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NEW SOCIETY FOR SALT SPRING

An inaugural meeting of the Fraternal Order of Salt Spring Island Loyalists was held at Ganges on Saturday, under the chairmanship of Commander "Splice" Mayne-Brace. Addressing the meeting, Commdr. Mayne-Brace said he understood this to be the fifty-fifth active society on the island but he supposed that like Noah's Ark, there was always room for more. He did not propose at this stage to proceed with the election of the customary officers, though Major Archibald Fogey had offered his services as secretary pro-tem. He then introduced the guest-speaker, Professor Oscar W. Tulp, of Toronto, and an Empire Loyalist of the first water.

On commencing his speech, Professor Tulp held before his audience a sheet of foolscap, on which appeared two items in bold type. He explained he had recently conducted an experiment, in which he asked a cross-section of the community what had impressed them most in the current issue of their daily paper. He found that of all the items of news presented, only two had left their mark on the mind. The first was the discovery of the body of an unclothed woman in a parking lot and the second the latest achievement in sport of the favourite local team. It seemed to him to be an amazing fact that in a world where an intelligent interest in international events is a prerequisite for survival, an apathetic public prefers to leave most of the thinking to representatives too often elected in a casual and perfunctory manner, despite the fact that the barbarian hordes, inspired by beliefs inimical to our civilisation and deadly to our way of life, are literally clamouring at the gates. (CONT'D P. 2)

FOUNDERS OPTIMISTIC

It was revealed at the Golf & Country Club "Founders" meeting, held at Harbour House Hotel last Monday evening that over 80 people have come forth to be "Founders" of the proposed new company. Mr. Frank Trethewey was Acting Chairman of the meeting. Enthusiasm and optimism was the keynote of the evening, with many citizens expressing the view that the turn-out by the people of S.S.I. was encouraging and that the Golf & Country Club will be realized if everyone diligently worked on the project and continued their enthusiasm.

Two committees were appointed, one to go forth and negotiate the option for the property and the other to draft a prospectus. The Option Committee appointed was, Mr. Sidney Quinton and Mr. W.H. Bradley. The Prospectus Committee appointed was C.R. Horel, C. Moat, Des Crofton, P. Frattinger and F. Morris. Mr. Trethewey will be ex-officio with both committees.

The Founder's Trust, at the Bank of Montreal, is still open to anyone desiring to become a "Founder" and a part of this important project.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the School Board Meeting, held last Thurs. night, a motion was passed to apply for emergency funds for approximately \$9000 for complete new electrical wiring and some new lighting fixtures for the S.S.I. school. As this can be classified as a capital expenditure, it meets the requirements for the use of emergency funds. This figure of \$9,000 also includes the drawing (CONT'D P. 2)

FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.....

Spring is here (we hope) and the sap is on the rise, so this will be our non-sensical issue, with some odds & ends of foolish dreaming, a funny poem or two and some non-sensical letters-to-the-editor. None of these are fake, as some papers are inclined to do, but real contributions from our readers.... Things we would like to see: The "Sidney" or "Tsawwassen" ferry broken down and being towed to Swartz Bay by the "Cy Peck".... Or waking one morning and finding, as Jonesy did in Quesnel, that someone had planted a fir tree in a pot-hole in our "highway"..... Or Ganges lit by old-fashioned English gas lights and a lamplighter in knee breeches going around being photographed by the thousands of tourist who would flock to this quaint village.Useless facts: Woodticks are left-hand thread, so if you want to unscrew one, turn him the wrong way.....Some modern doctors still use leeches in their practice.....More than half of the people in Russia, who are over 100 years old, are beekeepers... ..An effective way to deodorize a dog that has been sprayed by a skunk is to scrub him with tomato juice.....Ambrose Bierce, our favourite cynic, says, "An ignorant is a person unacquainted with certain kinds of knowledge familiar to yourself and having certain other kinds that you know nothing about.".....And still being cynical, did you notice how B.C. Hydro was advertising the "Winter Works" program with their envelopes and placards saying "Do it Now" and at the same time laying men off? Or how they send a "Friendly reminder" and then, in all too short a time, they send a "Pay-up or the power will be shut off" notice?.....

