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As a great believer in that the public should know where their tax dollar is going, DRIFTWOOD is devoting this space to a break-down of the proposed 1962 school budget as compared to the 1961 budget and what was actually spent in 1961. This is a tentative budget that is being presented to the government for approval. It may or may not be approved and it may be raised or lowered by slight amounts. Much of this budget is "shareable" and partly paid for by the Government. Last year the Government paid 26% of the budget, a drastic drop over previous years.

Administration	Budget '61	Spent '61	Proposed Budget '62
1. Salaries	6,400	6,141	6,800
2. Office Expense	1,670	1,777	1,970
3. Trustee Expense	3,000	3,276	3,600
4. Gen. Admin.	4,137	4,311	4,695
	<u>15,207</u>	<u>15,505</u>	<u>17,065</u>
<b>Instruction</b>			
1. Teachers Salaries	132,799	131,180	139,100
2. School Clerical	1,040	1,030	1,248
3. Teaching Supplies	5,645	6,842	9,050
4. Other Instr. Expense	1,300	1,138	3,025
	<u>140,784</u>	<u>140,190</u>	<u>152,423</u>
<b>Operation</b>			
1. Janitors' Salaries	11,436	10,979	11,679
2. Janitors' Supplies	1,500	1,568	1,600
3. Light, Water, Fuel	6,750	6,116	6,650
4. Insurance, Rentals, etc.	1,712	2,194	2,650
	<u>21,398</u>	<u>20,857</u>	<u>22,579</u>
<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>			
1. Grounds - Wages & Supplies	2,350	1,490	4,645
2. Buildings " "	2,648	2,908	10,520
3. Equipment " "	4,870	5,445	8,020
	<u>9,868</u>	<u>9,843</u>	<u>23,185</u>
<b>Conveyance of Pupils</b>			
1. Bus Operating Expense	15,137	16,818	19,900
2. Contract Expense	4,200	2,520	--
3. Transportation Assist.	950	1,049	1,811
4. Other School trips	1,000	592	1,000
	<u>21,287</u>	<u>20,979</u>	<u>22,711</u>
<b>Auxiliary Services</b>			
1. Health Services	2,493	2,460	1,875
2. Fees to other Boards	--	--	--
3. Boarding Allowances	7,200	6,772	7,200
4. Rent for Health Unit	--	--	600
	<u>9,693</u>	<u>9,232</u>	<u>9,675</u>
<b>Debt Services</b>			
1. Debentures - Principal	7,500	7,500	10,300
2. " - Interest	3,140	3,142	4,150
3. Bank Loan Interest	500	666	--
4. Other Bank Charges	15	9	15
	<u>11,155</u>	<u>11,317</u>	<u>14,465</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>229,392</u>	<u>227,923</u>	<u>262,103</u>

As you will note, the increase over last year's budget is about \$33,000, including \$14,000 additional for repairs and maintenance. The \$23,000 budgeted for this category compares favourably to the \$21,000 budgeted in 1960. The reason for the low figure (\$9,869) in 1961 was an honest attempt by (Cont'd. p. 7)

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public as to what we do in this regard, because we consider it to be our business. We never quote figures in public as to the relief, financial and otherwise, that we give from year to year. The report which you have heard from your service officer -- revealing though it is -- is only part of the picture. The men, women and children who have received benefits in time of distress know the story. For us that suffices.

But when criticism of us reaches into the public sphere, then I think our branch can -- publicly -- stand on its record. At the moment your Legion is seriously concerned with an often neglected branch of our society -- youth.

**CROFTON ELECTED PRES. OF LEGION.**

At the Annual Meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 92, held last Monday, Feb. 5th, at the Legion Hall, Lt. Col. Des. Crofton was unanimously elected as President for 1962. Col. Crofton, popular, hard-working hotel man, served as President in 1946 and 1947. Mr. Larry Campbell was elected as 1st. Vice-President and Mr. Doug Dane was elected as 2nd. Vice-President. The new Sargeant-at-arms is Mr. R.G. Atkins. Executive members elected were: A.R. Layard, Fred Morris, W. Dipple, J. Smith, J. Waterfall, F. Kirkham, H. Loosemore and J.H.M. Lamb.

