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OPTION PICKED UP.

According to an official of the B.C. Toll Ferry Authority, the option on the property at Long Harbour has been picked up. While all plans have not been completed, the property probably will be used for winter storage and other uses that may be feasible.

Winter storage could mean the possibility of a maintenance crew being established on Salt Spring Island.

FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.

Ganges, which has faced the hardships of modern life for many years without the convenience of coin-operated laundromats, got a real shot of "progress" this week when two different persons finalized their plans to open up laundromats. Unbeknownst to each other, of course. Armand Quesnel, who is putting his laundromat in the same building as the Dutch Beauty Salon, has moved in his three washers and two dryers. He expects to be open about Feb. 15th. Both Armand and the other man, whom we won't reveal at this time, were a little shocked when DRIFTWOOD informed them of this state of affairs. . . . Did you notice how we pointed up the difference in North American education and English education when reporting on Mr. Morris' speech two weeks ago? Our typist and proofreaders had Mr. Morris graduating from the University of Whales and if that doesn't prove his point, nothing will A sign in the Ganges Boat Yard, "Money will not buy happiness, but it surely will give us a change in miseries". . . . We have about 43 letters-to-the-editor, all generated by our "welcome" to
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It was 1937, December 12th to be exact, when it happened. It was north of Quesnel at the Wingdam Mine and the man, a mining engineer, should have died. He should have died of his ruptured appendix but he didn't, and that is our story.

It was snow and ice and the planes couldn't fly. It was hopeless to think of taking him to Vancouver where the man wanted to go. It had to be Quesnel and a doctor the man didn't know. The car, speeding the stricken man to Quesnel, rammed another car on the slick, icy roads. The patient was flung from the back seat and crashed against the windshield. More dead than alive, he was finally carried into the hospital.

The doctor operated at once. It was a 1-100 chance. A few days after the operation, the doctor, a doctor who provided the community with more than just medical aid, asked the patient what he wanted most. The patient grinned weakly and wistfully asked for "Lutefisk and sweet barley soup flavoured with low-land blueberries". It was a Norwegian dream of food of his youth.

It was the next day when the doctor arrived with the Lutefisk and the sweet barley soup flavoured with low-land blueberries. It wasn't until much later the man found out that the doctor's wife knew of Lutefisk and sweet barley soup. He was never to forget this miracle, provided by a small town doctor's wife.

After ten weeks in the hospital, the man was released. He went to the home of the doctor to thank the good lady. She was not home. He left a note and went on his way.

Time went on and through the years as he travelled about the country, he thought of this lady and he hoped that someday he would find her and thank her in person.

Three years ago he retired to Salt Spring Island.

Unknown to the mining engineer, the doctor died over seven years ago. Today, the new hospital at Quesnel is named in honour of that doctor. The doctor's wife, who would always remember the strange request for lutefisk and sweet barley soup, went to stay with her brother-in-law and his wife. They lived on Salt Spring Island.

For the last three years the paths of these two must have crossed and re-crossed many times; on the street, waiting for the mail, or fleeting by each other in automobiles.

Last week, on the same day, the lady and the mining engineer had appointments with their doctor. Because the doctor was late, the lady was still in the waiting room when the man arrived. The weather was brisk, and, as strangers do, they talked of the weather. They compared it to the cold of past places in their lives, and it was then they discovered each other.

The lady? Mrs. Helene Baker of Baker Road. The man? Mr. L.I. Lorentsen of Ganges.

HOREL RE-ELECTED. . . . Mr. C.R. Horel was re-elected President of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting held last Friday evening. Other officers elected were: W. Fisher, Vice-Pres., C.W. Harrison re-elected Treasurer, (CONT'D. P. 2)

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and other projects completed, or studied.

Mr. A.C. VanSacker, Dist. Mgr. of the B.C. Hydro was in attendance and attempted to answer some of the questions about power rates on Salt Spring Island.

According to the fire Chief's report to the Annual meeting of the S.S.I. Volunteer Fire Dept., the Fire Dept. responded to 32 alarms for a total of 290 man hours during 1961. There were 12 chimney, 11 bush, 1 house, 2 car, 1 boat, 1 tractor, 3 overheated stoves and one pumphouse fire. Of the approximate property value of \$165,000 directly involved in the fires, only a loss of \$1750 was recorded in five fires.

