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WATERFRONT ASSESSMENTS GO UP

Based on the Assessment Equalization Act, which goes into effect throughout the Province for the 1962 Taxation Year, the assessed values of choice waterfront properties in the Gulf Islands will be raised from 25% to 400% over this year's assessed values. The 1962 assessed values reflect the tremendous increase in value of waterfront property over the past few years.

The Assessment Equalization Act calls for all land and buildings to be assessed at 50% of their market value. The present assessed values are based on 60% of the 1955 market value of land and on 60% of the 1953 value of buildings. Market values are obtained from the values declared when properties are transferred.

Non-waterfront property will show a decrease of approximately 5% in assessed value of both land and buildings in this district. Property classified as farmland will be virtually unchanged. This includes bonafide farms with undeveloped waterfront. St. Mary's Lake and other lake developments have been classified as waterfront resulting in an increase of about 50% in the assessed value of the land only. The assessed value of buildings on waterfront property will actually be decreased by approximately 3%.

According to Government officials, the purpose of the Equalization Act is not to increase revenue but to equalize assessments through the Province based on market values. According to the Assessment Equalization Act, the Assessor shall determine the actual value of land and improvements. In determining the ACTUAL VALUE, the Assessor may give consideration to present use, location, original cost, cost of replacement, revenue or rental value, and the price that such land and improvements might reasonably be expected to bring if offered for sale in the open market by a solvent owner, and any other circumstances affecting the value.

Taxpayers have recourse to a Court of Revision, providing they file their appeals within two weeks of receiving their Assessment Notices which are mailed out late in December. No changes can be made in the assessed value or taxes once the Court of Revision confirms the assessed values. If a taxpayer waits until he receives his Taxation Notice in June, it will be too late to have his assessment altered or taxes reduced. The Provincial Assessor will be pleased to discuss assessments with property owners either now or when the Assessment Notices are received.

It has been reported from the Victoria Veteran's Hospital that Mr. Gavin C. Mouat suffered a severe set-back in his fight against his illness on Tuesday and is gravely ill at the present.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The first planned activity of the newly organized S.S.I. Golf & Country Club, got off to a winging start last Sunday when 31 men and 14 ladies teed off in the qualifying round of the Fall Tournament.

16 men and 8 ladies qualified for the Championship flight with Jack Scott bringing in the low medal score of 85 in the men's division and Mrs. C. Harrison winning the honours in the ladies' division with a score of 56 (9holes), Ed Richardson was second with 88 and the runner-up in the ladies' class was Mrs. M. Carlyle turning in a score of 59.

While no scoring records were set and birdies were scarce, the enthusiasm was high and the scores not too bad. We won't say that everyone looked like Sam Snead, but we also won't say that some of the players swung like they were killing snakes. Mingling with the regular golfers, were "first-time" golfers and players who gave up the game many years ago. This renewed interest in golfing and the community-owned property was very heartening.

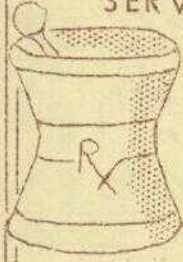
Refreshments at the course were served by the ladies of the club.

Pairings for first round matches in the various flights have been made and have been posted at the club house. First round matches are to be completed on or before this coming Sunday, Oct. 1st.

FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.....Mr. C.R. Ker-Cooper had the rare pleasure of boating a 15 lb. Cohoe salmon last Sunday. The fish, caught this side of Active Pass, was hooked on herring strip and 6 oz. of lead. That is a BIG Cohoe!..... Many reports of excellent fishing at Active Pass with several 7 & 8 pounders reported.....As we heard it, one trucker on this Island leased his truck to be used in fighting the forest fire, hired a driver to run the truck and then and then retired to the pub. While sipping a cool one, wondering if his trucker was earning his high wage, the Forest Dept. came into the pub and ordered everyone out for duty on the fire line. This included out truck-owner, who had to stomp out the fire for a measly 75¢ per hour.....We never realized how many Irishmen lived on S.S.I. until we asked a decipher of the name (CONT'D PAGE 2)