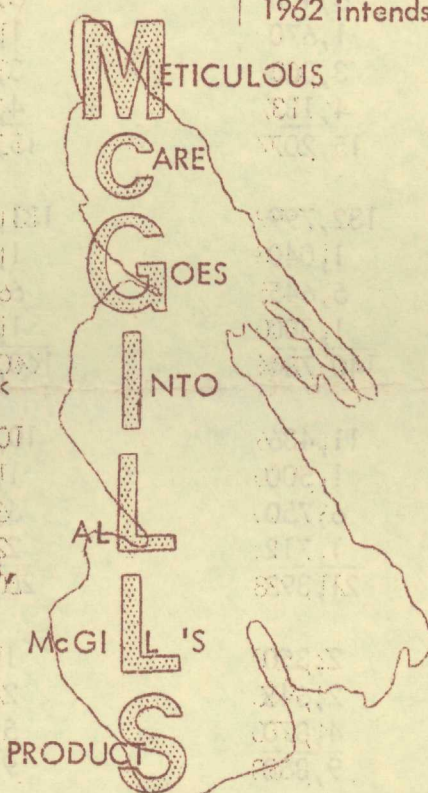
Mr. John Sturdy, retiring President after two years service in that position, has been doing yeoman work the past several months by assuming the offices of Secretary and Treasurer in addition to his presidential duties. Mr. Sturdy, in giving the President's Report, spoke of the accomplishments, activities and progress made by the local Chapter during the past year.

In this fine report, one of the best ever heard by this reporter, Mr. Sturdy gave a ringing defense of the Legion's role in community affairs--

an answer to some unwarranted criticism. He said, "It seems that every once in a while a snide little wave washes up on the local beach and forms a small puddle of opinion that the Royal Canadian Legion is a self-centered organization, concerned only with making money for its own benefit, and lacking in a broad community spirit. Up to a point, there may be some truth in this. Although, God knows, we didn't plan it that way, we happen to be a select group, bonded together by ties that no one, outside, can really know or understand. If our main concern is with our fellow comrades, their wives, widows and children, it is with good cause.

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In British Columbia the Legion, with this branch actively included, spent time and money during 1961 in sponsoring a Junior Olympic Training Plan, so that our young boys and girls might have the benefit of our training and competition in athletic events. In this the Legion in B.C. led the way for Canada, and in 1962 intends to further this important project and enlarge on it, and I am sure that the incoming executive, backed by the entire branch membership, will see that Salt Spring Island is well represented.

Here on the island your branch has a juvenile soccer team. We sponsor the Sea Scouts and the Wolf Cubs. As a bunch of self-centered old sweats and matelots, I believe we do fairly well.

And I don't think we're delinquent in support of our local hospital, certainly a true community service. At times the hospital has not required the assistance which our Branch and its Ladies Auxiliary have gladly pledged to give it, but it knows that the helping hand is there. As a matter of fact, no worthwhile institution or organization has ever been refused help or assistance from this branch.

On the other hand, there are some members--very few who, while they don't actually object, are lukewarm to our activities outside the veterans ranks. I think this is short-sighted. It is not in keeping with the policy of the Royal Canadian Legion, from Dominion level down. It is not in keeping with the policy of this branch. First come the veterans and their families; then the community, and particularly youth. We have no excuses to make, in either field."

Guests of the evening included Zone Commander, Mr. Wm. Macquire and Zone Secretary, Mr. Phil Johnston. Over 50 members were present. Mr. Macquire spoke briefly and complimented the Branch and President Sturdy for their good work in 1961.

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**LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR DEPT.**  
 "Dear Sir: My father was in the shipping business in Liverpool before I was born and I have been in it "from the ground up" all my life,

and particularly since 1937 when our first company was formed, which company is still operating. In particular, I have been in the ferry business for the past eighteen years, but never in my wildest nightmares have I been able to dream up such utter nonsense as that which you have been publishing editorially about Gulf Islands transportation.