According to the Chairman's report, the cost of the new fire hall was \$12,322.08 less donations and bank interest of \$774.20 and further claims for \$1,278.22 from the Winter Works Program.

Geo. Croft and Peter Cartwright were re-elected for three year terms as Trustees. The garage that had been used for temporary housing in Ganges for the fire truck, will be moved to Fulford, insulated and finished for permanent housing for the Fulford fire truck.

Mrs. Eunice Johnstone, wife of Mr. Frank Johnstone of Scott Rd. passed away very suddenly at Lady Minto Hospital early Wednesday morning, Jan. 31st.

Two issues ago we wrote of power and how it costs the people of S.S.I. more than it does the people of Crofton. We felt that S.S.I. had progressed far enough in its usage of power to be on the

same rate as adjacent Vancouver Is. We suggested two things: that all of us should write to B.C. Hydro (Box 756, Duncan, B.C.) and that the Chamber of Commerce should look into the matter.

The effort resulted in a visit by Mr. A.C. VanSacker, Dist. Mgr. of B.C. Hydro. To say the least, he was not happy with our effort to get power rates reduced. Unfortunately, we are out of space in this issue, but we intend to carry out our efforts to learn exactly WHY our rates are higher. If you want DRIFTWOOD to further this cause, write to B.C. Hydro, write to your MLA, and write us your problems and any facts and figures you may have. We heard no figures and no facts from Mr. VanSacker that has changed our minds.

What do you think? More next week.

(CONT'D. P. 1) FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.....

Premier Bennett and subsequent letters pro & con. In our limited space, we would be printing these from now until next year. We now exercise our prerogative and will print no more on this subject.....

I suppose you have heard: the strange craft, a catamaran sailing for Mexico, and reported in DRIFTWOOD several months ago, has been found wrecked south of Cape Flattery. Two men are presumed drowned.....R.C.M.P. Constable Gail Gardner, son of Mr. & Mrs. M. Gardner has sent his mother 12 Anthuriums, a strange, exotic Hawaiian flower. The blood-red, patent-leathery, long-stemmed beauties, each with their own portable rubber vase with water, arrived here from Hawaii in less than 24 hours.....

Mrs. W. Hastings has just replaced a lightbulb in her barn. It's a news item because it had been burning for 20 years. If our suspicions about modern lightbulbs are correct, the replacement will last about 20 days.Apropos of Miss Bea Hamilton's article on the eagle trying to catch a duck, Mrs. L. Loiselle of No. Beach Rd. reports having an eagle's dinner for supper. An eagle went flying by with a six-pound cod and dropped it beside her. The fish was still alive and had no marks. The eagle's loss was Mrs. L.'s gain and she enjoyed every morsel.....

HOREL RE-ELECTED (CONT'D From P. 1).....

and nine members elected to the Executive. They were: Stan Wagg, Adrian Wolfe-Milner, Earl Kaye, Mrs. N. Vodden, Des Crofton, A.M. Brown, Jack West, J.G. Reid and C. Moat.

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting.

The various committee chairmen outlined the accomplishments of the past year, which saw such things as the ferries being taken over by the Government, the establishment of the flower boxes in Ganges, the establishment of the new resort signs,



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(The following is a dispatch from Miss Penny Trelford, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Trelford, covering her first week in London. We print this in the hope that it will be of interest and help to people contemplating a trip to England.)...

"Well, here I am with my first report after one week in England.

I'm really sold on Britain. London is the first big city I've ever been in that I've really enjoyed, and the country-side is beautiful - even in January.

But first I guess I'll tell you about my plane trip. I flew DC8 jet from Vancouver to Toronto. It was very smooth and comfortable - couldn't believe that we were travelling at 630 m.p.h. with a temperature of -70 degrees outside the window! It's a four hour trip but only seemed about two.

I was in a Britannia from Montreal to London. They're not very new and shiny and very crowded (probably not so bad 1st class). However the plane was only about half full so I had three seats to myself so could put up the arm rests and stretch out. The service is very good and the dinner was delicious - Roast Duckling.

