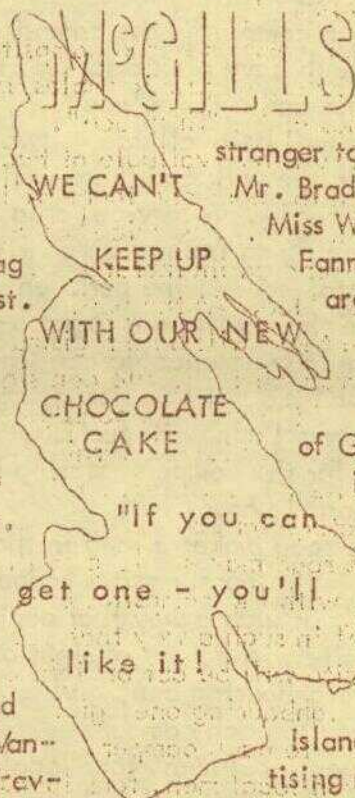
The Gulf Islands Joint Council will continue to press for government ownership of Gulf Islands Ferry Co. operators. A meeting of the joint council held last week at Galiano also agreed to press for daily mail service for Galiano, Pender, Mayne and Saturna Islands and a method of transport for baggage between the ferry terminals at Swatze Bay.

A concerted effort to have Gulf Islands' literature, ferry schedules and advertising material placed more effectively in information centres will also be made.

Eighteen delegates attended the meeting, representing Salt Spring, Pender and Galiano Chambers of Commerce and the Mayne Farmer's Institute.

The H. M. S. Ganges Chapter I. O. D. E. will hold a Scholarship Donation Tea at St. George's Parish Hall on Thursday, June 8th, at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Donations will go toward the annual scholarship presented by the

I. O. D. E. to the graduating student of the local high school. Mrs. Bishop Wilson is convener. A wise parent lets a child who throws a tantrum catch it.



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H.M.S. GANGES CHAPTER I.O.D.E.
EMPIRE DAY PROGRAM
 On the afternoon of May 24th, at the Ganges School, the special program arranged by H.M.S. Ganges Chapter I.O.D.E. at the request of the Principal of the school, Mr. Jack Evans, met with an enthusiastic reception.

The Mahon Hall was filled to capacity with school children, teachers, members of the I.O.D.E. and special guests.

The program opened with a Prayer for the Empire and Commonwealth by Archdeacon Holmes.

The Principal then welcomed the members of the I.O.D.E. and introduced Mrs. Earl Hardie, the Regent.

Next, "The Maple Leaf Forever" was sung by the school, led by Grade 5.

Mrs. Hardie introduced the Guest Speaker, Mr. Jack James, a former resident of Salt Spring Island who had recently retired and come to live again on the Island. Mr. James gave a short and very informative address on AGRICULTURE, a subject in which he is an expert, advising the senior students to consider taking up the serious study of Agriculture as a means of furthering the usefulness of this country to her own inhabitants as well as to her neighbours throughout the world, particularly the under-nourished countries.

The thanks of the school and audience to the Speaker were then voiced appropriately by Charles Butt, a 12th grade student.

The programme concluded with a short play by the Grade 4 pupils, coached by Mrs. Burge. The play opened with "God Save the Queen", ran the gamut of the ten provinces of Canada (CONT'D ON P. 4)

A RECORD EGG

by Bea Hamilton

Is there a competition in egg laying among the hens on Salt Spring Island? If there is, the old biddies had better look to their laurels for they have to lay an egg weighing half a pound or better, to come up to the mark set by Mrs. C. Lee's Bidy, a Sussex hen. On May 6th, Bidy Sussex laid an 8 oz. egg (and we have pictures to prove it) Bidy's huge egg made the ordinary Grade A look like a bantam's egg. "How did you do it?" Gladys Lee asked the strutting hen when she found the monster in the nest. "I don't eggactly know - just doing what comes naturally, I guess," cackled old Bidy, as she looked modestly down her beak. Despite it's size, the big egg had only two large yolks. (Gladys didn't say how she carved the egg for dinner.)

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(CONT'D FROM P. 3 - EMPIRE DAY) . . . each represented by a child, and finished with the singing of "O Canada".