You speak offhandedly of one of the ex Black Ball ships galloping around the islands four times per day. Let's take the "Kahloke". This is a 59 year old vessel that the government has just bought for an indicated cost of rather more than the stated cost of each of the two new ones to be built by V.M.D. Her length is 299 feet 7 inches, breadth - 57 feet 4 in., and depth - 14 feet 9 inches. She has a gross of 3,911 tons and a net of 2,525 tons. Her engines are 6,560 h.p. She should have a comfortable service speed of 17 knots. She will burn about 275 gallons of fuel per hour, so her fuel and lube oil cost for every hour she runs is about \$60.00 and could be more. In a normal operation of this kind, the fuel cost will be from 10% to 15% of the total operating cost--before depreciation and overhead--so in this case, let's kid ourselves a bit and say it will be 20%. The total operating cost, before depreciation and overhead, will thus be \$300.00 per hour. The direct operating cost for one round trip of four hours, such as you suggest, will thus be \$1,200.00 and will require all the revenue from 100 cars and 350 passengers without fail on every trip--just to meet out-of-pocket direct cost, before overhead and depreciation, wharf repairs, etc. The direct operating cost for the

four trips per day would thus be \$4,800.00, which is \$1,752,000.00 per year---quite a subsidy for a district with an almost stationary population of approximately 4,000

souls and no significant industry other than tourism for about 2 1/2 months of each year, and retirement.

There is no reason why the islands can't have a good boat service, and it can be self-supporting, without subsidy of any kind--make no mistake about that--if any competent operator is given the opportunity to do it. However, as long as the islands insist on making transportation a political football, this isn't going to happen and the islands will continue to suffer as they are doing now, with the poorest service in their long history.

Both the "Province" and the "Sun" have pointed out editorially that B.C. has the highest public debt per capita of any province in Canada. We are overburdened with taxes and they are bound to increase. Even our Provincial Sales Tax is nearly double that of Ontario and more than double that of the great State of Texas where everything is supposed to be big.

Let's not force our government to make this situation worse by further unwise programmes and expenditures. Remember, it is you and I and the other taxpayer who do the paying.

A champagne appetite does not go well with a beer income. (Signed) O.H. New, Pres.  
 Gulf Islands Navigation Co."

"Dear Sir: In respect to the transportation problem currently being bandied about, I would like to have you visualize what a grand lot of exercise any pedestrian will get under your proposed transportation for Gulf Islanders.

Old folks, mothers with small fry, (Cont'd to p. 4)

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(Cont'd. from p. 3) . . . any pedestrian with a great deal of baggage will certainly develop fine muscles carrying his bags. (Let's start from Saturna.)

On to the ferry at Saturna wharf - carrying same bags off at Hope Bay, scramble for transportation from Hope Bay to Port Washington, on to and off the ferry from Port Washington to Long Harbour - (how to get to Isabella Point? Will it cost even more money?) and carry bags off boat at Swartz Bay and hope that the Tsawwassen will wait - if such pedestrian doesn't expire first. What a grand mood the babies will be in by now!

But perhaps it's just as well this schedule is proposed. It will weed out all the weaklings.  
 (Signed) Mrs. M. Trace, Pender Island.

"Dear Sir: Reputation, at best an elusive abstraction, is so often used as the decisive CRUSHING cudgel in matters of age versus youth.

In your current fracas involving Miss Hamilton and a group of 'despicable, know-it-all culls' - to quote the good lady's Victorian champion - , you, Sir Editor, somewhat testily and most intangibly lectured these 'despicable' teenagers, using the QUANTITATIVE reputation cudgel to slay these 'naturalistic low-brews'.

When the amount of material turned out by Miss Hamilton with NO mention of inherent quality or means of assessing such quality is cited as the 'raison d'être' for worshipping at her shrine, then something is very wrong.

To me the teenagers' letter was eminently civil and direct, certainly not deserving of the intemperate subjective cholera of your Victoria correspondent. Their viewpoint was succinct and not ravelled around by hypothetical 'hunches'.

In conclusion, perhaps we might be told: . . . Where - and I quote (Driftwood, Jan. 18): 'a newspaper must appeal to many many people and it must have something for everyone', where in your paper is any section devoted to the interests of teenagers.  
 (Signed) 'S. Satirev'.