We went through customs at Prestwick and it didn't amount to anything, never opened a bag or anything.

Now on to London. The first thing to do is get some maps. B.C. House gave me a booklet with maps of all the different sections of London so with that and the bus service maps and the tube map I settled down for an hour and had everything more or less figured out. The tubes are a cinch. Everything is very well marked and, if you can read, there's no possibility of getting lost. The people are very friendly and willing to help you.

I've been wandering around just seeing things on my own but think I will go on a tour of the city because half the time I don't know what it is I'm staring up at in wonder. (I was past the National Gallery 3 times without knowing what it was!)

I was to Buckingham Palace this morning and saw the changing-of-the-guard (or at least part of it - it seems to go on forever) It wasn't very colorful as they were all in grey winter coats. The big beaver hats are ridiculous and make them all look like a bunch of toy soldiers. I must confess I was very amused by the whole rigmarole (which isn't very good for a British subject!) However I was very impressed by the Houses of Parliament so maybe that will make up for it.

Here are some of the little things that make me like London so much: the way traffic zips crazily around in all directions, but is always on the lookout for pedestrians and willing to stop even for one lone little girl; my chambermaid who calls me "dear" and "lovey" and is interested in everything I'm doing; the little espresso bars that take the place of the N. American coffee shops and are so much quieter and relaxing (I guess you'd call it 'atmosphere'); the very attractive and well-dressed English girls out with puny ill-dressed English fellows; the English business man in his uniform - black suit, umbrella and bowler; the people who ask me, after I've spoken three words, what part of Canada I'm from; the way everyone in the shops and on the streets is willing to explain things to you - haven't had a single person be short with me since I arrived. Anyone who says the English are very reserved and stand-offish isn't talking about Londoners.

I could go on and on but I guess that's enough of that. (CONT'D. PAGE 4)

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The English money isn't very hard to figure out as far as spending it goes, (I'm getting rid of my money very successfully!) however I imagine if you were adding and subtracting it might be pretty confusing. I haven't figured out the value of things yet really, but as far as shopping is concerned you can pretty well figure out if you're getting a bargain or not by just comparing prices of the article in a few stores. A lot of people try to figure out how much they're paying in dollars and cents but I think this is useless. Either you want it and can afford it or you can't - what it's worth in Canadian money doesn't really matter and just makes for a lot of mental strain.

I went for my first drive in the English countryside last Sunday. It poured rain most of the day but I thought it was absolutely beautiful. We went down through Kent, through lovely, tidy, well-kept little villages that looked like they were right out of Elizabethan times, and along winding country lanes bordered by hedges or moss-covered stone walls. We had lunch at the George and Dragon Inn in Speldhurst. It was built in 1212 and is very well preserved. A retired Army officer owns the place and he served us a delicious roast beef dinner (with Yorkshire pudding the way it should be made) in front of a warm fireplace complete with dog and cat sprawled out on the rug. Later we saw the house where General Wolfe was born in Westerham and then visited some houses once owned by royalty and such (they call them houses but really they're great stone mansions that could be called castles if you just added the wall).

All this is within about 1 - 1 1/2 hours drive of central London and is a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Well I seem to have babbled on for an awful lot of pages. There's really no information in it, but maybe later on when I've travelled around a bit I'll have some useful tips.

I've got a job in London with a construction firm right in the Hyde Park so will be living a pretty

routine life till summer. (signed) Penny Trelford "

"Dear Mr. Fisher: What a despicable letter, published in your Jan. 18th paper - signed "Bored with Bea". Evidently advice, no matter how kindly meant, does not please these few "know-it-all" teenagers - I don't class all teenagers with these few culls. Appreciation of nature, as "nature lovers" would assuredly be educative and would greatly improve these characters in every way, and lift them above "ordinary persons". For these young ones are assuredly very "ordinary" in every sense of the word. I feel very strongly the insult to Miss Hamilton, whom I greatly admire. Her contributions are among the best in "Driftwood". (signed) Bored with Bad Manners " of Victoria.

"Dear Sir: Of four "letters to the editor" in your current issue, only one bears the name of the writer.

