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LOCAL DANCERS TRIUMPH IN COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

At the Cowichan Music Festival, held last Sat., Mar. 4th. at Cowichan High School in Duncan, the Salt Spring Island School dance teams walked off with all the major trophies in the folk dancing competitions. The Grade six dancers, dancing a "Korobushka" won the Intermediate Class Cup with a total of 85 points. The Grade Eight team won the Junior High competition barely beating out our Grade Nine team. Both these teams danced the Sicilian Tarantella. Grade Eight had 87 points and Grade Nine had 85 points. The Senior high group, dancing the Neopolitan Tarantella won their competition with a point score of 86. This was the second year in a row the Seniors carried off the honours.

Nearly 80 students participated. Mr. J. Wickens was the director, assisted by Mrs. D. Fraser. The Senior dance team has been invited back to Duncan this coming Saturday to perform in a Grand Finale.

The people of S.S.I. got a first-hand showing last Tues. evening of the excellent quality of dancing performed by the students. The lively folk dances were performed with a skill and precision not usually seen in a school of this size. Mr. Wickens deserves a lot of credit for his work. The students had done all the practising at lunch hour or after school.

At the risk of being criticized for editorializing in a news column, we would like to say what a pity it is, when our students are doing such fine things, that they are asked to come home and perform in an antiquated, cramped, and obsolete hall. People arriving as much as twenty minutes before the performance were forced to stand and when the dancers came on, people in the audience had to get up and move chairs onto the stage, stand on them against the walls, and were jammed six and eight deep in the aisles and doorways. The dancers did not have the room to maneuver and had to be split into small groups to perform. The Island has long out-grown Mahon Hall. It is time the School Board, the city fathers, and the community did something to remedy the situation with a proper auditorium.

POZZOLAN PLANT

The Pozzolan plant (formerly the Shale Plant) at Welbury Bay has begun clean-up operations in preparation for construction and modifications that will be carried out sometime this Spring. It is understood the Holdfast Co., (CONT'D NEXT COL.)

FOUNDERS TO MEET

The "Founders" of the proposed Golf & Country Club will have their first meeting at the Harbour House Hotel next Monday night at 8:00pm. Will you be there?

The Foundation Trust Fund that has been set up at the Bank of Montreal for the primary purpose of testing out the real interest of the Community in this project, before any steps are taken to acquire the option on the Golf Course property or to proceed with an application for a Company Charter. The minimum subscription to become a "Founder" is \$50 (or any multiple thereof). These funds cannot be withdrawn from the trust for any purpose without the unanimous agreement of the Founders.

People, from all walks of life, have been going to the bank and putting up their \$50. People, not necessarily golfers, not necessarily prospective members of a Country Club; but people with faith in Salt Spring as a community; people who have the vision to see that a proper Golf & Country Club is good for everyone; people who are not waiting for the other fellow to lead the way.

The amount of money necessary to make this vision come true is not important at this moment. What is important is that many persons, many more persons, come forth to be "Founders". Projects, such as this, do not die because of lack of money; they die because of lack of vision.

A golf course, a country club is important to the Island. It is important to the residents and to the visitors; it is important to the businessman and the property owner; it is important to those who have the vision of what Salt Spring can become.

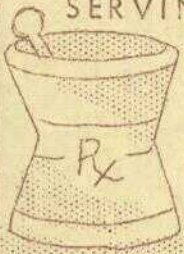
This is a project where Salt Spring can take a stand; a project on which we can forget our petty differences; a project, which if successful, can make us proud; a project, which if a failure, brands us for what we are, a disorganized group of people without vision, without hope of ever lifting above the apathy of the past or the smallness of our individual worlds.

Don't give up on Salt Spring! Don't say we can't do it! Don't wait for the other fellow to be first! Go to the bank, sometime before next Monday evening and become a "Founder". A "Founder" of a Golf & Country Club but more than that, a "Founder" of a new community spirit.

new owners of the plant, will let contracts for the construction to large, off-island construction firms in order to start producing Pozzolan (CONT'D P.2)

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on vegetable and seed farms throughout the central part of the province and many diseases affecting these products. He offered many helpful hints for disease control and said he would gladly help anyone who called on him. In addition to vegetables he also showed many lovely flower scenes, many from his home in Kelowna. Among them was the double blue clematis, developed by his father and named "Mrs. P.T. James" after his mother. This seed has recently been put on the market both in the States and here in B.C. It may be obtained through the Gulf Islands Florists, agents for the

(CONT'D FROM P. 1) POZZOLAN PLANT.....at an early date this summer. However, it is indicated that some local labour will be used by these construction firms.

