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"HALLOWE'EN" by Tom Cowan, Saturna Island.

One night in October,
One dark Hallowe'en,
When Goblins and Witches
So often are seen,
The Moon hid away
Behind a black cloud;
The sky dropped a tear;
The wind moaned aloud;
The trees by the pool,
Their limbs bare and cold,
Said "Shhhhh" to the wind
"Go away when you're told".

The wind changed its tone
To a laugh like an "Ooooooooo"
That wasn't a laugh
So much as a "Wooooooooo"
And poor Jack-o-lanterns,
Late, late out of bed,
Were lost in the dark
For the light in each head
Went spluttering out
All cold like and dead.

And Goblins ran hither
And thither in fright;
Afraid of the wind
Afraid of the night,
Afraid of the Witches,
Afraid of the cats
That perched on the crowns
Of their very tall hats:

Afraid when each cat
With a swish of her tail,
Threw back her black head
To mournfully wail,
And join with the wind
In a song dread and drear
That made us all glad
That we were in here.

The wind it sang "Ooooooooo"
The cats chorused "Mieooooooooow"
A small frightened dog
Gave a nervous "Bow-wow".
And then----some one giggled.
And then someone laughed,
The door opened wide,
Let in a great draft.
Let in a small Witch.
Let in her black cat.
Let in a fat clown,
Who knocked off her hat.

The Witch gave a shriek.
Dropped the mask from her face.
Then blushed a wee bit
At such a disgrace.
And oh, but she was
In such a sad fix
She nearly forgot
To say
"Tweat or Twix".

Dr. R.B. Bourdillon, of Ganges, recently had a series of articles on education published in the Victoria Times. DRIFTWOOD has permission from Dr. Bourdillon and the Victoria Times to reprint those articles. (slightly modified).

We feel that Dr. Bourdillon has some very interesting and thought-provoking ideas that should be studied by anyone interested in education. Especially now, for soon the people of Salt Spring Island will be going to the polls to elect three school trustees.

Dr. Bourdillon studied chemistry as an undergraduate at Oxford University College, then taught it there for some years and served a term as Dean of University College. He later studied medicine at Oxford and London and from 1926 to 1954 worked on the scientific staff of the British Medical Research Council. In 1955 he and Mrs. Bourdillon came to live on Salt Spring Island.

Dr. Bourdillon will be addressing the PTA at their November meeting, Nov. 20 at Mahon Hall.

ON UNIVERSITY TEACHING.

1. What should Universities teach?
Many people have the comfortable illusion that Universities know what they ought to teach students, and also how to teach it. Others have a vague feeling that most knowledge can be useful, and so it doesn't matter what Universities teach. A few people, either better informed, or more critical, think that it matters very much what Universities teach and how they teach it, and that, instead of leading the world in thought, the Universities have clung too long to old traditions, and so are hindering the Western nations perhaps as much as they help them.

It can be useful for the public to consider what they want a University to do. (CONT'D P. 2)

FRED MORRIS -- GOLF CHAMP

On Sunday, a miserable day for golf or any out-door activity, Fred Morris, local haberdasher, bested Jack Scott, Vancouver Sun columnist, in the final play-off for the championship of the Fall Tournament. The match ended on the 17th green with Fred being 2 up. The match was all even at the end of nine.

And a chip off the block, Bob Morris, son of Fred, won the First Flight championship, beating Nels Degnen 4&3 on Sunday. Second flight was won by W. Fisher.

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(First of five articles.)

EDITORIAL

Today, probably more so than at any time, you are deluged with opinions as expressed by columnists, commentators and editors. Much of it, you consider, is hogwash and a waste of space and time. Much of it is hogwash and much of it says nothing. Most of it is important for only one reason. It is for that reason you find DRIFTWOOD sounding off on this and that.