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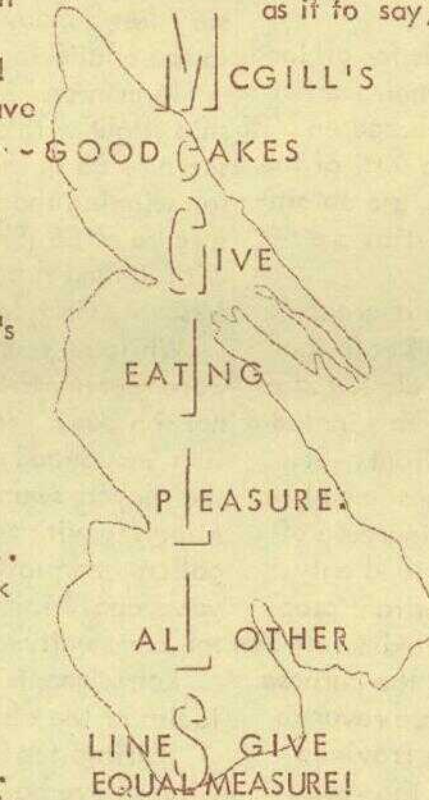
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(FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES CONT'D P. 1).....
 of the late Mike McKenna's boat, "Caid Mile Fail-
 ite". It means "100,000 welcomes" and at least
 that number of Irishmen must have told us.....
 One man sent in a definition of an Irishman: "One
 born in Ireland. Lived his life in Ireland. Died and
 went to Heaven. Was there a month
 before he realized that he had left
 Ireland." Ireland must be Heaven!
People of Ganges have
 always thought the first 3 numbers, - 356 on the license plates, was ours
 exclusive, Tis not so; Lynn Bittan-
 court was recently in Golden and
 was questioning a native about the
 place. The native looked at Lynn's
 car and then looked at Lynn like
 he was crazy. Upon checking the
 cars at Golden, he discovered the
 majority had our 356.....

ON WALKING HOME.....
 Thoreau once said a man could walk
 from one place to another as fast
 as going on the train, because you
 must add to the train's time the a-
 mount of time you take to earn
 enough money to pay for the ticket.
 Instead of working so hard to be able
 to ride, why not spend those hours walking and on-
 joying the beauties and wonders of nature? I think
the old boy had something. I walked home last
 week. On that day, the old jalopy wasn't exactly
 broken down, but the wife had it and that is about
 the next thing to being broken down. So, to get
 home there was nothing to do but walk - 3 1/2 miles.
 Subtle she was, when she reminded of my belief
 in Thoreau. I smiled bravely, gaily waved her
 off, and sadly watched my ride
 home disappear around the corner.

Preparations for the trek were
 enormous. I purchased two choco-
 late bars, put one of Marshall
 Sharpe's flint & steels in my pock-

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et, and re-inforced my supply of cigarettes.
 (The vision of running out of cigarettes some-
 where in the lonely, uninhabited regions of
 Scott Rd. was almost enough to make me waver
 and hire a taxi.)

Walking from here to the Harbour House
 corner wasn't too bad. My stride was good,
 broken only when I thought of Thoreau and
 stopped to gaze at nature's beauty. I parted
 the Broom and peered down at the tin cans and
 junk in the bay, I examined the log dumping
 area with its breath-taking view of man's
 scars, and I took the occasional glance
 through the tangle of over-head wires to watch
 the antics of a high-flying jet.

On this stretch of road, cars would pass non-
 chalantly, for here they have seen many people
 walk. But once you turn the corner, heading up
 the Upper Ganges Rd., the re-actions of car driv-
 ers change drastically. Some gaze out of the window
 as if to say, "A nut. A blooming physical cultura
 nut." Others, timid souls, momentar-
 ily slow up, examine you closely, and
 suspecting that you are one of those
 dangerous hitch-hikers they are always
 reading about; they step on the gas.

Another type is the one in a hurry,
 who steals a peek at you, speeds up
 and pretends he didn't see you and
 probably hoping you didn't notice all
 the room he had for passengers.

But most of the drivers will stop and
 offer a ride. In their kindness they
 do not realize that a person could be
 walking for the sheer joy of proving
 Thoreau right. It is hard to wave
 this person on, so you climb in. He
 insists on going out of his way and
 your feeble protestations are of no
 avail and he takes you to your door.

I was home in 25 minutes. Fort-
 unately the wife was down on the
 beach. I placed the candy bars on
 a high shelf in the kitchen, and hid the flint &
 Steel in a dresser drawer. I put my aching feet in-
 to slippers and settled down behind the daily paper.

"How was the walk?" she sweetly asks upon
 returning to the house and seeing the exhausted
 position I had taken. "Is Thoreau right?"

"Yes, he's right." I mumbled, and stared at
 the paper meaningful to end the conversation.

And Thoreau is right, but I would like to
 hope this doesn't influence any
 driver who wishes to pick me up.

Nature and things are not
 like they use to be.

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The Vesuvius Bay Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary held the September meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. A.G. Wilkins with the president, Mrs. R.T. Meyer, in the chair and sixteen members present. Mrs. G.H. Holmes opened the meeting with prayer and Archdeacon Holmes read the lesson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed also the treasurer's report, which showed a balance of \$23.33. The total cost of the fence for St. Nicholas Hall was \$28.72. The Circle's Share of the profits derived from the Annual Garden Fete held at Harbour House was \$149.00.