Applications for employment at the Pozzolan Plant will be taken starting next Monday morning at the plant site. The application file will be available for the contractors when they arrive on the island. Every effort to use local labour when ever possible will be made.

CHRYSANTHEMUM CLUB.....The S.S.I. Mum

Club had to "blossom out" to the large dining room at Harbour House last Wednesday evening in order that members and guests might hear "Salt Spring Island's one man publicity bureau"; Mr. P.G. James, who was guest speaker. The meeting was opened by Mr. Austin Wilson, president, who welcomed the guests. It was decided to purchase some permanent trophy, properly engraved which can be given to award winners at the annual show. The trophies now presented are perpetual and have to be given back each year. The Society will have a Children's Section in the Mum Show this year and any children interested should contact Mr. A. Wilson at the Gulf Island cleaners or phone 98 about free plants.

As a means of raising money for the prizes for the Mum Show a garden stall was tried and was a success. Local merchants donating were S.S.I. Trading Co., Mouat's, Gulf Islands Florists, and Mr. Vapaavuori gave a Golden Cyprus from his nursery.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. James who was a resident of S.S.I. many years ago and has recently returned to take up residence at Vesuvius. When living on S.S.I. the first time, Mr. James and his brother raised vegetable and flower seeds at what is now the golf course, the old Fernwood Farm and a farm at Vesuvius. The operation was most successful and Mr. James stressed the great need of S.S.I. for some marketable product that would make it and the Island synonymous such as Ckanogan and apples. Mr. James left the Island to take up residence on Vancouver Island and from there went to Kelowna as an agriculturist on vegetable production. His territory covered the area from Grand Forks to Quesnel. He showed many beautiful colored slides

Eddy Nurseries. Tea was served to members and guests.

The Finance Committee of the School Board is pleased to report a slight budget reduction over the total of last year. This in spite of the re-curring increase in teachers salaries account.

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Mrs. H. Dickons has been appointed Sec.-Treas. of the S.S.I. Credit Union. The Credit Union will now maintain offices behind the dental clinic. The office will be open for any enquiries or business on Mondays & Thursdays from 10-12 noon & from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Mrs. G.H. Holmes, Mrs. A. Wilson, Mrs. W. Norton and Miss M. Harrington are in Victoria this week where they are attending the 56th annual meeting of the diocesan board of the Anglican Church W.A.

A special ferry has been chartered to bring the pupils and parents back from the Duncan Festival next Saturday night, March 11th. The return ferry home will leave Crofton at 11:00 p.m. and anyone who desires to use this service may do so.

Mrs. R.V. Stone of Newmarket, England, formerly of Tanganyika, East Africa, has arrived for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. W.W. Hipsley at Fulford.

Mrs. Don Morrison and daughter, Kristie, are spending a week in Seattle.

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St. George's Evening Branch of the Women's Auxiliary met at the Parish Hall, Monday Feb. 27, with the President, Mrs. L. Procter in the chair. Mrs. A. Wilson will be the delegate to the Annual Diocesan Meeting in Victoria.

Instead of having our usual Pie Stall this year, it was decided to "Pass the Basket." It may contain baked goods, sewn articles, plants or other sundry items, also of course, will be a container for what you think the contents are worth. You then replace it with one of your own specialties and pass it on. As this is different, we hope you will look forward to Receiving and Passing the Basket. A sewing meeting will be held at the Parish Hall, March 13th at 8 p.m.

FULFORD NEWS by Bea Hamilton...
...They had a good time at the Beaver Point 500 card party last Saturday, despite the bad weather. Six tables were in competition and Mrs. Lloyd Reynolds and Mr. Ted Moore were first prize winners, while Mrs. G. Ruckle tailed in with the consolation. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. L.B.D. Drummond and Miss Gladys and Miss Cree Shaw, who provided the supper and prizes.....Mrs. Netie Brown from Abbotsford, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. East. Mrs. Brown returned home last week. There is to be a big Easter supper at the Fulford Hall on April 7th., according to the latest from the Fulford Hall Committee. The time will be from about 6 p.m. to 7:30.The Women's Institute meeting is at the home of the Hamilton's and Davis's at Dromore on Thursday at 2:30.