Editorials, at least as far as DRIFTWOOD is concerned, are not to mould public opinion as much as to keep public opinion from getting mouldy. Many things happen in our free society that need to be aired and need to be brought to the attention of all citizens. That is the duty of any newspaper, large or small. DRIFTWOOD's opinions don't matter;

after all they are only the thoughts of a one-man newspaper. But if an editorial gets other people to take action, or to think about, talk about and write about a subject, then DRIFTWOOD has fulfilled its obligation as a newspaper.

We have poked our little nose in such things as recreation, school bus roads, golf courses, B.C. Flag, School Board, etc. and each time our only motive was to get people to think about these things. Sometimes our facts may have been wonky and possibly our opinions were based on quicksand. However, the editorials did, in most cases, accomplish the job intended. Unfortunately, too few people availed themselves the use of DRIFTWOOD to express their opinions. The paper is open to anyone with something pertinent to say

UNIVERSITY TEACHING CONT'D FROM P. 1)

They may seem subversive to the university faculties, which have wisely taken great pains to preserve their independence. Many Professors would approve of the Oxford philosophy tutor who said to the writer: "It doesn't matter what people want us to teach. We KNOW what they ought to learn, and it is our business to teach that."

But there is another side to this question. Even if dependence on the taxpayers can be avoided, or if they are regarded as passive sheep for shearing, the students and their parents have to consider a university degree worth the time and money involved. Since students entering a University can select from a wide choice of subjects, it is, in the long run, the students, as influenced by their school teachers and their parents, who really determine what the University shall teach. And so students, parents and school teachers can well ask: "What will our University teach? Will it train students well for life in the ensuing 40 years or so, or will it be based too much on the traditions of former times, and on what the older Professors were taught when they were undergraduates?"

Since it is not possible for Universities to teach all branches of modern knowledge, we need some criteria for distinguishing between those fields of study that are worth while for many students, and those of little use except for graduate specialists. If we start with Bertrand Russell's description of the good life as "inspired by love, and guided by knowledge", we are reminded of the crucial point that sound ethical principles and good emotional balance are quite as important as a wide range of knowledge. We need all three of these to get satisfaction from life, to earn a good living, and (in the words of an old English prayer), "to bear about with us the infection of a good courage, and to

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by writing a letter to the editor or by writing a "guest" editorial. The community paper is for everyone's opinion, not just for the editor.

A case in point is the little hassle opened up by an action taken at the last PTA meeting. By a vote of 18-17 the PTA has endorsed a candidate of their choice to run for school Trustee in the forthcoming elections. Now, we don't know if this is right or wrong, but we THINK it is wrong.

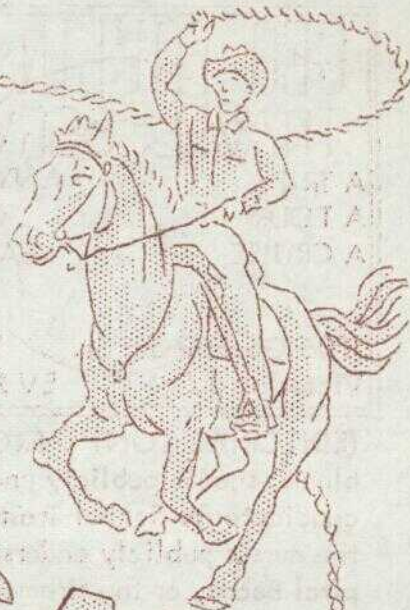
Admittedly, every person qualified, whether a teacher, parent or whatever, has the right to choose the candidate they wish to vote for. Parents, as a group, can campaign for whomever they like, for parents are only taxpayers with a vital interest in their children's welfare. However, we don't think the teachers. (CONT'D P. 4)

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(EDITORIAL CONT'D FROM P. 2)..... as a block, should publicly endorse or not endorse a candidate for School Trustees. This would be like the nurses publicly endorsing a member for the Hospital Board, or the firemen, not liking a certain individual, banding together to campaign against a candidate running for the directorship of the Fire District, or civil servants attempting to get a government of their choice.