**THERE'S THAT DOG AGAIN** by Bea Hamilton . . .

Outside of being a riot and a spot-light stealer at the Dog Obedience training class on Salt Spring Island, Lucky the Golden Labrador is a Number One cadger - and a lovable old character to boot.

Ever since that dog came to Fulford, South end of Salt Spring Island, he has been making news. And he never intends to - just seems to bumble his way into the spot-light and trusts to Providence - and his owner, Miss Doris Anderson, - to come to his aid if

he hits any trouble spots. And he does.

1960 -- was the start of Lucky's adventures. At the Dog Obedience classes, Lucky did as he was told - up to a point; after that, he did as he wanted, regardless. (For instance, he was going through his paces at the Class and he kept on going - right through the paper screen, out of the door, and down the road to find his owner.) That alone showed character - and Lucky is loaded in that compacity.

However, Lucky has quite a lot of excuse for his idiosyncrasy. His owner works at the Hospital at times, and Lucky likes a good walk now and then. So he takes off down the highway - and several times a week, wanders into Ganges, some nine miles from his Beaver Point home. And this is where Lucky shows his intelligence. He knows who Miss Anderson's friends are - and he watches for them up Town - then he hitch-hikes a ride home. And nearly always get one.

But recently, Lucky decided he had gone too far and he was tired, so he tried checking in at the Seaview Cottages. There was no accommodation for dogs, so Lucky was sent to the K-9 Kennels - here he found much to his liking - excellent cuisine and music piped in to his kennel - so Lucky knew when he really WAS lucky - and he stayed for the night.

But one day lately, he struck a snag in his wanderings. Lucky arrived in Ganges on a Wednesday - when the shops and offices were closed all day. The dog drew a blank in all directions, even homes seemed closed up - most of the Islanders go to the City on a Wednesday. - So our frustrated Lucky did a little deep thinking - and the thought of the long trek home gave him the horrors. Then a bright idea struck the canine wanderer - those boys up the hill, with the bright buttons and snappy uniforms - they picked people up and gave them rides sometimes - so Lucky marched up the hill - and turned himself in at the RCMP Headquarters! Here he sat and calmly waited for the Police to go into action. They did. They sent word to Miss Anderson to the effect that "her dog had given himself up." Miss Anderson's reaction to this was "Thank goodness Lucky had his new licence tag on!" as she hurried over to drive her truant home.

All this goes to show, that if the RCMP always get their man, so can Lucky always get his ride home. It just takes a little doggone thinking out, that's all.

The annual Congregational Meeting of the Parish of Salt Spring Is. will be held on Thurs., Feb. 8th at the Parish Hall. All parishioners are urged to attend. The time of meeting is 8:00 p.m.


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**LODE ELECTION OF OFFICERS . . . . .**

Mrs. B.E. Hardie was again chosen to serve as Regent of H.M.S. Ganges chapter I.O.D.E. at the recent annual meeting held in Ganges United Church Hall. Other officers elected for the coming year include: vice-regent, Mrs. A.G. Wilkins; secretary, Mrs. John C. West; asst. secretary, Mrs. V.C. Best; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Fellows; educational secretary, Mrs. H.J. Carlin; standard bearer, Miss F.M. Aitkens; Echoes, Mrs. E.H. Gear; services at home and abroad, Mrs. George St. Denis.

The following conveners were also elected: Commonwealth relations, Miss F.M. Aitkens; immigration and citizenship, Mrs. W.M. Mouat; films, Miss E.H. Dean; Empire and world affairs, Miss Zella Manning; public relations, Mrs. E. Worthington; Membership, Mrs. W.G. Stone; hospital, Miss Mary Lees; tea, Mrs. Gavin Mouat. According to the Secretary's report, there were 7 new members and 2 former members welcomed into the Chapter, and the membership now stands at 52. Included in the Public Relations activities of the chapter, was the repair of the I.O.D.E. bench at the cenotaph. A new brass plaque was also purchased, to replace one which had been stolen.