The entire arrangements for the afternoon were in the capable hands of the Chapter's Educational Secretary, Mrs. H. J. Carlin. After the program was over, the teachers and special guests were entertained to afternoon tea by the members of the I.O.D.E., when Mr. Evans made a delightful speech of thanks to the Chapter for their effort in arranging the programme.

The next monthly meeting of the I.O.D.E. will be a luncheon meeting at Harbour House Hotel at 12:30 on Friday, June 2nd, when it is hoped that the guest speaker will be Mrs. R. J. Sprott, Provincial Convener for "Democratic Action."

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR-DEPT. . . . "Dear Sir: Victoria Day celebrations are over, and despite the rain it was the biggest and best parade in the history of our island. To put on such a parade, sports day and dance, requires a tremendous amount of time and effort, given unselfishly by a dedicated few. This was the job undertaken by the Fulford Hall Committee and those who came forward to help us. Again this year for the second time we brought it to Ganges, not only because it was the centre point of population, and more facilities available, but mainly in the realization that we are and should be, united as one community and neighbours. About two months ago we appealed through the columns of this paper for all organizations, and there are over fifty on this Island, to send representatives to the meeting we called with a view to helping to present such a celebration. My thanks go to the following organizations who came forward: Those ladies of Beaver Point Community Assn. with splendid ideas and for helping with the tea. Those ladies of Fulford who helped with the hot dogs and the tea. The Chamber of Commerce for collecting ground admittance (though Mr. Wilson and Mr. Harrison were pushed for help). The Lions for helping Mr. Gavin Reynolds with the sports. The Legion for the parade marshalling by Mr. Fred Jackson and Col. D. Crofton. The Students Council for the selection of the Queen and the crowning ceremony. Mrs. Kyler and her helpers with the Children's Parade. To Capt. T. Burge for the Cadets from the Canadian Scottish Guard of Honor. For two months the Fulford Community Hall Assn. Committee comprised of Miss G. Shaw, Mr. E. Faure, Mrs. M. Gyves, Mrs. D. Dane and Mr. W. Mossop gave untiringly of their time and effort in organizing this big event and they indeed deserve the thanks and congratulations of the community on their achievement. The Victoria Day celebrations could well become the major event of the year on our Island. The potential of expanding it is great. Local barbecued beef or salmon could be introduced for why import a barbecue from Saturna when we can do just as well ourselves if we put forward the effort. Even when the Saturna barbecue invaded our shores, I believe, it was local lamb that was barbecued! Perhaps it would be better to keep it at Fulford in the peaceful surroundings of our beautiful valley. That is for the future to decide. To my committee and to those who helped in anyway, my sincere thanks. (Signed) Doug Dane, Pres. Fulford Community Hall Assn.

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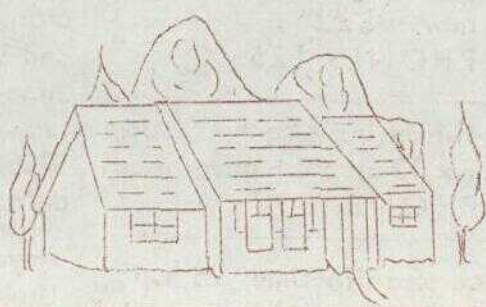
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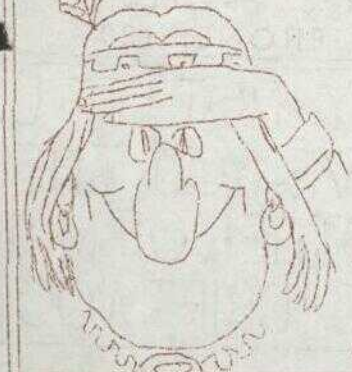
The S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce is presenting Mr. Jack Green a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding work in the community. Mr. Green has been active in numerous community projects and has been the guiding light in the Sea Scout organization.

GANGES NEWS Miss Jennifer Graham, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Bradley is leaving Monday for Muskoka Lakes, Ont. for the summer. She will then go onto Ottawa to resume her studies there this fall Pierre Berton, well-known columnist, author and T.V. personality is visiting the Jack Scotts Mrs. Sammy Shaw of Vancouver was recently a guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Vodden Mrs. F. H. A. Reid is spending a few days in Seattle visiting her daughter, Miss Beth Reid.