Our very way of life is at stake. We have set up our system of having laymen, taxpayers elected by taxpayers, to over-see the operations of a public institution supported by tax monies. This action of the "T" part of the PTA, as we see it, is the thin edge of the wedge. All will be lost if the time ever comes when public servants can influence the election of their bosses.

The closeness of the vote indicates the motion to endorse a candidate would have been soundly defeated if the teachers had not voted.

The above is DRIFTWOOD's opinion. The soap box is now available for anyone who wants to climb aboard.

NURSING SISTERS and others who served with the nursing services in World War I and World War II will be guests of honor at the annual Veterans Dinner to be held on Remembrance Day night, Nov. 11th. To date four invitations have gone out to nurses who answered the notice published in Driftwood by Branch 92, Royal Canadian Legion, and any others living on Salt Spring are asked to write the secretary of the Legion before October 21, giving particulars of wartime service. The dinner will be held in Mahon Hall, and all veterans, men and women, are invited to attend.

LIONS' NEWS.....The first fund raising project of the Salt Spring Island Lion's Club under President Bill Trelford will be a Talent Show. The chairman of the

show, Peter Cartwright, reports that the Lions have searched the Islands for talent and have found a great variety. Cash prizes are being awarded the winners in the junior and senior classes who will be judged by an applause-meter. The Talent Show will be held one night only, Saturday, November 4th at 8 P.M. in the Mahon Hall. Admission is only 75¢ and there will be no advance ticket sales.

AUTUMN NEWS..by Bea Hamilton.....

Fulford- The first hail fell on Salt Spring last week and look what news it brought with it -
 "There is frost upon the pumpkin, / and the leaves are tumbling down, / And have laid a golden carpet on the green, / And beneath the prickly Chesnut tree the nuts lie deeply brown, / And the russet shades upon the trees are seen. / And it's autumn now on Salt Spring and the mountains all a-glow / Are putting on their Winter coats so gay, / Soon the latest Season's fashion will touch their tops with snow- / it gives a sort of elegance that way.."

Sorry, but the Autumn colors always make me feel like writing poetical effusions-- And look at Mrs. V. Grant of Beaver Point- she has been doing things and going places- she just returned recently from a trip that she is still raving about- she went to the Grand Canyon, Salt Lake City, and into Mexico - and her sister, Mrs. M. Fitz Patrick of Esquimalt, was with her. Then after Mrs. Grant arrived home, she had a tea party and invited the Beaver Point ladies to meet Mrs. Mike Byron, who has just moved into that district with her husband, Mike Byron, and everyone knows him - he used to bring the young boxers over from Surrey, where he and his wife lived before they came to Beaver Point. Mr. Byron is teaching at the High School in Ganges now. Then Mrs. Grant's son David Grant, and his wife,

from Naramata, arrived for a quick visit - and they brought their four Beagles along. They stopped off to see mother en route to attend the Victoria Dog (CONT'D P. 5

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Show where two of their Beagles ran off with seven ribbons.And at Beaver Point they started their Cribbage tournament- only had three tables- but Mr. N. Westin came up with the highest score of the evening. Miss Nan Ruckie and Mrs. A. Stevens were supper convenors.....Mr. and Mrs. Darling of Victoria were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Alton this week.....Next Sunday, Archdeacon G.H.Holmes had invited all parents to attend the Service at St. Mary's Church. It is Parents' Sunday, and it would encourage the young people tremendously if all the Dad and Mums would turn out - you might enjoy singing the old hymns - and maybe put in a prayer or two for peace on earth.