This is a deplorable trend. If anyone has strong enough feelings on a subject to broadcast them, he should not hide behind a nom-de-plume. Without that forthrightness, innocent parties could be blamed or suspected. The insistence upon anonymity usually stems from a fear of ostracism due to one's ideas or beliefs. The fact that ostracism is not always unwelcome should not be overlooked. It is a good indicator of one's real friends. It also points out the "ostraciser" as one with a narrow mind who deprives himself of the pleasure of your friendship and company. Ostracism is a real boon to those who cannot be bothered with the inanities of "small talk" and wish to fill every waking moment with something mentally stimulating whilst living their own lives their own way. Yours in the open (signed) H.B. Dickens.

"Dear Sir: I should like to draw your attention to two glaring errors in your issue of January 25th. (1)--Pender did not sponsor a resolution at the Joint Council meeting of January 19th. In my remarks at the meeting I mentioned that when we

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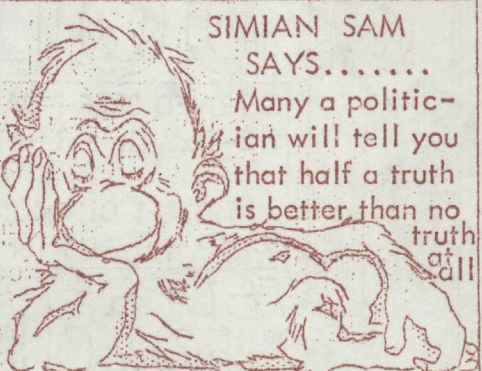
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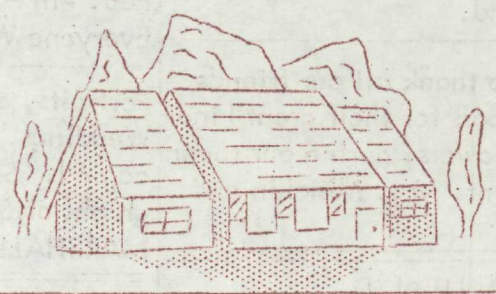
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(CONT'D. from P. 4) first sought Government ownership, we suggested a 50 or 60 car Gulf Islands Ferry. A vessel this size was later planned by the Government. Subsequently the Black Ball company was purchased, and plans to build a ferry for the Islands were dropped. The point I was making was that Inner Islands service should not be penalized or made devious because the Government found it expedient to use a much larger vessel on the run. All the islands together (including Salt Spring) cannot make this ferry pay its way. Tourist and other trade must help out here, and a direct service would draw more than a complicated piece-meal affair. (2)--Amongst the many mistakes and miscalculations in your suggested schedule you say the time from Pender to Swartz Bay is 75 minutes. It takes just 50 minutes. (signed) W.L. Shirley, Pender Island.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Among the many mistakes and miscalculations", of which we found only two, was the 75 minutes to Swartz Bay from Pender and this was not a DRIFTWOOD mistake. These figures were a reproduction of the charts shown by Mr. C.R. Horel at the Joint Council meeting. It is interesting to note the glaring 25 minute mistake in the charts was not picked up by the Pender delegation at the meeting. It almost proves the point that the Pender delegation was going to be "agin" anything voiced by Salt Spring Island, no matter what, without bothering to really study the proposal.

That, magnificently in arbutus-shaded dignity, munificently in green and easy vales, Salt Spring Island has one one-millionth of the Earth's population living on one one-millionth of the Earth's land area, and if that isn't considered fair and square we could turn in that rocky back side of Mount Erskine.

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 As we cook each other's goose.
 To the murderous throb of war drums
 Delegations exhort masses:

"The Big Canoe must stop at our wharf
 Or we'll sink it as it passes!"
 In the thickets of Victoria
 Great Chief Westwood sits and thinks,
 Only one solution answers,
 So he prays each Island sinks.

YOUR HOME HAS BEEN CHOSEN... (A timely reprint of a recent editorial from GRAPEVINE, the voice of Sooke) One beautiful spring day a stranger, arrayed in fine apparel, will be wafted to your door in a sumptuous limousine. He will invite you to join the Chosen People.