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Bruce Murakami won the Senior Division of the P.T.A. Oratorical Contest, held last Thursday night at Mahon Hall, with a forceful three minute speech on the DRIFTWOOD editorial, and letters-to-the-editors concerning recreation and youth. Ron Bonar won the second spot in the Senior Division with "The Ferry Situation" as his subject. The Junior Division was won by Lorelei Nitsch, with "Television" as her subject. Russell Thorburn walked off with the second spot in the Junior Division, speaking on "Trade Unions & Inflation".

(CONT'D FROM P. 1) SCHOOL BOARD MEETING... ..of plans and specifications necessary for public tenders. This figure is not included in the 1961 budget, of \$230,849.

Mr. G.S. Humphreys was elected as Vice-chairman of the Board for the remainder of the year.

(CONT'D FROM P. 1) NEW SOCIETY..

..The most elaborate and scientific push-button defence system is futile if the battle for the possession of men's minds is lost. He could not be persuaded that a mental diet consisting of the closest study of the sports news and a thorough study of the comic strips, is the best of preparations for the dangerous times ahead.

Major Fogey thanked Professor Tulp for his inspiring address. He thought the allusion to the barbarian hordes at our gates most appropriate. In his opinion, the Yanks had been going downhill steadily ever since the Boston tea party. He doubted if reading and all that sort of thing would be the answer, as there were far too many dreamy eyed intellectuals about already. In his young days, one could get by on Henty and Kipling.....good, strong meat. As for poetry and all that, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" had been enough for him and indeed, he still recited it on festive occasions. The one way of keeping the barbarians out was to keep their bally great cars from coming in and that would just about knock 'em for six.

Commdr. Mayne-Brace declared he had been left rather baffled as to the identity of the barbarians but at least, they had heard two interesting points of view. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, the 3rd of May.

Following several days in Vanc., the guest of Miss Norah Armstrong, Mrs. Frances Agnew returned last Wed. to "Tapramar" at Vesuvius.

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It was voiced by a representative of the P.T.A. that it is hoped the Oratorical Contest will become an annual event, with more training given to the students at school.

FERNWOOD NEWS.....Mr. Norman Youds who is making a world tour, visited 2 weeks with his twin neices in New Zealand. He is now in Essex, England on an extended visit with his sister there.....Mr. & Mrs. Dupue, who have recently built a home on the Wescott Heights subdivision, are on a 3 months visit to Belgium & Scotland.....Mr. & Mrs. A. Graham of "Talltrees" are spending 2 weeks in Vanc. visiting their family.....Mr. Dave Conover left on Friday for Long Beach, Calif., to visit his mother whp has been ill....Mr. S.A. Thompson has returned home after 3 weeks in D.V.A. Hospital in Victoria.

NEWS & VIEWS OF SALTSRING HIGH by Donna Hollings.....The Saltspring choirs that participated in the Cowichan Music Festival did remarkably well. Gr. 2, directed by Mrs. de Macedo received 82 marks, second in their class, with the winner given 83 marks. Two selections entered by Gr. 3 & 4, under Mrs. Burge came first in their class with marks of 84 & 85. The Gr. 5 girls with 83, were first in their class. They were directed by Mrs. McLeod. The Sr. Choir, under Mrs. Seymour, brought back two cups, and were invited back the following night. The two selections by the girls, "As Torrents in Summer" & "Five Eyes" received 84 and 86 respectively. The mixed choir entry w given 84 marks. The High School Operetta "In an Old Kentucky Garden" will be (CONT'D P.3)

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(CONT'D FROM P.2) HIGH SCHOOL NEWS.....performed next Thurs. and Friday nights. If you are planning to attend, purchase tickets now. They are available from G. 8 students, Choir members or for reserved seats phone 109-G after 6 p.m. Prices are: \$1.00 - reserved, \$.75, and \$.50 for children.

I bought a tin of China Tea
 And just inside the lid
 I found a little ticket saying
 "Packed by Number 3"

What's she like this China girl
 Who packs the fragrant greenery?
 Young or old? Shy or bold?
 Or is she just machinery?

Large entries in the Piano Classes at the Cowichan Music Festival, held at Duncan last week, provided excellent competition for S.S.I. students. In 19 events, five firsts and 8 second awards were won by seven local competitors, who were: Heather Anderson, Susan Fellows, Joan Stevens, Cherrie Horel, Kathryn Fraser, Angela Brigden and Susan de Burgh.

