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FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES.....

....Ganges was mentioned in the London Daily Sketch a few weeks ago. It was about the rescue of a boy who broke his neck diving in the swimming pool at HMS Ganges, the Royal Navy training centre at Shotley, near Ipawich, Suffolk...
.....Ivan Abolit, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Abolit probably set the record for the longest (time) and furthest (distance) Christmas telephone call to Ganges. He called from Fort Churchill and talked for one hour & 15 mins.....A tip of the hat to Harry Nichols. When Santa was stuck on the beach and there was no hope of Santa seeing the children gathered at Mouat's store; Harry bought candy for the disappointed little tykes.....And another tip of the hat to Sandra and Donald Sutton, visiting grandchildren of Fred Sutton, for organizing some carol singing for neighbours at St. Mary's Lake on Christmas Eve.....Miss H. Purdy, of the Ganges Spit, has donated her valuable carved stone figure to the Provincial Museum. The pre-historic Indian sandstone carving of a seal was found in Miss Purdy's garden several years ago..
.....The first reported S.S.I. lamb born this season was Dec. 7th. at the Jack Fendall ranch.....
...We think the road crews on S.S.I. should be commended for the fine way they got the roads sanded during the icy periods in December.
.....At the reception after the Brown-Whist marriage, the bridegroom, Jarl Whist spoke eloquently about how he and Buzz Brown, father of the bride, had not had time to discuss the dowry. When the wedding party was about to leave, Mr. Whist was presented with a pregnant cow, a dowry custom of natives of other lands.....
....The Motor: (CONT'D TO P.5)

MORE SUNSHINE -

MORE RAIN IN 1961

While we had a wonderful summer of a record amount of sunshine, with little or no rain during the summer months, we had the ghastly amount of 51.52 inches of rain in 1961. One-half of that amount fell in Jan., Febr. & March of last year. This compares to the total rainfall of 37.09 inches in 1960 and 38.69 inches in 1959. 1961's rainfall is the highest recorded in over a decade.

The highest temperature of 1961 was 96 recorded on the 12th of July and the low of 26 was on Dec. 10th.

Last month (Dec., 1961) didn't help much. The total precipitation was 7.38 inches including .65 inches of snow. The previous December the total was 4.54 without any snow. The high temperature for Dec. 1961 was 53 on the 29th. Maximum Mean was 43.1 and the minimum mean was 34.4

1961 was an eventful year on Salt Spring Island. We experienced such things as a cougar hunt and a large forest fire. We saw the community banding together to buy the golf course and we achieved a provincial park, a new fire hall and flower boxes for Ganges.

The two outstanding events of 1961 has changed the course of history for our Island. The first was the take-over of the Gulf Islands Ferry Co. by the B.C. Government. The second, a sad event, was the ending of an era, a rich era, with the death of Gavin C. Mouat, our outstanding citizen.

We predict 1962 will be just as eventful as 1961.

PREMIER BUYS A BIT OF S.S.I...

We hope that none of the Conservatives or Liberals, living on Sunset Drive, will panic and sell their property at a loss, but we must report that Premier W.A.C. Bennett has purchased on Sunset Drive and will be building a summer retreat here.

No matter what our political leanings, it is an honour for Salt Spring Island to be chosen for a summer residence by a Premier of this province. It speaks well of this rock.

However, it might not be a wise political move.

We can well imagine him losing a few votes on Pender Island for choosing Salt Spring Island as the future "Summer Capital of B.C."

As a property owner in this school district, he might be called upon to take a stand on the proposed new auditorium. That will get him into more hot water than the Columbia River ever did or will.

As the Head Man of our ferries he can expect late-at-night phone calls asking when is the next boat leaving.

Not only will it be an honour to have the Premier, but it will create some definite advantages for Salt Spring Island. When he sees his first light bill, there is an awfully good chance he will drop a hint to Dr. Keenleyside. If his car breaks an axle on a pot hole, a word to his Highways Minister will do wonders. And the ferries won't dare to ever be late.

Anyway, Welcome to Salt Spring Island, Premier Bennett. We know you will like this bit of the "French Riviera" of B.C. and it won't be too long until you will be known as an "Islander". Perhaps you will retire here. While some of your neighbours may hope that you will be retiring sooner than later, you will find them all good neighbours wishing you nothing but the (CONT'D TO P. 2)

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(PREMIER BUYS A BIT OF S.S.I. CONT'D P. 1)....
.....best during your stays on Salt Spring Island.
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find your hook.