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If you are one of the real Chosen People, whose other name is Suckers, you'll be figuring out how you can even make a profit on the deal. Even if you are not quite that gullible, you may feel that you are getting a bargain. But, says the salesman, there is one thing necessary: You must decide today, as he has several other homes to visit and only a limited number may be used as Demonstrators. (Cont'd P. 7)

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We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for their great kindness and flowers, during our recent bereavement. Mrs. Minchin and family.

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Set of small tools, probably for power saw, on Rainbow Rd. Owner may claim at DRIFTWOOD Office.

NOTICES

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Missionary from Africa, Rev. J. Gordon, will speak and show colored films of his work, at the Bible Chapel Service, Sunday, Feb. 4th - Mahon Hall, 7:30 pm. Everyone Welcome.

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 JEHOVAH WITNESSES: Mahon Hall - 2:00 p.m.

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COMING EVENTS :

Thurs. Feb. 1 - Baby Clinic - 1:30-4:00 p.m.
 Fri. Feb. 2 - Bingo - Catholic Church Hall - 8:00 p.m.
 - Box Social - Central Hall - 9:00 p.m.
 - Camera Club - Parish Hall - 8:00 p.m.
 Sat. Feb. 3 - 500 card party - Beaver Point Hall - 8:15 p.m.
 Mon. Feb. 5 - Royal Canadian Legion Annual Meeting - Legion Hall - 8:00 p.m.
 - National Film Board Show - Mahon Hall - 8p.m.
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(YOUR HOME HAS BEEN CHOSEN CONT'D. from P. 5).....

It's a great temptation for you. Your little hand is itching to sign his agreement - which he dangles before you, covering up the small print the while. Do it, and you'll be sorry! All such offers are expensive - a really tough way to gain experience. Generally the materials used are inferior; always they are overpriced; and the firm will try to do as little as possible once you've signed the agreement.

How do these slick operators manage to succeed year after year? Well, we all like to feel we're getting a bargain. And not many of us like to admit that we've been taken as suckers. (I know I don't; although, like most people, I have been taken the odd time.) Probably the greatest success of these slysters is due to a geographical fact: They don't live here.

If you live in a district, your reputation makes or breaks you - that is if you do business in your own neighborhood. So a crooked operator cannot live for any length of time in a country district and prosper. The word gets around too quickly. In a large city he has more scope and can often go on for a long time without being found out. Most of these operators are careful what they put in writing and a verbal agreement cannot be proved. So far as stores are concerned, you may get the odd fly-by-night in a city, but they don't last long.

There is a sound way of keeping out of trouble: Deal with firms you know or those who have been around for some time and can easily be checked for reliability. Your local stores are the easiest to check - and, generally speaking, you will save money by dealing locally when you consider time, transportation, and parking expenses. However, when you can't buy locally, it's not too difficult to check the reputation of a Victoria store.

Remember: A reputable salesman never fears checking and will give you time to do so. Read all the print on your financial agreement before signing, and remind yourself that once signed it is binding. Always get a price from another firm for comparison when much money is involved. Find out if others in the district have dealt with the firm and check with them. Finally, an offer sounding too good to be true probably is.

Readers are reminded of the canvass being made for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society starting on Monday, February 5th through to Feb. 10

At the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Hospital, Mrs. E. Dipple was elected President for 1962. Mrs. D. Cavaye was elected 1st Vice-President; Mrs. V. Bishop, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Austin Wilson, Secretary and Mrs. Ed. Richardson, Treasurer.

The 1961 President's report, by the outgoing President, Miss Dorothy Mickleborough, reviewed the many activities and progress made during the year. It emphasized the W.A.'s appreciation to all the people of the community who supported them. The annual Bargain Centre and Auction, held in September increased their funds by \$1,350.00, and the Hospital Day, held in May, their 25th anniversary, saw cash donations totalling \$226.25, plus many useful gifts.

The W.A., dedicated to the comfort and well being of the patients, purchased many useful items for the hospital. These included a refrigerator for the diet kitchen, kitchen scales, electric toaster, a Croupaire steam kettle, sitz bath and many other items. They also assisted the Lions Club with their purchase of the stretcher and elevating cot for the ambulance, at the cost of \$326.96. A donation of \$300.00 was given toward the cost of the hospital carport plus another \$100.00 to cover the cost of wiring needed for the carport and the block heater for the ambulance engine.