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few days in Duncan last week visiting her neice, Mrs. Art Conway.....Mrs. R. Amison and Mrs. R. Anderson of Victoria spent last ween-end at their respective cottages on Westcott Heights Sub-division.....Mr. S.A. Thompson is a patient in the D.V.A. Hospital on Richmond Road in Victoria.

The regular Monthly Meeting of H.M.S. Ganges Chapter I.O.D.E. was held on Friday, March 3rd in the Board Room at the Mahon Hall, with the Regent, Mrs. Earl Hardie presid- ing. In continuation of the Election which took place last month, the Honorary Officers were elected as follows:Honorary Regent, Mrs. Dallas G. Perry; Honorary Vice-Regent, Mrs. Cecil Abbott. A report was given on the brass plate for the I.O.D.E. seat at the Cenotaph, which had duly arrived and been placed firmly in position by the kindness of Mr. H.L. Bowden who undertook voluntarily to do the repair work on the board. In- cidentally, it was Mr. Bowden who installed the board in the seat when it was erected thirty years ago. The Hospital Convener reported the arrival of the screen for the I.O.D.E. Room, for which Mrs. E. Parsons has kindly offered to make the drapery. It was decided to hold an evening meeting of the Chapter on May 3rd, at which there would be a Talent Table, convened by Miss Lees. A beginning has been made on the Stamp Collection(CONT'D P.4)



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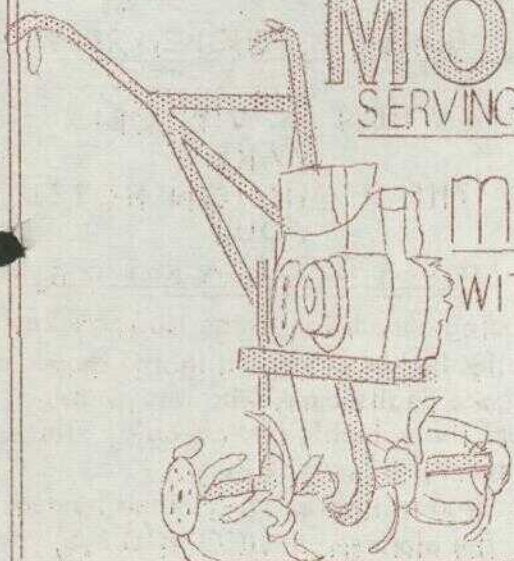
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(CONT'D FROM P.3) I.O.D.E., several bag-fulls having been brought in, which the members under Miss Lees' direction will sort, but everyone is asked to go on collecting. The Services Convener, Mrs. St. Denis asked for more Nursery Bags to be made, for the members to fill. Mrs. Abolit was appointed Tea Convener. Mrs. MacMillan undertook to sell some of the Cook Books which the Chapter had printed some years ago, with recipes donated by members and friends. The Educational Secretary reported a request from the Adopted School at Tatlayoko for the "Book of Knowledge", which it was hoped could be given by someone having a spare copy. The Chapter voted to increase the Scholarship for the Ganges High School this year to \$125. The Chapter appointed the Regent, Mrs. Earl Hardie as Delegate to the Provincial Annual Meeting to be held in Victoria in April, the standard to be carried by Miss Beddis. The Educational Secretary will send greetings and seeds to the Tatlayoko School from the Chapter for Easter. The Empire and World Affairs convener Miss Manning read a short paper on "Self-Righteousness With Regard To Underprivileged Nations". Tea hostesses were Mrs. Abolit and Mrs. Stone.

AN ESSAY by Susan Graham, Gr. Eleven... THE TRIBAL BATTLE IN GANGES HARBOUR..... In the early days, during the summer, Ganges Harbour was a favourite fishing ground for the Cowichan, Saanich, and neighbouring Indian tribes. Continual feuds raged between these southern tribes and the northerners—the Bella Bellas and the Haidas. In the summer of 1863, Ganges Harbour was crowded with Cowichan and Saanich

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Indians. A vague rumour, of the Bella Bella tribe contemplating a trading expedition to the Hudson's Bay trading post in Victoria, circulated among the natives. The Bella Bellas had been warned that if they passed Ganges Harbour they would be massacred. Macaulay, a renegade Englishman, who was trading with the Bella Bellas, thought this was a good chance for him to secure the valuable furs cheaply. This worthless man persuaded the Bella Bellas that no harm could come to them if he guided them.