Who knows, we might even change the name of
Ganges to Cannes.

BOULDING - CROOKS

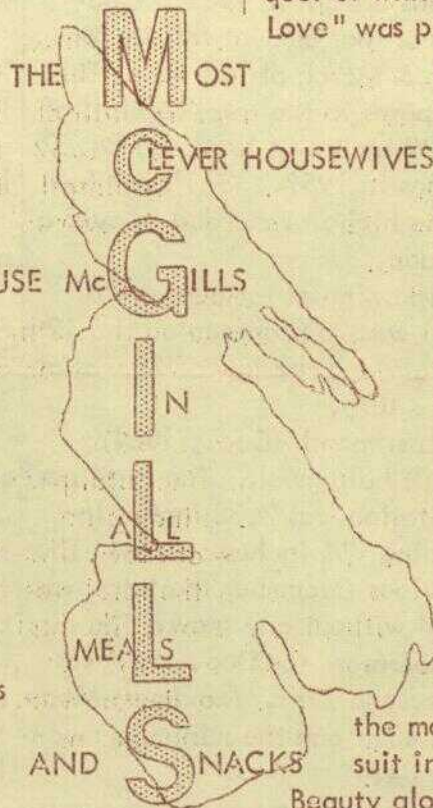
The first legally recognized Baha'i marriage to take place in the province of B.C. was performed in Ganges on Saturday, December 30, 1961, when Miss Barnice Katherine Boulding of Ganges, B.C. and Mr. Barry Dalu Crooks Saturna Island, B.C. were united in an inter-islands wedding consisting of two marriage services. The first, a Baha'i service took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huxtable at 2:00pm. It was conducted by Mrs. K. Remell, chairman of the Vancouver Baha'i assembly. Following this simple service the 45 guests went to St. Georges Anglican church in Ganges for a church service conducted by Archdeacon G.H. Holmes. Organist was Mrs. V.C. Best.

The groom is the son of Mrs. M. Crooks and the late Mr. Joseph Crooks of Victoria.

The bride given in marriage by Mr. C. Huxtable, wore a floor length white lace dress, and her finger-tip veil was held in place by a pearl coronet. She carried a bouquet of tiny red roses and lily of the valley. Her one attendant, Miss Lois Lee of Fulford Harbour chose a waltz-length aqua dress of sheer silk, with a square neckline and short sleeves. Her bouquet was white chrysanthemums and aqua carnations. Matching hat and shoes completed her costume.

The best man was Mr. Bill Money of Saturna Island, B.C. and ushers were Mr. David Crooks of Victoria, (CONT'D TO P. 4)

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Seasonal decorations of cedar boughs, holly, white chrysanthemums and candles set the scene for a lovely wedding at St. Mark's Anglican on Friday, December 29th at 3:00 p.m., uniting in marriage Miss Josette Ellen Brown of Ganges, B.C. and Mr. Jarl Aage Bjorn Whist of North Kamloops, B.C. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Brown of Ganges, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Whist of Smelstad, Oslo, Norway.

The ceremony was performed by Ven. Archdeacon G.H. Holmes. Given in marriage by her father, the bride entered the church to the strains of "Lead Us Heavenly Father", attired in a white damask brocade gown on train featuring lily point sleeves and classic design. A Chapel veil of tulle was held in place with a white Rose of Camelot head-piece. She carried a lovely and unique bouquet of white poinsettia and holly. "O Perfect Love" was played during the signing of the register, and the Wedding March marked the end of the service. All music was played by Mrs. V.C. Best.

Miss Diana Stavrakov, maid of honor, and Miss Marilynne Brown, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid, were dressed in matching garnet velvet slipper-length gowns with wrist-length sleeves. They carried white fur muffs and holly sprigs and wore wreaths of holly in their hair.

Best men was Mr. R.H. Guile of Vancouver, and ushers were Mr. Howard Hamilton of New Westminister, B.C.; Mr. David Gillanders, and Mr. Lyle S. Brown, brother of the bride.