It was unanimously voted that Mrs. A. Thompson be made an honorary member of the Circle in appreciation of her work and help. Mrs. Meyer thanked the members for their help in making the Fete such a success and also gave a review of the new recordings from England named "The Actors Readings"; these are Biblical readings from the New Testament. It was moved that someone be hired to clean St. Nicholas Hall and Mrs. Agnew was asked to supervise arrangements.

Mrs. Holmes read some notes of interest from the Canadian Churchman.

Archdeacon Holmes announced that the Harvest Festival at St. Nicholas Hall will take place on October 8th and the Thanksgiving Supper in the Parish Hall on October 18th, he afterwards closed the meeting with prayer.

Tea was served by Mrs. Agnew and Miss A. Van Pelt. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R.T. Cook on Tuesday, October 17th.

FULFORD NEWS by Bea Hamilton.....
Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Alton of Burlington, Ont. are

the guests of Mr. Alton's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Alton of Fulford..... Mr. and Mrs. S. Hoole and Miss Heather Hoole, have returned to Victoria after spending a few weeks in Dr. Meta Bryants home at Beaver Point this summer.

**CHURCH SERVICES Sunday, October 1.
ANGLICAN:**

St. Mark's Harvest Festival 11:00 am.

St. George's - Evensong - 7:30 pm.

St. Mark's - Evensong - 2:30 pm.

UNITED: Ganges - 11:00 am

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of Grace-Holy Mass - 10:45 am.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: Mahon Hall - 11:00 am

JEHOVAH WITNESSES - Mahon Hall - 2:00 pm.

BIBLE CHAPEL - Services 10:30 & 7:30 pm.

COMING EVENTS:

Sept. 29. Special Anglican W.A. Meeting - Parish Hall

30 Fall Flower Show - Mahon Hall
2:30 to 9:00 pm.

Harvest Supper - Fulford Hall -
6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Square Dance Club - Central Hall
8:30 pm.

Oct. 2 Legion Meeting - Legion Hall

3 L.A. of Legion Meeting - Legion Hall

5 W.A. of United Church - 2:30 pm
at Church Hall

The Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club is having its first "Get-together" Saturday, Sept. 30th at Central Hall at 8:30 pm. Beginners are urged to attend.

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We feel, however, that there is a lot more that can be done towards making our secondary roads safe for many elderly drivers, also our children. Every well organized community must consider FIRST THINGS FIRST, and roads are certainly a first.

This island is, first, a purely residential spot; a place where pensioners and elderly persons can escape from the frustration of the cities; a spot that we can publicize as being one of the few places where one can relax and enjoy the peace and serenity of retirement. It is most definitely not an industrial spot.

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The serving is from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. A special added attraction, "See the World" with our new Fulford Neighbour, the globe-trotting Miss Salliss, will follow the dinner. Tickets are \$1.25 for adults, \$1.00 for students and pre-schoolers are free.

Branch 32 O.A.P.O. held the first meeting of the Season Thursday Sept. 21st. at St. Georges Hall. Mrs. Jean Sewell was in the chair there was a good attendance and Archdeacon Holmes opened the meeting with prayers. After the meeting Mrs. E. Thacker gave a full report of her visit to the Convention in June and tried to point out to those present the advantages of being a member of the O.A.P.O. It is possible to get lots of help in Medical - Dental and optology and other services besides enjoying the company of people their own age, with the same ideas, there is a drive to increase the membership to 10,000. in 1962.

Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. B. Krebs were presented with corsages and a beautiful Birthday Cake in honor of their birthdays. Cards and Music followed. The Bazaar will be held Nov. 4th, St. Georges Hall.

Last Saturday Evening, September 23rd, the Legion Hall and United Church Hall were the locales for a reception and dinner given for the Teachers and Board members by the Board of School Trustees of this District. Teachers and Board Members from Galiano, Saturna, Mayne and Pender Islands came and also the Teachers and members of the Board from Salt Spring. Arrangements for this occasion were in the hands of Mr. G.M. Heinekey, Chairman of the Board, Mr. J.G. Reid, Mr. G.S. Humphreys and Mr. C.W. Harrison.

Prior to the dinner, Mr. Heinekey introduced Board members and their wives following which Mr. J.M. Evans introduced the Teachers and their wives or husbands. Many of the Board members met the new teachers for the first time, of whom there were seven present. The success of this evening was such that it is now hoped to make this an annual affair.