The regular monthly meeting of the L.A. to the Royal Canadian Legion was held Tuesday, March 7th Mrs. W. Jackson in the chair and Mrs. Ellen Jarvis of Victoria, District Representative, guest speaker. Hospital reports were given by Mrs. R. Lumley and Mrs. R. Bradley. New Bursary Committee appointed was Mrs. J. Sturdy, Mrs. J. Green and Mrs. F. Barnes. Mrs. K. Galbraith offered to take over as Press correspondent. Mrs. A.M. Brown and Miss D. Anderson were appointed Delegates to the Central

Vancouver Island District Council and with Mrs. W. Jackson will attend a meeting in Chemainus, Mar. 10th. Mrs. A.L. Campbell and Mrs. R. Bradley were nominated as dele-

gates to the Provincial Convention which takes place May 7th to 10th in Campbell River. A list of Blood Donors for the Island is being compiled under the sponsorship of the L.A. and convened by Mrs. A.M. Brown. This list is to be kept available for the doctors and hospital and donors called on an emergency basis only. If you have your blood type or are interested in having your blood typed and your name entered on the list, contact Mrs. Brown at Ganges 235. A spring frolic Cabaret is being planned for April 14th at the Mahon Hall under the convenorship of Mrs. K. Galbraith and Mrs. A.M. Brown. Foyer's orchestra is being booked for this Ladies' Night event and tickets will be \$3.00 per couple. Dinner will be served. This dance proved very successful last year and we're looking forward to having as much fun this time.

Mr. & Mrs. Neil McLennan, of Islay, Alberta, were guests last week of the F.H.A. Reid's. The Reids also had daughter, Beth Reid, R.T. of Seattle home for the week-end. Mrs. Reid returned to Seattle with her daughter for a few days.

RIP VAN WINKLE, 1961

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 Will a nurse then hold me
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ANGLICAN W.A. MEETING . . .
 The regular monthly meeting of the Anglican W.A. was held in the Parish Hall on Friday the 10th with the president, Mrs. G. H. Holmes, in the chair. There were 15 members present. Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Holmes took the devotional. Mrs. Holmes presented Mrs. Ashby, who is leaving shortly on a visit to England, with a gift on behalf of the members. Final plans were made for a Material Shower to be held on April 14th at the Parish Hall. The regular meeting will be held first at 2 PM with tea being served at 3:30 PM. Mrs. Price and Mrs. Palmer are convening the tea. The annual Wayside Sale will be held this year on April 22nd with Mrs. Laundry convening the tea, helped by Mrs. Dickinson, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Price, and Mrs. Norton. The sewing stall will be headed by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Price; plants by Mrs. Byron, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Howland; home Cooking by Mrs. Eagles and Mrs. Faure. Miss Frouida Baker will return to Ganges on May 27th to present a concert accompanied by Mr. Lund and Mrs. Morrison. Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Price gave an interesting report on the annual diocesan Board meeting held last week in Victoria. Archdeacon Holmes gave a report on the new room that is being added to the hall. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Barber. Archdeacon Holmes closed the meeting.

Father Hanley will open the special St. Patrick's Day Concert sponsored by the Catholic Women's League at the Mahon Hall on Friday, March 17th. The concert, featuring both adult and children's groups will consist of singing and dancing comprising local talent and Saanich Indian groups.

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HOSPITAL NEWS . . . There were 53 patients under care during the month of February. Of these 4 were from Pender Is., 2 from Galiano, 4 from Mayne, 3 from Saturna and one from No. Vancouver. 3 babies were born during the month. The patient days for adults and children were 298 and 8 newborn. 64 patients were X-rayed, 5 electrocardiograms and 2 BMR's were carried out. Donations were received from the following during the month and are gratefully acknowledged. Mr. W. Palmer, Mrs. Krebs, Mrs. Stanton and Mr. Pearson. Would the person who enclosed \$2.00 in an envelope addressed to the Hospital post marked March 3rd kindly communicate with the Administrator as the sender's name was not enclosed.

Mrs. H. Johnson of North Hollywood, Calif., daughter of Mrs. E. Ellis of Ganges, recently gave birth to a baby daughter. Mrs. Johnson is a frequent visitor on S.S.I.