**FRANK LOUIS ANDERCHEK**

Mr. Frank Anderchek, a resident of Salt Spring Island since June, 1959, died suddenly of a heart attack on Jan. 23rd. Mr. Anderchek was born in Ontario 56 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of the home, two daughters, Mrs. Peter (Grace) Woloschuk and Mrs. Ivy Lindsay, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 27th at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with Father Mudge officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetary, arrangements by Goodman Funeral Home.

According to the Ganges Weather Observer, Mr. H. Carlin, this past January has been the driest January since 1949 with only 3.23 inches of precipitation which included 1/2 inch of snow. This compares to the 10.52 inches recorded in January 1961. The high temperature was 53 degrees, recorded on the 29th and 30th. The low was 17 degrees on the 20th. Maximum mean was 43.1 and Minimum mean was 33.3. Last year the high was 58 and the low was 24.

**DO UNTO OTHERS, by Jean Bennett and Marilynne Brigden, Grade 7. . . . .**

The Grade Seven Junior Red Cross Club has raised \$50 to send to the Provincial Headquarters. Half of the money is going to help crippled and handicapped children in B.C., and the other half is going across the ocean to do Red Cross work outside of Canada where children are less fortunate.

The money has been raised by holding a sale, putting on a play, fining class members for forgetfulness, and collecting a fee of 10¢ a month from each member.

The next money-raising project of the Grade Sevens is to show slides and films on Feb. 23rd.

Mr. A.E. Duke of Vesuvius has returned from Vancouver, where he visited with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duke.

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## IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement. Dorothy Anderchek and family.

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ST. NICHOLAS - Evensong, 7:30 pm.

UNITED - GANGES, 11:00 am

BURGOYNE BAY, 2:30 pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of

Grace, Ganges, Holy Mass -

10:45 am

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP:

Mahon Hall - 11:00 pm

JEHOVAH WITNESSES:

Mahon Hall - 2:00 pm

BIBLE CHAPEL - Sunday School:

10:30 am. Evening Service 7:30pm at Mahon Hall.

## NOTICE

Au revoir to all my good friends on this charming island where I have spent many very happy years. I shall return! Monty Blackburne.

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(Cont'd. from p. 1)....the school board to keep the mill rate from increasing. Unfortunately, they failed because the Government instituted their "Equalization" programme and raised the mill rate anyway. Included in the 1962 budget for Repairs and Maintenance is \$2,000 for repairs, alterations and plumbing for the Science Room and \$1,000 for much-needed equipment for the Science Room.

A crew member of the "Delta Princess", half-asleep, madly dashing to work early last Friday morning (5:30 am), driving the familiar road by instinct, was startled by a fleeting glimpse of a white apparition along side the road. He turned about and returned to the sight. Sure enough, there it was. A woman, a stout lady, in a light dress, was kneeling at the edge of the road. As he stopped she slowly raised her hand as if she were about to take an oath.

Our hero, who allows but scanty minutes to drive from Ganges to Fulford and who really doesn't believe in the supernatural, jumped out and asked, "Can I help you?"

"Yes," came the nonchalant reply. "Yes, you can help me up. When I get down I can't get up."

He helped her up. Time was flitting and the ferry was waiting. "Are you hurt? Do you need help?" he asked again, as he mentally measured the size of the woman and concluded she would never fit in his tiny car.

The woman, still acting as if everything was normal, replied, "No, I'm alright. It's just that I'm too fat and when I get down I can't get up."

Where is the hotel. I have a room there."  
Our hero pointed her toward the Harbour House Hotel, a few yards away, and she casually walked away, carrying her high-heeled shoes.

It wasn't until he was half-way to Fulford that he realized he had not found out: who she was, what she was doing there, and how did she get there. Her appearance was not disheveled and she was not drunk. He will never know the answers to these tantalizing questions.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Ware Copeland of Vesuvius Bay, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary yesterday, Feb. 7th in New Westminster, received the good wishes of their many friends at a tea party held in their honour by the Vesuvius Bay community at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Flewin at Vesuvius on February 2nd.

Mrs. D. Lowther poured tea for over 60 guests and also expressed the congratulations of the community in making the presentation of a gift.