VESUVIUS NEWS.....Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Lepsoe and their son Kristofer returned to Seattle last Friday following a ten day visit to Mr. Lepsoe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finn Lepsoe, Tantramar, Vesuvius Bay.....Mrs. A. Marlatt and Miss Florence Malloy arrived on Wednesday from Vancouver and are spending a few days at Sunset Drive, guests of Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Trathewey.....Following a few days visit to Mrs. J. deMacedo, Bayview Avenue, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. McDonald, accompanied by their three children, Jean, Donald and Joseph returned to Langley on Sunday...

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.....Following several days motor-ing trip and a short stay at Squamish Miss Dorothy Mickleborough returned to Tantramar on Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?

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SUMMER RAIN ON S.S.I. by V.H.....

On Saturday a squall came suddenly out of the North, down the Trincomali channel, bending the trees before it and beating the sea into white-tipped waves. With a!! this noise and hurry came a spatter of rain which merely damped the ground and then was gone again as soon as the sun came out.

Sunday's rain came softly, unannounced, creeping quietly in across the islands and taking a great many people by surprise. It probably pleased some of them and dismayed a good few more, but the children were entirely delighted with it.

"Rain", they shouted, pulling on thick winter jackets and woolly hats and rushing off down the beach; returning later soaked, demanding a change of clothes. They would gladly have gone out again and got that change soaked and another and another had I not stopped them.

The youngest appeared in a waterproof coat and hat, looking like some miniature Red Riding Hood, and made mud-spattering tracks for the swings. "Wet!" She discovered ecstatically. She found half an inch of water in the bottom of the paddling pool and poddled her shoes in it joyously. This was wonderful! Infinitely better than all the dull water she had been offered all summer. She squelched up to the sandpit. Even the sand was improved now, it had new properties, it stuck to her all over when she lay down and it even tasted better. She put up her face and let the warm raindrops make little rivers in the sand.

What is there so special about a summer's rain? It seems to have a refreshing quality quite out of proportion to the amount of rain that falls and the resultant smell of the land is too subtly delicious to be diagnosed.

Toward evening the rain died away. That would have been a good time to go out and enjoy the newly softened air, but, of course, we didn't.

Instead we sat gratefully round a small driftwood fire in the fireplace and read and talked and

REPORT OF NEW
 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
 CONVENTION BY
 COLIN CAMERON
 MAHON HALL-Sept.29th at 8 pm

thought sadly of how soon the summer would be over.

week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill. The first evening was devoted in explaining the Indian and his culture as it was before the coming of the white man. The second evening was devoted to the more ancient civilizations. Mr. Abbott supplemented his lecture with pictures and valuable artifacts.

In our Ancient Cookbook we read, "Bedsteads may be freed from vermin by brushing them over in the cracks with a mixture formed of one ounce of corrosive sublimate, dissolved in half a pint of oil or turpentine, and the same quantity of any spirit, such as strong gin or whiskey; this effectually prevents their harboring. But when first applied, it has a disagreeable odor from the turpentine and great care must be taken with it, as it is excessively poisonous. It has been found that the presence of the odor of creosote has effectually driven away the enemies to our nocturnal peace. On the whole constant and unremitting cleanliness, and the employment of iron bedsteads, which are now manufactured of the most elegant forms, are the means of getting rid of these pests."

Preferring blondes doesn't make you a gentleman!

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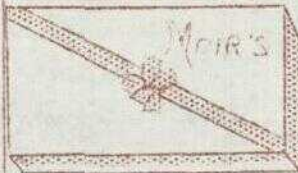

The monthly "National Film Board" showings will again be held this year with an evening of films being shown on the first Monday of every month. The time will be at 8:00 pm and the place, Mahon Hall. The first showing will be this next Monday, Oct. 2nd. It will feature the B.C. Recreational Dept. film, "The New Frazer Valley Highway".

The Saltspring Island Chrysanthemum Society will hold its fall show on Saturday at Mahon Hall starting at 2:30 p.m. The show will be opened by Mrs. George R. Pearkes. During the afternoon tea will be served. This year the show is being kept open until 9:00 p.m. in order to give the working people a chance to view the lovely blooms and varied arrangements. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Entry blanks are still available at the Gulf Island Cleaners.

FULFORD NEWS.....Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins of Vancouver and Mrs. May Pye of Duncan were recent visitors of Mrs. Edan Fraser and family.....

"Peg", Irene Hawksworth's prize sheep dog, won second place in the B.C. Open Sheep Dog Trails held at Matsqui last Saturday. In winning the cup, she was beaten out by only 2 1/2 points for first place by Mike Williams of Langford. W.P. Evans of S.S.I. tied for third. Mrs. Hawksworth is the only woman competitor in B.C.

Football time is here and the S.S.I. Legion Football Team will be playing the Esquimalt Lions at the Ganges school grounds this coming Sunday, Sept. 30th. Kick-off time is 1:30 p.m.

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