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**FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES. . . .**  
Last Sat., a high-flying party, held in honour of a Salt Spring Island couple's 15th wedding anniversary, came to a sudden halt between floors of the Empress Hotel when the elevator became stuck. Reliable eye-witness reports stated that blast-off from the launching pad on the first floor was A.O.K. and that the liquid fuel intake seemed sufficient for reaching orbit. However, Empress Hotel Space & Elevator experts pinpointed the trouble as a mechanical failure due to an overload. The party, four of S.S.I.'s liveliest couples plus an expatriate couple now living in Victoria, and the operator spent over 30 minutes suspended between floors. The operator placed a call to ground-crew but no one showed to rescue our astronauts. Finally they took matters into their own hands and effected an escape through the hatch in the roof of the elevator car. From there they were able to step out onto the floor above. . . .  
. . . The saddest word of tongue and pen/ We sold the baby buggy and then. . . . Mysterious things a-going on at Beaver Point. The army is surveying that region. Maybe we are going to get a Bomarc missile base. . . . This next item comes under the heading of "Don't do as I do, do as I say". Seven beginner bridge students, who have nearly completed their course under the tutelage of Charles Moat, have entered the I.O.D.E. bridge competition. All seven won their first round matches while teacher was losing his first round match. . . . The lady who lost her slacks (advertised last week in DRIFTWOOD as found in the wrong car) has not been in to claim them. Please hurry, lady, my wife is beginning to eye me with suspicion. . . .  
. . . . (Cont'd. to page 9)

### GIL HUMPHREYS TOSSES HAT INTO LIBERAL RING. . . .

Mr. Gil Humphreys, local businessman, is to seek the nomination at the Liberal Convention in Duncan this coming Saturday, March 24th, and if successful, will be campaigning from now on until the next election for the Federal seat of this riding.

Mr. Humphreys was born in 1916, and educated in North Vancouver and lived there most of his life until moving to Salt Spring Island some eight years ago. His father, brother and himself were engaged in the Canned Salmon business of which Gil Humphreys was Production Manager for many years. The firm also had a Herring Plant on Pender Island.

During the war Mr. Humphreys was with the R.A.F. stationed for most of his four years service in Malta.

Since being on Salt Spring Island he tried his hand at turkey farming for six years and in his last year at this venture he raised over 20,000 turkeys. Since then he has turned his attention to the Real Estate business and works with the well-known firm of Salt Spring Lands, Ltd. whose founder, the late Gaven C. Mouat, was the Liberal candidate in the Federal election of 1953.

Also during the past eight years he has been a Director of the Farmers Institute, Vice-President of the Canadian Legion, on the Executive of the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of the Rod & Gun Club and organizer and leader of the Cub Scouts. He has been a member of the Hospital Management Board for the past three or four years and is now completing a four year term on the School Board as Chairman of the Board, where he does a vociferous though outstanding job.

Mr. Humphreys is proud of the record of his maternal grandparents, pioneers of North Vancouver. His grandfather, Donald Cameron, an engineer and partner in the old firm of Cleveland and Cameron, was instrumental in the building of many of the original roads and bridges of early B.C.

When questioned on his previous Conservative leanings, Mr. Humphreys replied that after four years of Diefenbaker's leading the country around the Mulberry bush he was surprised at the question. He feels that there is no other way for Canada to regain its stature, either among her own people or the peoples of the world than to get the Liberals back into the driver's seat, and have a man of Mr. Lester Pearson's calibre at the wheel. Mr. Humphreys also stated that he is far from alone in this turn to Liberalism.

Mrs. (Nonie) Humphreys, who was born in Parksville, is also a strong helping hand in local activities, being on the Executive of the Ladies Auxilliary to the Legion, a member of the I.O.D.E., and the St. Mark's Church Guild. The Humphreys have four children, two girls and two boys, all attending school in Ganges.

Alderman and lawyer Douglas Greer and Lake Cowichan High School principal Jack Saywell will also contest the Liberal nomination for Nanaimo next Saturday. MP Paul Hellyer will address the nominating convention.