The living room of the home was decorated with apricot blossoms and forsythia, and a bouquet of spring flowers made a colorful table centerpiece. A white three-tier anniversary cake was decorated with white roses and gold leaves.

It is a double anniversary for Mr. Copeland. It also marks the 50th anniversary of being a pharmacist.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Sharland of Vesuvius Bay left on February 5th for Southern California where they will spend a few weeks.

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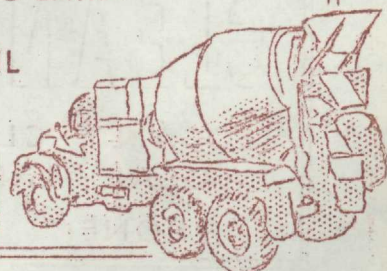
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Property owners from S.S.I. and Other Islands gathered at the Legion Hall, Ganges, yesterday, to present arguments against assessed property values before Harry Alder, barrister and solicitor from Victoria. Mr. Alder began proceedings by stressing the fact that the hearing was to deal with assessments only, not taxes. Chief argument from Other island property owners was the fact that they had "no direct ferry connection with the mainland". However, Mr. Alder stated this was no firm basis on why assessments should be decreased. Galiano seemed the hardest hit with some assessments more than doubling. Mr. Brown, local tax assessor, stated Galiano had a complete re-assessment as regards waterfront property and that demand has established market value. As regards ferry service, no property owner could prove "inaccessibility". A new subdivision just registered a few days ago has already sold and registered five lots.

The pleas of many owners did not fall on deaf ears, as in many cases Mr. Alder did re-adjust the assessment value.

Because of the heavy docket, most of S.S.I. residents will present their cases today (Thursday).

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lee of Fulford Harbour wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Lois Gwendoline to Mr. Peter Nadin of Canim Lake, B.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Nadin of Canim Lake. The wedding is to take place in April.

The regular monthly meeting of Mizpah, the Women's unit of the Ganges United Church, was held in the Church Hall Feb. 1st, with Mrs. R. Bidwell presiding. The meeting opened with Miss E.H. Dean reading the worship service. Miss A. Herd gave an interesting address on the United Church mission work amongst the Indian Youth across Canada.

Mrs. E. Parsons and Mrs. W.M. Mouat were nominated as delegates to the Presbyterial of the United Church Women, to be held at Metropolitan United Church, Victoria on Feb. 13th. Inauguration of the United Church Women will be conducted by the Rev. Laura Butler and the address by Rev. N.L. Hughes.

Plans were laid for a St. Patrick's Day Tea to be held in March. The meeting adjourned and tea was served by Miss Herd and Mrs. J.D. Reid.

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A miscellaneous shower was held on Feb. 6th at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee of Fulford, in honor of bride-elect, Miss Fay Bennett. The shower was put on by Mrs. Andrew Stevens, Miss Lois Lee and Mrs. R. Lee. The bride-to-be and her mother, Mrs. J. Bennett, were presented with corsages on their arrival. Miss Lynn Bennett, sister of the honored guest, assisted in the opening of many lovely gifts. A beautifully decorated bride's cake was made by Mrs. L.J. Mollett. Contests were enjoyed during the course of the evening, winners being Mrs. Gladys Slingsby and Mrs. Hattie Stewart. Over 40 guests were in attendance.

**COMING EVENTS:**

- Thurs. Feb. 8 Annual Congregational meeting of S.S.I. Parish - Parish Hall, 8:00 pm.
- Tues. Feb. 13 Advisory Council - Recreational Committee - Mahon Hall Board Room, 8:00 pm.
- Thurs. Feb. 15 Burgoyne Bay W.A. Valentine Tea - Nan's Coffee Bar - 2:30 pm
- O.A.P.O. meeting - Parish Hall - 2:00 pm. Film showing.

**HOSPITAL NEWS...** 52 patients were under care during the month of January. Of these, 3 came from Saturna, 2 from Mayne, 3 from Pender, and 3 from Fulford.

59 patients were X rayed, 16 cardiograms taken, 4 major operations and 15 minor operations were carried out.

Many people made donations which are gratefully acknowledged. At the close of the Board meeting on Jan. 22nd, the practicing Drs. were invited to join the meeting.

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