A reception followed the ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents, on Rainbow Road. To receive the guests, the mother of the bride wore an Italian knit suit in Wild Rice, complemented with American Beauty gloves and petal hat, and a corsage of American Beauty roses.

The bride's table, covered by a lace cloth, was centered with a three-tier wedding cake, topped with baby white buds and flanked by white candles in silver holders. The toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. V.L. Jackson. Rooms of the home were tastefully decorated with white mums, poinsettia and holly.

Included among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. R.H. Guile, Mrs. H. Hamilton, Mrs. David Gillanders of Vancouver; Mr. & Mrs. A. Knox of New Westminister; Mr. & Mrs. H. Burden, Mr. & Mrs. R.N. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. B. Varcoe, Mr. & Mrs. B. Atkins, Mrs. Maurice Atkins all of Victoria, (CONT'D TO P. 5)

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LETTER -TO-THE-EDITOR DEPT...

"Dear Woody: You certainly are a disappointment to me. How you could have become so blindly prejudiced in favour of Salt Spring hogging everything and be hanged to any other Island in the short time you have lived there is past my comprehension. I had thought you were broader minded than that.

Don't you think it is unfair that Ladysmith should be able to get to Victoria on the bus in less time than Nanaimo can? Don't you think the Nanaimo people are being unfairly treated when their direct bus to Victoria has to be delayed by stopping in Ladysmith to pick up the local people en route?

Don't you think the Ladysmith people who want to go to Victoria ought to be made to take a shuttle bus back to Nanaimo (at their own expense) and pick up the direct non-stop bus to Victoria from there?

Or, Don't you think you can't argue with geography and if one smaller place happens geographically to be situated nearer a big city than another larger place, well then, that is how it is. The smaller place should neither be blamed nor penalized for having one teeny weeny advantage over the larger place.

Or are Salt Spring Islanders so full of their own importance that they can't bear the thought of having to go on a boat that has no more respect for them than to stop at another Island first? It certainly looks that way.

You try to compare the time taken by the Island Princess to Galiano from Steveston with the time it would take us from Tsawwassen via Long Harbour. This comparison is quite beside the point. The point is that the new service from Tsawwassen will presumably enter the Gulf Islands group via Active Pass

If this is so then she ought to stop at Sturdies Bay as she goes by and not carry our Islanders away around into Trincomali either to Long Harbour, Montague or anywhere else. Any comparison of the time to be taken by your proposed shuttle service must be compared with the time which would be taken on a straight run between Sturdies Bay and Tsawwassen.

Anyway Salt Spring does not need a mainland connection. She already has a fast, frequent and factual shuttle service via Fulford and Swartz Bay. If a shuttle service is so wonderful why does your Chamber of Commerce want to take our hopes of a direct mainland connection away from us? We did not create our geographical advantages and cannot be blamed for wanting to make the best use of them.

Also I do not think the Government feels under any obligation to put on any additional ferry service for the benefit of the Duncan-Crofton-Chemanius area. They can most easily use the one-skip Nanaimo service.

You can print any, all, or none of this as you like. (signed) Don New., Galiano Island."

S.S.I. FOREST FIRE COST \$13,650,00


The "Tuan Mountain" Forest fire on S.S.I. last September cost the taxpayers \$13,650. before the 1,185 acre fire was extinguished.

British Columbia's 1961 Forest Fire Season will go down as one of the three worst in Provincial history.

A preliminary recapitulation of this year's statistics, made public today by the Forest Service in Victoria, shows that Service fire-fighting costs for 1961 are estimated to be \$4,300,000, as against \$4,797,000 in 1960, and \$4,528,000 in 1958, two other recent "disaster" years.

In addition, the forest industries (CONT'D P.4)

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(S.S.I. FOREST FIRE CONT'D P. 3).....spent \$522,337 on fire-fighting this year, as against \$482,707 in 1960, and \$1,088,000 in 1958. Thus the total fire-fighting bill burdening the Crown and private industry amounted to \$4,822,337 this year, \$5,279,707 last year, and \$5,616,000 in 1958.

Over the past four years, the Forest Service and Industry together have spent \$16,500,000 on fire-fighting in B.C., some 50% of the total forest fire-fighting costs for the whole of Canada over the same period.

There were 3,102 forest fires reported in B.C. in 1961. For the first time this figure excludes minor railway tie fires controlled on the railway rights-of-way.