The Conservatives have already nominated the Hon. W.F. Matthews and the New Democratic Party is running Mr. Colin Cameron.

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**DEACON - REYNOLDS.** . . . . Members of two long-time Gulf Island families were principles in a wedding on March 17th, when Miss Caroline Deacon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert W. Deacon of Mayne Island became the bride of Mr. John William Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gavin L. Reynolds of Fulford Harbour, B.C. The ceremony took place at 1:30 p.m. in the Ganges United Church, with Dr. N. Hughes officiating, and the organ music provided by Mrs. J. Tomlinson.

Yellow bows and pale green ribbons decorated the church pews, and daffodils and spring greenery created a lovely setting as the bride entered the church on the arm of her father. Her white gown featured a lace bodice with a scalloped neckline trimmed with sequins, lily point sleeves, and a redingcote skirt over tiers of white net edged in an applied border of flowers which encircled the skirt. A crown tiara with a finger-tip veil and white satin slippers completed her ensemble. She carried a white Bible on which rested a corsage of pink roses.

Miss Doreen Card attended Miss Deacon as Maid of Honour. She wore a dress of pastel pink, with white accessories, and carried a bouquet of spring flowers. Bridesmaids, Miss Nancy Reynolds and Miss Sharyn Reynolds wore identical dresses of pastel green with white accessories and carried bouquets of spring flowers. Mr. Don Reynolds, Brother of the groom was best man, and the ushers were Mr. Norman Deacon, brother of the bride, and Mr. Garry Allan of North Surrey, a friend of the groom. Both ushers wore dark suits and white boutonnieres.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Deacon wore a turquoise sheath dress with white accessories and a corsage of white carnation. Mrs. Reynolds, mother of the groom chose a mid-blue silk print sheath dress with a matching jacket. She also wore a corsage of white carnations.

A reception held in Mahon Hall was attended by

200 guests. The bride's table, under a canopy of white bells, was decorated in yellow and white, and centered with a three-tier wedding cake made by the mother of the groom, and flanked by yellow and white candles. Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Mr. Don Cowan of Vancouver, and a toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. R. Aitken of Mayne Island.

Out of town guests included: Mr. & Mrs. W. Wolfe, grandparents of the bride, Mr. & Mrs. L. LeGault, Mr. & Mrs. G. Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. W. Barnes, Mrs. W. Haglund, Mr. & Mrs. J. Deacon, Duncan, Mrs. M. Georgeson, Mrs. J. Ralph, Mr. & Mrs. W. Bond, Miss Marilyn Davidson, Miss Vivian Barnes, Miss Linda Haglund, Mr. & Mrs. E. Geuski, Victoria, Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Morris, Vancouver, B.C., Mr. & Mrs. D. Kermode, Vancouver, Mr. & Mrs. J. Cairns, Ladner, Mr. & Mrs. F. Kaye, Mr. & Mrs. A. Kaye, Mr. & Mrs. G. Henn, Ladysmith, Mr. E. Williams, Chemainus, Mr. & Mrs. N. Brooks, Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. D. Cowan, Mrs. C. Adolph & son, Mr. & Mrs. E. Brenton, Jr., Vancouver, Mr. R. Wylie, Mr. & Mrs. B. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Warburton, Mr. & Mrs. Charley Sampson.

For a honeymoon trip to Seattle via Vancouver, the bride donned a suit of off-white boucle with mauve and chocolate brown accessories, and a corsage of pink roses which had been carried on the white Bible.

According to an announcement from the Board of Trustees of the North S.S.I. Waterworks, an accomodation has been worked out whereby Mr. Peter Cartwright will be retained as Superintendent and his able services to the ratepayers will continue.

**GANGES NEWS** . . . Frank Portlock and his friend, Mike Hong, of Honolulu are visiting with Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Portlock at Booth Bay Resort. Frank and Mike are students at Oregon University at Eugene, Oregon. . . . Wing Commander L.A. Yellowlees (R.C.A.F.) of Saskatoon, has purchased property in the Beddis sub-division and hopes to retire to S.S.I. . . . Another capable instructor is needed for the Judo Club. Anyone with qualifications can contact Constable K. Aquilon. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Leon Duplessis and Cory are off to take up residence in South Africa the latter part of this month.