A surprise baby shower was given for Mrs. Ernie Clark on Thursday, January 25th. The shower was held at Mrs. Clark's home. Gifts were arranged in a pink baby bassinet. Invited guests were Mrs. Larry Kinister, Mrs. Leon DuPlessis, Mrs. Jim Molison, Mrs. Wayne Bradley, Mrs. S. Peletier, Mrs. S. LaFortune, and Mrs. Don Irwin. Tea and sandwiches were served.

The National Film Board will be sponsoring a film showing on Monday, February 5th in Mahon Hall at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Scheduled films are: a travelogue, "Wings to Italy"; "120,000 Kilowatts Under The Sea", showing the laying of an underwater cable from the mainland to Vancouver Island; "Highway on the Sea", a film of the construction of the Provincial Government ferries, the Tsawwassen and Sidney; "Kootenay Lake Holiday", and a Shell Oil film, "Forming of Metals".

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Saunders have returned home from Vancouver, where Mrs. Saunders was hospitalized.

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FULFORD NEWS by Bea Hamilton

Visitors to Salt Spring Island last week were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Engles of Los Angeles, who are on their honeymoon, following their wedding in Vancouver last week. Mrs. Engles (nee Gladys Fish) is the daughter of Mr. Gilbert Fish, of Surrey B.C. and she served for five years in the R.C.A.F. After her discharge she lived in Vancouver prior to her marriage in January. The honeymoon couple were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Watmough and Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Horel. Mr. and Mrs. Engles will reside in Los Angeles. The Beaver Point Community Association held their Annual meeting in the Beaver Point Hall on Friday, Jan. 26th with 21 people present. The election of officers for the year are as follows: President, Miss Gwen Ruckle, Secretary - Treasurer, J. Klassen, Entertainment convenor, Mrs. A. Stevens, Committee, Mrs. F. Hall and Mrs. A. Stevens. Community affairs were discussed and it was decided to hold the now famous Bean Supper on March 31st in the Beaver Point Hall. The Cribbage tournament and the 500 card games are being continued throughout the winter months as usual. Mr. and Mrs. L. Holden of Vancouver were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee. Pat Lee was also home from Vancouver last week-end. And on Thursday, Mrs. C. Lee had a tea party with a few of the immediate neighbors in to meet the new bride in the Valley, Mrs. Ed Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lee returned recently from their honeymoon and are living at Fulford. Mr. and Mrs. J. Silvester and their son Douglas, from Saturna Island, spent the week-end on Salt Spring Island. . . . The next meeting of the South Salt Spring Island Women's Institute will be held on Feb. 8th at the home of Mrs. D. Morris, Isabella Point

Road. That's the second Thursday in February. The Beaver Point community are having another 500 card party in the Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night, Feb. 3rd. . . . Mr. and Mrs. G. McClaron returned home on Tuesday after a short visit to Victoria. . . .

RICHARD GRIFFITHS

Mr. Richard Griffiths, who had lived on Salt Spring Island since 1944, passed away at his home on Rainbow Rd. on Jan. 27th. Mr. Griffiths, 88 years old, was born in England and has been in Canada for 72 years. He was a single man and there is no known relative. He was a veteran of the First World War and the Royal Canadian Legion will be in attendance at the funeral. All funeral arrangements have not been made at this time, but services will be held in St. George's Church, with Archdeacon C.H. Holmes officiating. Interment will be in St. Mark's Cemetery with Goodman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The initiation ceremonies of the Ganges United Church Explorers group were held on Thursday, Jan. 18th. Linda Anderson, Jean Stevens, Sylvia Atkins, Sharon Stevens, Lillian Cunningham, Carol Bennett, Marla Bennett, and Sandy McLeod were presented with their membership certificates, explorer's pin and their first red star by Explorer leader, Mrs. R. Bidwell, and Co-leader, Joan Bidwell. Rev. Dr. N.L. Hughes gave a short talk to the girls after which tea was served to those attending.

The inauguration of the Ganges United Church Women and the installation of officers was held on Sunday, Jan. 21st, with Rev. Dr. N.L. Hughes officiating.

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