Mr. Frank Smith and his sister, Miss Emily Smith returned last Monday to Vancouver after spending a few days at Vesuvius Bay, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Duke.

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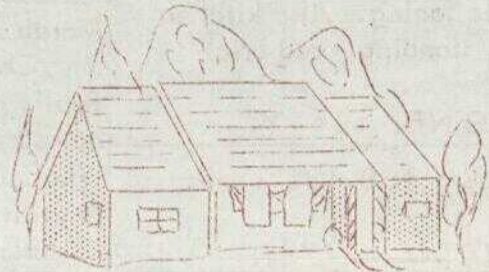
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LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR-DEPT....."Dear Sir: Please help me. I returned home recently to find my wife securely trussed from head to foot, lying in a bath tub of water. Beneath the tub a bright and cherry fire blazed merrily. I found my son, John, in the living room watching T.V. "Hi, John" I called pleasantly, "What's going on here?" "Shut up", he growled, "Can't you see I'm watching the "Fire-bug" show?" "Yes, yes," I replied soothingly, "But what about Mum?" "Oh her", John mumbled. "I'm just cooking her goose." At that sally I roared and roared with laughter, of course.

The sighkyatrist whom I consulted, pondered over my story for an eternity, clicking his dentures into place from time to time.

"Definitely maladjustment", he mused. "Your laughter, click, quite normal, click, ah! click, very significant-very, click, undoubtedly maladjustment, click."

Dear Editor, please am I maladjusted?

(signed) Malajusted!"

Editor's Comment: While S.S.I. has no psychiatrist, we showed your letter to the next best thing, a local bartender. He was of the opinion you were not maladjusted, but that your T.V. set is. He searched the channels and could not find the "Firebug Show."

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"Dear Sir: I am in a serious dilemma and wonder whether you, as a member of the Press, would assist me with your valuable advice. No doubt you have followed, in press reports, the furor caused by certain noble people shooting tigers in India. The fact is, I am an official of the RSPCA (cruelty to animals) and also of the SPCC (cruelty to children). When up the West Coast recently, I arrived just in time to see a grizzly bear eat an Indian child. To my horror, the father of the child shot the bear! In my capacity as an SPCA representative, I ordered the father arrested for "Cruelty to Wild Fauna"--but--as an official of the SPCC I congratulated him on the good shot he made. Now the SPCA threatens to dismiss me. Apparently the bear was strictly within it's rights in eating the child. On the other hand, the SPCC wanted to know why I did not shoot first and they laid the demise of the child at my door. What shall I do?

Personally, I love wild fauna, and as one specimen, a nice little buck is eating all the roses (CONT'DP.7)

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Application has been made to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to apply first revised page No. 2 cancelling original page No. 2 public passenger tariff No. 1. Proposed effective date of new tariff schedule will be April 1, 1961. Any objection to the change in tariffs must be made to the Superintendent of Motor Carriers, 1740 West Georgia St., Vancouver 5, B.C. on or before March 21, 1961.

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NOTICES

Gone lobster fishing in Nova Scotia and the Gulf Island Jewellers will be open only in the afternoons beginning Monday, March 20th until further notice.

C. A. MELLISH

The Annual Meeting of the S.S.I. Farmers Institute will be held March 28th, 8 P.M. in Board Room of Mahon Hall. Dr. Kidd of the Agriculture Dept. will be the main speaker.

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(CONT'D FROM P.5) LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR.....carnations, primroses, tulips, etc. In my garden. You may realize that I am more than pleased to see the grand condition of my garden as a result of the free meals supplied....Thanking you for an early reply,
(signed) I.M. Frantic."

p.s. Would you care to come to dinner next Saturday and partake of a nice roast with us?".....

"Dear Sir: COUNTRY CLUB FOUNDERS; well if it doesn't it should, after the ridiculous drivel you poured out on it. I am charitably assuming that you don't realize how insulting you are to the many residents here to whom a \$50 bill represents affluence. Yet the very fact that they are unable to lay out that \$50 on any project, brands them in your eyes as "a disorganized group of people without vision"...living in---"the apathy of the past and the smallness of individual worlds". Incidentally you were recently eulogizing the virility and keenness of that same 'apathetic past'. Please try to be consistent. You reiterate that a country club is 'important' but you fail to give one reason why. Perhaps like Hitler, you believe that constant repetition makes it so. To whom is it important, other than the would be "Country Club Set" who will sit around the lounge bibbing cocktails whilst trying to impress each other with their highly exaggerated and very phoney English accents? I suggest you quit trying to promote every scheme that rears its head on this Island. You may finish up making yourself look supremely silly besides losing friends in droves.