VESUVIUS BAY NEWS.....The Vesuvius Bay Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary held its Oct. meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R.T.Cook with Mrs. R.T.Meyer in the chair and sixteen mem-

bers present. The meeting was opened by Mrs. G.H.Holmes with prayer and Archdeacon Holmes read the lesson. The minutes of the September meeting were read and passed also the treasurer's report. Mrs. T. Carlyle, Dorcas secretary, displayed a quilt made and donated by Mrs. A. Thompson, the quilt was purchased by Mrs. H. Minchin. Mrs. Holmes read from the Diocesan report. It was moved by Miss C.T. Motherwell and seconded by Miss Harrington that \$10. be given to assist in freight charge for Dorcas. The Annual Meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M.W.Copeland on November 21. The Archdeacon closed the meeting with prayer and tea was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Meyer and Miss Mickleborough.

...Following a seven weeks visit to relatives and friends in England, Scotland and Wales, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Markham returned last Saturday to their home at Tanramar, Vesuvius Bay.....Mrs. T.J. Sharland, who has been the guest of Mrs. H.S.McLeod for several days in Vancouver, returned on Sunday to Vesuvius Bay.

Holiday Theatre of Vancouver returns to Ganges on October 30th with PUSS'N BOOTS with an afternoon performance for children and one at 8:00 p.m. Mahon Hall for anyone wishing to attend. PUSS 'N BOOTS is the well loved story which was such an overwhelming success when toured by Holiday Theatre in 1954.

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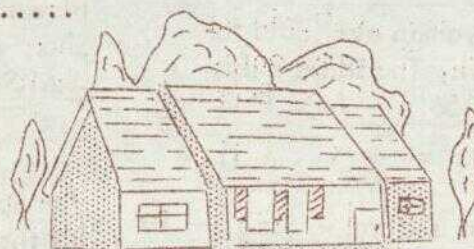
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COMING EVENTS:

- Oct.27: -Bingo-Catholic Church Hall
27 Teen-Tempo Hallowe'en Dance-8:30 pm. Mahon Hall
27 Bridge-St. Georges Parish Hall 8:00 p.m.
28 Guild of Sunshine Fall Tea & Bazaar-Mahon Hall-2:30pm.
30 Holiday Theatre-Mahon Hall-Afternoon & 8:00 p.m.
31 Hallowe'en

CHURCH SERVICES.....Sunday, October 29th.

- ANGLICAN: St. Mark's-Evensong-3:00 p.m.
St. George's-Evensong- 7:30 p.m.
St. Mary's- Family Service - 11:00 a.m.
UNITED: Ganges - 11:00 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of Grace-Ganges-Holy Mass 10:45 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP: Mahon Hall - 11:00 a.m.

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GUILD OF SUNSHINE.....The regular monthly meeting of the Guild of Sunshine was held in the Board Room of Mahon Hall with the President, Mrs. G. Lowe, in the chair and twenty four members and visitors present.

A shower for the needlework stall at the forthcoming Tea and Sale of Work was held and many pretty and useful articles were brought in. Final arrangements were also made for the Tea which is in charge of Mrs. J. Bennett. It was voted to send \$10. to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Mrs. B. Krebs reported on her visits to Dr. Francis' Hospital and told the members that she and Mrs. Lumley had been able to take some of the patients driving. Great interest is taken by the Guild members in a "Picture Gallery" which one of the patients has built up by framing Jig Saw Puzzles and hanging them in the ward. As some of the puzzles are really beautiful, the effect is quite unusual and it is hoped more of the Ganges people will go to see it. Mrs. Krebs would always be glad to have good, used Jig Saws for her hospital visits.

The members were happy to welcome Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. H. May who came over from Victoria to attend the meeting. As the second half century of the work of the Guild starts this year we are hoping to have the same support from the public for our projects as has been given in the past.

Tea hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. E. Parsons and Mrs. H. Ashley.

Mr. A.H. Porter, Pres. of Provincial O.A.P.O. visited Branch 32 Salt Spring on Thursday, Oct. 19 in St. Georges Hall.