The principal causes of forest fires during 1961 were as follows: lightning, 1,426 fires (46% of total); smokers, 306 fires (10.8%); recreational, 269 fires (8.7%); industrial operations, 194 fires (6.2%); escaped range burning, 179 fires (5.8%); railways, 154 fires (4.8%).

The total area burned over in 1961 amounted to 1,227,159 acres, as against 285,820 acres in 1960, and 2,065,420 acres in 1958. These differences in areas burned reflect the problem of inaccessibility in the northern districts where most of the fires were concentrated in 1958 and again this year. In 1960, the biggest fires occurred in the comparatively accessible south-central B.C.

Of the current year's total area burned, 175,390 acres contained 315,532,000 cubic feet of merchantable timber which were killed, and 252,725 acres of immature timber were also destroyed. The remaining area burned consisted of not satisfactorily restocked forest land (69,490 acres), non-commer-

cial cover (549,264 acres), plus grazing and non-productive sites.

The destruction of the merchantable timber volume amounted to a loss of potential stumpage revenue to the Province of \$5,993,000. The unmanufactured value of the logs destroyed would total some \$59,000,000. Thus the loss to the economy in these categories for 1961, amounts to almost \$65,000,000 as against \$46,500,000 in 1960 and \$79,000,000 in 1958.

(BOULDING - CROOKS WEDDING CONT'D P.2) brother of the groom and Mr. John Money and Mr. Douglas Cornwell both of Saturna Island, B.C.

Following the church ceremony, a reception was held in the Parish Hall, with refreshments beautifully served by the Women's Auxilliary to the Anglican Church. The wedding cake was made by the bride

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and decorated by Mrs. D. Layard. Leaving for her honeymoon the bride donned a dark brown wool cardigan suit with matching purse and shoes. Turquoise hat and gloves and a corsage of yellow roses completed her ensemble.

Out of town guests included Mrs. M. Crooks, Victoria mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. Britten and family, Victoria; Mr. David Crooks and Miss Carol Crooks of Victoria; Mrs. K. Rimell and Mrs. E. Kerr of Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. J. Yates, Mr. and Mrs. J. Money, Mrs. B. Begon, and Mrs. A. Ritchie all of Saturna.

The newly weds will make their home on Saturna island.

The Annual meeting of St. Georges Alter Guild will be held in the Parish Hall, Jan. 8th at 2:00 pm.

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(BROWN-WHIST WEDDING CONT'D P. 2).....
 Mrs. Price and Mr. David Price of Sidney.

For a honeymoon trip to Harrison Hot Springs the bride wore a cinnamon wool model suit with accessories on tone.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Whist will reside in North Kamloops, B.C.

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

Princess is back on her run and just in time we think. The Cy Peck broke her steering cable on Boxing Day when leaving the Ganges Dock and was ignobly anchored for an hour while the crew did a little "haywiring". It was discovered, at that time, the "Cy Peck" had some open seams in the stern and that can be embarrassing to anyone.....

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE by C.R.Horel, President

As we leave 1961 and look forward to 1962, I would like to review just some of the things your Chamber has done and has seen accomplished in the year 1961.

During 1961 Salt Spring Island saw the culmination of one of its major objectives when the B.C. Toll Ferry Authority took over our locally owned Ferry Co., with the Government accepting the responsibility for providing ferry service for all the Gulf Islands.

Various other projects which occupied your Chamber included the inevitable representation to the Highways Dept. concerning roads. While we still do not have the roads we want, the cooperation from the Highways Dept. is now excellent and the outlook for road work in 1962 is more promising than it has ever been.

The Chamber also installed and maintained the flower boxes in Ganges on the widened-out causeway. At the present the new, highly-attractive varnished resort signs are going up to replace the conglomeration of miscellaneous signboards and arrows previously in use. The Chamber also provided picnic benches in strategic locations through out the Island.

For publicizing your Island, the hard-working publicity committee had 15,000 folders printed and distributed.

The Chamber made an appeal for better lighting at the small boat float in Ganges and succeeded in getting the lights improved there. And, of course, the street lighting in Ganges was paid for by the Chamber.

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When the Chamber pressed for the creation of a Government camp-site, the late Gavin C. Mouat generously made possible the new Mouat Park, a fine addition to our Island.