So it happened, in the summer of 1863, the Bella Bella canoes appeared in the Harbour. They landed and came to the white man's cabin, Mr. Lineker's, with Macaulay. The alarm spread. (CONT'D P.5)

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(CONT'D FROM P.4) ESSAY.....Nine hundred Cowichan and Saanich warriors were entering the Harbour. The Bella Bellas fled to their canoes and prepared for the attack. Their foes were overwhelming in number and immediately opened-fire with their flintlocks.

For three long hours, thirty Bella Bellas held out against nine-hundred Cowichan and Saanich warriors, until a boy and girl were taken prisoners by the Cowichan tribe-leaving only one Northern warrior alive. After an intense chase of their wily prey, the southern tribes returned to Ganges Harbour. Then they carried the bodies of the northern warriors and the women to a small island in the Harbour, where they piled them on the shore. They they returned to their camps.

By six o'clock that same evening, there was not a trace of evidence remaining to show that a deadly struggle had taken place in Ganges Harbour.

AN APPRECIATION OF THE LADIES of S.S.I. by an Admiring Correspondent.....We, of the opposite sex, surely cannot be so blind as to not see the wonderful example in progressive thinking and public service, that our ladies are setting for us. Their works for the good of the Island, under the I.O.D.E. and the Women's Auxiliaries for the Hospital, the Churches, the Legion and our very creditable Public Library, to mention a few; are priceless and speak for themselves.

These Ladies, with their well-groomed appearance, their cheerful and youthful outlook on life, are a credit and should be an inspiration to us all.

It can be said without doubt, that they represent the most constructive and progressive element of our Island society. Is it not time that we be inspired by the example set for us, so that we may profit by more progressive thought and action in the interest of life on S.S.I.?

The local R.C.M.P. patrol boat was called out Wed. morning to rescue a fish boat that had gone up on the rocks at Goat Island in Ganges Harbour. The boat's name was the "Mermaid 3" and there were two occupants.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Quinton, who have recently spent a two month's holiday in Arizona, returned to their home at Sunset Drive, Vesuvius.

Solo Kennedy, a rancher from Dawson Creek is visiting Salt Spring Island as the guest of Mr. & Mrs. A. Wolfe-Milner and Mr. & Mrs. P.D. Williams.

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 ROMAN CATHOLIC
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 EVANGELISTIC SERVICES: Rex Theater: 2:15p Fulford: Nancy's Coffee Bar: 7/30p.

CHURCHES
 Sunday, March 12, 1961
 ANGLICAN
 St. Mark's-Central-Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.
 St. George's-Ganges-Matins with Holy Communion-11:00 a.m.
 St. Mary's-Fulford-Evensong 2:30p.
 St. Nicholas-Vesuvius-Evensong-7:30 p.m.
 UNITED
 United Church-Ganges-11:00 a.m.
 United Church-Burgoyne-2:30 p.m.
 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
 Mahon Hall-11:00 a.m.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR DEPT.

"Dear Sir: At a meeting of the Fulford Community Hall Assn. held this evening, it was decided to hold our Victoria Day celebrations on May 22nd again at Ganges this year. Last year was the first time this traditional celebration had ever been held at Ganges and was done so that the community of this island as a whole could partake in them. While we as a small committee did our best to make it a memorable occasion we realize there was room for improvement and that a far larger working committee is very desirable. To this end we are calling a Victoria Day Celebrations meeting on March 29th at 8 P.M. in the Fulford Hall, and earnestly ask all clubs and organizations to send representatives to this meeting with the objective of forming a committee for this worthwhile project from all sections of our island community. Briefly the main idea would be for each club or organization to have a specific part in the days activities, and the responsibility of seeing them carried through. (Signed) Doug Dane, President - Fulford Community Hall Assn."