43 members were present to listen to an inter-

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esting address from Mr. Porter, regarding the activities of the Provincial Board, he pointed out that members were advised to visit and make friends with all elderly people

irrespective of race, color or creed and to try to draw them together, members or otherwise. Mr. Porter conducted the regular meeting where final arrangements were made for the Bazaar to take place in St. Georges Hall, Nov. 4th at 2 p.m. Tea was served. Mr. Porter was accompanied by Mr. Robert Thompson, Sec. Tres. Sidney Branch 25 and Mrs. Thompson. 8 new members were welcomed.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS by Joan Bidwell.....The elementary classes certainly have the Hallowe'en spirit! The classrooms are very colorful and artistically decorated with witches, ghosts and everything else that goes with the occasion.

A 20 ft. mural has been made by the Art 10 class and has been hung in the upstairs hallway. It bears the Hallowe'en theme, with everything on it from haunted houses to tombstones.

The Hallowe'en Dance coming up this Friday, October 27th, is for all students from Grades 9-12. The admission will be 25¢ per person, and 40¢ per couple. The Grade nine students will be admitted free as the dance is being held in their honor. The dance starts at 8:30pm, so will everyone please make it a point to be there and give the Grade nine's a warm welcome.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Moret and children have returned to Redwood City, California, after holidaying on S.S.I. with Mr. Moret's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Moret.



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Mr. Evans, a Vancouver boy, took his high school education at Esquimalt, Kitslano and Magee Schools. He attended normal school in 1946 and began teaching at Prince Rupert the following year as a Physical Education instructor. He spent nine years in Prince Rupert. During these nine years he broadened his experience by teaching Social Studies and English from grade 7 to grade 13. He became a counsellor and the last year at Prince Rupert he was the acting Vice-Principal. During this time and through last summer, he attended summer school to complete his education.

In 1957 and 1958 he was Vice-Principal at Lumby, B.C.

He received his B.A. from U.B.C. majoring in English and History, with minors in Psychology, Anthropoloty and Education. He holds Dept. of Education certificates as Physical Education, Specialist and Counsellor.

His major for the Master's degree was Educational Administration and Supervision.

FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.....Wild swans all over the place. A group spotted in front of the Luddington's home (Scott Rd.) and 35 counted at Prevost Island. One, injured, picked up on the Harbour House grounds. Billy Eng tried to nurse it, but it died.....113 people are now enrolled in Night

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School Classes such as Spanish, Sewing, Ceramics, Bridge, Lapidary, etc. Anyone interested in a Public Speaking course, please Phone Mrs. A.M. Brown at 235, for the Recreation Commission hopes to get one started.....Three wild mink, bold as brass, were seen the other morning at Mouat's dock, on Inky Humphreys' boat trying to steal his codfish.....Over 200 people were served at the Anglican Turkey Dinner last Wednesday with some people turned away. The bountiful spread was served by the Evening Branch of the W.A., with Mrs. G.H.Holmes as Convenor. Mrs. Harry Nobbs sang, accompanied by her daughter, Frieda, and Mrs. J. Tomlinson showed coloured slides after the dinner.....One man reported driving from Vesuvius to Ganges one night and he met six cars and none of them dimmed their lights. Must have been off-Islanders, no one here would be so thoughtless.....The Pacific Northwest Travel Association (B.C. Branch) held their regular quarterly meeting on S.S.I. last Thurs. They were pleased as punch with S.S.I. and even the crash of lightning did not lessen their enthusiasm for this place.....Officials of the B.C.Toll Ferry Company were here on Tues. and were inspecting sites in Ganges, Vesuvius, Isabella Pt. etc.....Notice: another Highway sign at Vesuvius. It reads, "Sunset Drive Road". A bit redundant, we think.....Jim Spencer's boat, "The Cruiser" suffered about \$500 damage by fire last Friday at the Ganges Dock. Quick action by the Fire Dept. saved the boat from further damage.....And speaking about the Fire Dept., they can still use more volunteer labour on the Fire Hall.. Contact "Hart" Bradley at 117.....

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