(signed) H.B.Dickens. P. Eng."

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FULFORD NEWS by Bea Hamilton.
...St. Mary's Guild held on
Tuesday, March 14th. at the home
of the Misses Gladys and Cree
Shaw. Archdeacon and Mrs. G.H.

Holmes were present and the Archdeacon took the devotional period. Reports on various activities were given and plans put in motion to go ahead with a new floor for the Church. Fir flooring will be used and work will go forward immediately. Spring cleaning in the Church will be done before Easter, which is April 2nd, this year- a special Holy Communion Service will be held on Maunday Thursday, March 30 before Good Friday, at St. Mary's Church at 2:30 p.m. This is a special service at the request of the people. Archdeacon Holmes reported that the Confirmation Service is to be held in St. Mary's Church on April 23rd, with Archbishop Sexton officiating. Any donations of flowers for the Easter Service on April 2nd will be gratefully appreciated. The Church will be decorated on Friday afternoon before Easter Sunday....A delicious tea was served by Miss Shaw and other members of the Guild.

Are you for or against making Grade XIII an integral part of the Senior High School? Would you favour an extension of the 5% Sales Tax Exemption to cover clothing for all school students, not just those under Size 15? Are you one of those who would like to see a school uniform? Do you think driving instruction should be included in the school curriculum? Parents are asked to vote on these questions at the March 20th meeting of the P.T.A., to instruct the local delegate to the 1961 Convention of the Parent-Teacher Federation. (CONT'D P.8)

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(CONT'D FROM P.7) P.T.A.....The Chant Report States: The parent-teacher association meeting is the logical forum for explaining the curriculum and methods of the school, for interpreting educational policies, and for considering related community problems." Whether our local P.T.A. has always played this important role is another matter. If Commissioner Chant says we should be the logical forum for education discussion, that is exactly what we must be. The programme for Monday, March 20 also includes a report from Mr. Wickens on the new Physical Education programme, and a talk by Miss Oulton on the scholarships and bursaries available to our students.

R.D.W. King of the local Bank of Montreal has received notice of his transfer to the bank at Merritt, B.C. and will be leaving the Island this coming week-end. Mr. King has been at the local bank since July, 1959.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Gulf Island Ferry Co., Ltd. was held last Saturday aboard the M.V. "Motor Princess". The shareholders, officers and guests enjoyed a luncheon served after adjournment.

LATE FLASH.....The School Operetta tickets have been selling so well, that they have decided to have a third evening of operetta on Wed., Mar. 22nd.

COMING EVENTS....Mar. 16-Happy Hour Bible Club-Rex Theatre-3:15 p.m.

Coming Events Cont'd) Mar. 17-St. Patrick's Tea-United Church-2:30 p.m....Confirmation classes-St. Geo's Hall-noon/Youth Rally-Nan's Coffee Bar-Fulford....St. Patrick's Concert-Mahon Hall-8:00 p.m....Mar. 18: Legion Dinner-8 pm....Cribbage-Beaver Pt. Hall-8 pm....Mar. 20 P.T.A. Meeting....Ves. Bay Circle-home of Miss M. Harrington. Mar. 22-Bingo-Catholic Church Hall....Mar. 22 & 23-Operetta-Mahon Hall-8 pm.

Yee Oldee Check Uppee

I dropped in to the Doc to see
What caused the pain that bothered me
A darting..subtle..sort of ache
In lower throat..for goodness sake.

Short of breath...and swollen feet...
Threw salt on everything I eat
Darting spots before my eyes
Overweight...fine otherwise.

He said...Ahhhh...I see that you
Have run your race..my lad you're through
So just rip off that undershirt
There's lots of time...this job won't hurt.

A rear view mirror on his head
And probe...with light of infra red
The rays of which will penetrate
From ear to ear...if he looks straight.

(TO BE CONT'D) by Lief Moulde

(Lief Moulde is a local man and this is a long poem. We will continue it later, so save this part to read with the rest)

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