Another event which gave great satisfaction to your Chamber, which started the movement three years ago, was the completion of the new fire hall by the efficient Trustees.

Other endeavours included Gulf Islands Day and numerous Joint Council meetings which fostered the cause of inter-island unity.

None of these accomplishments could have been done without the hard-working committees made up of community-minded citizens, and without the citizens of the community as a whole. Your Chamber, dedicated to the betterment of this wonderful Island, increased its membership in 1961 to 149, showing a growing interest in our endeavours. We sincerely hope that 1962 will see more people join the

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LOST

8 ft. Plywood dingy from Booth Canal. Last seen Dec. 18th in Booth Bay. Any information Phone Driftwood 176, or RCMP 27

IN APPRECIATION

I wish to convey my thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Br. # 92, The H.M.S. Ganges Branch of the I.O.D.E., and Marae and Art Young for their kindness in making my Christmas so enjoyable.
(signed) CUSHEON LAKER

COMING EVENTS:

Thurs. Jan. 4: Lions Club
 Sat. 6: 500 Card Party - Beaver Pt. Hall 8:15pm.
 Mon. 8: St. Geo.'s Alter Guild Annual meeting 2:00pm Parish Hall.
 8: Library Annual Meeting - Parish Hall - 3:00 pm.
 Wed. 10: Chamber of Commerce Executive - Mahon Hall - 8:00pm.

CHURCHES, January 7, 1962----

ANGLICAN:

ST. MARK'S - Matins & Holy Communion - 11:00 am.
 ST. GEORGE'S - Evensong - 7:30 pm.
 ST. MARY'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: 10:30 am. & 7:30 pm. at Mahon Hall

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(CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONT'D P. 5).....
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and your Chamber of Commerce will be doing its
best, at all times, on each problem.

For now, from your Chamber of Commerce to all
our citizens go wishes for a most prosperous and
Happy New Year.

A goal of three years of hard work was realized
on Dec. 28th when the official opening of the new
fire hall took place. About 100 people gathered to
hear the opening remarks of W.H. Bradley, Chairman
of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Henry McGill, of
Federal Way, Wash. and the guiding light in est-
ablishing a Fire Dist. on S.S.I., gave the major
address and untied the ribbon, declaring the fire
hall open.

The community Christmas carol singing, sponsored
and led by the Lions Club on Dec. 23rd, was a
great success and should become an annual event.
The Lions, in fine voice as usual, assisted by some
mighty nice records played on Mr. Doug Dane's
mobile loud speaker system, led the singing. More
than 100 people gathered under the tree at the
Cenotaph, for the songfest.

1961 - AT FULFORD.....by Bea Hamilton.....
How many will remember the past events of our
hectic 1961? To look back on one's diary and rea-
lize what a lot has gone on in 12 months, one can
only be thankful that things were spaced apart and
not happening all at one time.

1961 started out all right - with a gay party in
The Fulford Hall - and open
House at the Art Hepburn's.....
then the light-ship Estevan
brought in a new cylindrical light-
buoy to replace the old spar-buoy

at Skull Island reef...and the Moultons had a double
Golden wedding and anniversary party for Mr. and
Mrs. G.A. Moulton Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. G. Swift
and there was a great gathering of the clan.....
Morrie Akerman won three trophies at boxing - the
11th. Annual Emerald Gloves boxing card at Van-
couver College...and then with February, wild
geese came honking over...and humming birds and
snowdrops gladdened our hearts with their early ar-
rival...400 people turned out to a boxing card at
the Fulford Hall...then March was an exciting month-
remember the cougar hunt that puzzled the two pro-
fessional hunters Jimmy Dewar and Skate Hames and the
wild cat kept them playing hide and seek for two
months - before it was caught on Provost Island....
then the Campbells of Cusheon Lake-Beaver Point
road introduced their wonderful adopted deer family
to the community...and the Moulton brothers, Stanley
and Joe, started their new industry in their Rainbow
Trout Farm...at the Cliff Lee farm, a Susses hen laid
a whopping big egg which weighed in a a half a
pound...In April with the April showers came the
Victoria Power Squadron to be hosted by Wilson
Marina and they had a wonderful smorgasbore supper
at Solimar...The Bishop pf B.C. confirmed 25 candi-
dates in St. Mary's Church- and a tiny mouse started
several of the ladies by dropping in to watch the cere-
mony...And in May- there was a slight stirring of
emotions as residents got up a protest meeting over
the proposed amalgamation by the School Board...
(but all simmered down again when it was straightened
out later on-and Fulford won...) Old timers Mr. and
Mrs. Dave Maxwell celebrated their Diamond wedding
anniversary- and received telegrams from Her Majesty
the Queen and Prime Minister Deifenbaker and others
...and everyone was so pleased...Lovely Lynn Aker-
man was crowned Queen of the May...and Beaver
Point community won the first prize
for the second year for the best float
in the Empire Day parade...mem-
bers of the local W.I. were busy
knitting garments (CONT'D P.8)