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UNITED CHURCH NEWS It was similar to old home week in this beautiful church nestling in the brilliant sunshine of last Sunday morning. Due to the absence of Rev. Dr. N. Hughes, Mr. Colin Mouat, now of Seattle, Washington, was in charge of the service. Mr. Mouat said this was something he had not done for many years and went on to give an absorbing and interesting sermon which left ample room for thought. He was assisted in prayer by Rev. McKenzie, former minister here, who with Mrs. McKenzie, made a surprise visit. They had slipped away from Vancouver early enough to attend the morning service. Rev. Dr. Hughes and Rev. McKenzie are in Vancouver attending the United Church (CONT'D ON P. 7)

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 June 2 - I.O.D.E. luncheon - 12:30 - Harbour House
 June 5 - St. George's Alter Guild 2 p.m. - Parish Hall
 June 7 - Mum Club - 8 p.m. - St. George's Parish Hall
 June 8 - Scholarship Tea - 3 p.m. - St. George's Parish Hall

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 St. Marys: Evensong - 2:30pm
 UNITED: Ganges: 11:00 a.m.
 ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of Grace - Ganges - Holy Mass - 10:30 a.m.

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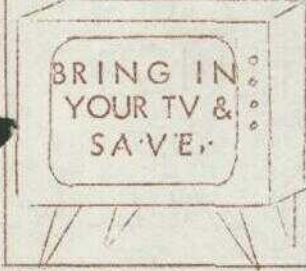
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Also in attendance at this morning service was Mrs. Pirie who is visiting on the island for a few weeks and members welcomed back from a sunny sojourn in California, Mr. and Mrs. LeFevre.

Dispatch from our special correspondent Brian Seber. Grade 4 May 24 AT MAHON HALL Citizenship and Commonwealth Day was a great success. In the afternoon Archdeacon G. H. Holmes, Mrs. E. Hardy, and Mr. J. Evans made a speech at the Mahon Hall. Also the grade fours put on a play which was called "A Picture of Canada" featuring the ten provinces and two territories. The students and grown ups enjoyed it very much and they received many compliments. The actors of this play were Freddy Nitsch, Eric Booth, Laurie Mouat, Sandy McLeod, Lillian Cunningham, Ann Harvey, Linda Anderson, Nicholas Humphreys, Brenda Sharp, Wayne Taylor, Gillian French, and Carol Bennett. Also the grade fives sang the song "The Maple Leaf Forever"

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cartwright are leaving on Friday for a holiday in England. Mr. Cartwright left England 57 years ago to come to this country and this will be his first trip back to the old country.

Continuing the Journal of Anthony Tripp, said to have been found with sundry letters in rubbish removed

from a derelict farm on Maxwell Mountain, Salt Spring Island, 1959.

10 of May, 1867

We had supped and the routine tasks being completed, the three of us were sat in the last of the sun, fascinated by the changing colours of the Mountains of Vancouver Island. We were surprised when up rode two horsemen, being none other than Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Walch. There can be few more gratifying sights than good riders astride good horses and they made a handsome picture. Being neither artist nor good Journalist, I find myself able only vaguely to capture the essence of these pioneers, who bear the stamp of self-reliance, of originality of thought and of a virile will. Yet, if I should marry and my wife be blessed with children, this is well worth while if I convey to them, born in a softer atmosphere, something of the men who are the founders of this island, indeed, of this land.

While Mr. Walch spoke with Mr. Clancy, Mr. Maxwell took hold of my father's arm. "Mr. Tripp," said he gently, "I fear Mr. Walch is sorely troubled in his conscience about his part in our little skirmish and since he plans to return shortly to Australia, I would see him go happy. Will you, Sir, do your best?" My father replied, "Aye! I will try." Mr. Maxwell strode over to Mr. Walch, wished him God-speed and after shaking hands with him, bade us a goodnight and rode away. It was Mr. Clancy who expressed our thoughts, for he said, "There goes a man!"

We entered the cabin and sat around our rough table. Mr. Walch lost little time in coming to the point. He said, "Mr. Tripp, I am surprised you make me welcome, for I repaid your advice very shabbily. (To Be Continued)

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