UNITED CHURCH W. A. The regular monthly meeting of the Ganges United Church W. A. was held in the Church Hall with the president, Mrs. Bidwell, in the chair. There were 15 members present and 1 visitor. A new member, Mrs. Asbury, was welcomed. Miss H. Dean, in a few well-chosen words, gave an interesting report on the W.M.S. Convention held in Victoria recently. Mrs. C. Leggett thanked all who donated to the Bake Sale. The proceeds from the sale were \$38.88. There were 21 visits to the sick reported. A St. Patrick's Day Tea will be held in the Church Hall on March 17th at 4:30 p.m. After adjournment, tea was served by Mrs. Bidwell and Miss Dean. The next meeting will be on April 4th.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY The Women's Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital met Tuesday afternoon, February 28th for their regular monthly meeting. Despite the teeming rain, twenty-four members attended the meeting. The Auxiliary was very pleased to welcome four new members - Mrs. J. James, Mrs. Chas. Moat, Mrs. B. Markham, Mrs. V. A. Bishop; and to warmly welcome back in the ranks Mrs. R. P. Price, who has been away almost a year. The President, Miss D. Mickleborough, gave a brief resume of the Life and Times of the Hospital Auxiliary for the edification of the new members. The Auxiliary is most grateful to Miss Mary Lees for the gift of a portable electric sewing machine. Miss Lees has been with the organization for twenty-four years. The domestic upheaval known as Spring Cleaning is in the offing and we beg all housewives engaged in this endeavour to please remember the Hospital Auxiliary Bargain Center Sale in September. We are already collecting, sorting, and storing all donations - we take everything - clothing, furniture, jewelry, household articles, and white elephants!!

WOLF CUB PARENTS' NIGHT On Friday, March 3rd, the Ganges Wolf Cub Pack held a Parents' Night at the Legion Hall. It was a great success, due largely to the very good turn-out of parents. The parents were first shown how a normal Cub meeting is conducted. Mark Williams was awarded his Second Star which he earned by completing the main part of his Cub training. Now it is up to him to earn as many proficiency badges as he can before "Going Up" to Scouts. Several Cubs were then given their first year star. Games and instruction periods then followed, after which came a short story about Lord Baden-Powell. A movie of the "Remembrance Day" ceremony (1960) at the cenotaph was shown (most enjoyed when run backwards) and the meeting came to a close with the Grand Howl and Cub Silence. Refreshments were served to the cubs and their parents.



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COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 9 -Oratorical contest-Mahon Hall-8:00 p.m.
 School Board - 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 10 W.A. Meeting-St. George's-2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 13 W.A. sewing meeting--St. George's Hall
 -8:00 p.m.
 Founders Meeting-Harbour House Hotel-
 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day Tea,
 United Church Hall-
 2:30 p.m.

The P.T.A. Oratorical Contest will be held at Mahon Hall this coming Thursday at 8:00 p.m. While the judges are making their decisions, three Music Festival Elocutionists will give recitations. They are Faye Bennett, Louise Lorentson and Joan Stevens.

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.

(Events of 30 of April continued) 5 of May, 1867. Having arrived at the Venue chosen by Mr. Maxwell for his purpose, the men consigned to the Flanks went leisurely to their posts but so silently, they may have been Shadows. Of our party, it seemed to me they had lost all interest in the game afoot, for Mr. Cowling busied himself awhittling the head of a child's doll from a piece of wood, while Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Lunney chose this of all times to discuss the male virtues of a certain prized bull

and Mr. Foord snored like a Trumpeter. Mr. Williams and Mr. Sparrow argued heatedly over the design of a proposed Quay at Borgoyne Bay. Mr. Walch stood Aloof, engaged in sombre thoughts. The lack of Urgency in these men infuriated me, for they appeared as if on a pleasure Jaunt, rather than on a matter possibly involving the Death of some of us. I felt the wish to shout at them, to shake them. Mr. Clancy, seeing me distressed, asked me what ailed me and on being told, he chuckled awhile and then said, "Tony, take it not amiss, for these same men we see before us were at Agincourt and at Crecy, at Trafalgar and at Waterloo. You may rest certain the pattern of their Behaviour was much then as it is now. "Saying this, he removed his Top-hat, mopped his forehead and gave me a big wink. Somehow this action made my Spirits rise.

Mr. Maxwell stood up. He said, "Gentlemen, I estimate the leading Raiders will be here in scant Time. Will you, Mr. Lunney, aid me make Parley with them, while Mr. Walch and Mr. Clancy remain concealed until I call for them. The others of you take cover and do not start any shooting."

We did as bidden and Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Lunney walked easily and casually the short distance to where our Trail from the Bay emerged. They stood there with Guns held lightly in the crooks of their arms. Mr. Lunney smacked at a gnat on his neck.
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