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(FULFORD CONT'D P. 7).....for refugee babies..In June, we had the members of the Canadian Women's Press Club at Dromore for a luncheon and a meeting - and Muriel Wilson visited several friends while she was over with her husband Jim Wilson... Lynn Bennett celebrated her 14th birthday by hiking up the mountain with friends...and in July, pioneer William Lumley, passed away...and there was an aerial battle between a Marsh Hawk and a raven, with crows and other birds joining in on a free-for-all up by the water hole...August saw many visitors on Salt Spring...and hot dry weather...the fire trucks were busy- a house burned down across near Fulford Wharf...and the Frank Grants had a family reunion picnic on their beach...It looked like the Yacht Club with the Evensong, the Passat and the Carina anchored off shore...then at the end of August came the change over in ferries...And September- that was a hot month in more ways than one- remember the fire starting at Cape Keppel? and the weeks of fire fighting by many men? In October, Mrs. M. Gyves was elected president of the W.I.... a large crowd turned out to the Harvest supper at the Fulford Hall...Miss V. Salliss and Mrs. Prince returned from a world tour...Mr. and Mrs. F. Reid were up from Victoria for a visit...a school of killer whale startled several local fisherman around Cape Keppel...The Roland family have a Bantam rooster called Benjamin and he is a mother to a baby chick...The Roland children saved a hummingbird from drowning in the sea...and Leona Roland married Gordon Cook in Victoria...(There were nine birthdays in the Roland family somewhere in late summer -all within a few days....) November - Dull gray days were spiced with lovely sunshine and gorgeous sun-rises...the Dave Morrisons saw a deadly drama between two eagles and a duck- with the duck losing out - and several of us - Pat Slingsby, Mrs. P. Hollings and others- saw the king size meteorite fall over S.S.I....Andy Stevens won the booby prize at the 500 card game - some stranger shot the Campbell's pet mule deer "Nipper" on the Indian Reservation...December was stormy - ask the skippers of the MV Delta Princess and MV Cy Peck - they were two hours getting in to the Swartz Bay wharf on Dec. 20th....A storm put all the lights and phone system out one day- and a fir tree smashed Betty

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Drummond's garage and top of her car...Everyone has been having Merry Christmas parties and Doug Dane let the bells ring out the joyful tidings on Christmas morn...lights around the harbour put life and light into the dark nights...the Sunday School children put on a lovely Christmas pageant again... Eileen Laurie mentioned that in her broadcast of Christmas in Fulford just before Christmas Day.... lots of other things happened during the year of 1961 -things like the grinning skull and skeleton found by the Olsons of Beaver Point- the Bean Supper at Beaver Point- and on Christmas Eve, a little white lamb was born at the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Shore.....

Miss Diane Carlin has returned to Calgary after spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Carlin of Ganges.....Miss Dawn Breeze of Vancouver, has been the guest of her grand-parents Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Saunders for the holiday.....

FERNWOOD NEWS..... Miss Ruth Leach, Victoria, spent the Christmas holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Leach....Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Thompson travelled to the mainland on Dec. 22nd. The Thompsons are visiting their son, Mr. Allan Thompson & family in Langley, while Mr. and Mrs. Graham are holidaying with relatives in Vancouver...Mr. & Mrs. Vic Bettiss & Eddie were Xmas guests at the home of Mrs. Bettiss's brother, Capt. G. Pengelly in Victoria...Mr. Alan Waterfall and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Waterfall with Lori & Larry of North Surrey visited Mr. & Mrs. Frank Waterfall over Christmas.

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