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Frances Fennel, Darlene Marcotte and John Sturdy were declared the top winners in their respective classes of competition at the Oratorical contest held at Mahon Hall last Monday under the sponsorship of the P.T.A. While the judging was difficult, due to the high caliber performance of each contestant, the three judges agreed unanimously on the eventual winners. The winners were: (elementary section) Grade 4, Frances Fennel, Grade 5, Fred Nitsch, grade 6, Mary Alice Coels; (Juniors) Grade 7, Darlene Marcotte, Grade 8, Jill Scott and grade 9, Barry Marcotte; (Seniors) Grade 10, Russell Thorburn, grade 11, Donna Holling and grade 12, John Sturdy. The judges were Dr. Norah Hughes, Mr. Adrian Wolfe-Milner and Mr. G.S. Humphreys.

Entertainment was provided by Kathryn Fraser and Cherrie Horel with a piano duet and by the "Three Straws" song and dance team, Freda Nobbs, Karen West and Darlene Marcotte. A cake walk was held and coffee was served. Displays of students' classroom work were exhibited.

Tickets for the S.S.I. Chamber of Commerce Installation banquet, to be held on April 13th at the United Church Hall, are selling like the proverbial hotcake. The attraction, of course, is the opportunity to hear Tony Emery, the main speaker for the evening.

Tony Emery, who graduated from Oxford University in 1953, came to Canada in that year and taught in public and private schools until 1957 when he joined the faculty of Victoria College. His "Trip across Canada" speech, given several times to various clubs and organizations, has become almost a classic of wit and wisdom.

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1945. Since coming to Victoria he has acted as Curator, Director and President of the Art Gallery; has contributed to art and literary journals in Canada and Europe; commentator and critic for C.B.C. radio and television and is a columnist for the Victoria Daily Times.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., after the main speech, a general business meeting of the Chamber will be held. Any member not able to come to the dinner will be welcome to attend the business session.

Cynthia Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.A. McLaren of Victoria, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Beech, Ganges, was christened at St. George's Church on Sunday, March 11th. The godparents were Mrs. H. Eggleston of Victoria and Mr. and Mrs. W. Dewar of Skagway. Elizabeth and Brian Beech stood as proxies for the Dewars who were unable to attend. Archdeacon G.H. Holmes officiated. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Newman. Out of town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. J.A. McLaren, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eggleston and Ian and Mark McLaren, brothers of the baby.

Mrs. Stan Kitchener made an excellent "French Chef" at the Bake Sale held by Branch 32 O.A.P.P. in St. George's Hall March 15th. Everyone enjoyed the fun and Mrs. B. Krebs won 1st prize, Mrs. P. Gunterman 2nd, and Mrs. Hayward 3rd. The next meeting will be April 19th at 2 p.m. All members are asked to donate a small gift for "Post Office" in May.

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Next week's subject will be on plant starter solutions and fertilizer recommendations.

St. Patrick may not be here in person, but his spirit prevails as once again with its usual outstanding success, the Mizpah unit of the Ganges United Church held its annual St. Patrick's Day Tea on the afternoon

of Thursday, March 15th, in the Upper Church Hall.

Mrs. R. Bidwell introduced Mrs. D.N. Abolit, leader of the Noralight Unit, who, with an appropriate address and a touch of good old Irish humor, declared the tea open. Miss H. Dean and Mrs. Bidwell presided at the tea table, which was tastefully decorated with the green of the day.

Mrs. E. Parsons and Mrs. J. Catto were in charge of the tea room and assisting were Miss A. Herd, Mrs. J. Fendall and Mrs. F. Reid. Mrs. C. Leggett and Mrs. S. Wagg were in charge of the needlework stall, and the home cooking stall was presided over by Mrs. J.D. Reid and Mrs. J. Wallace. Mrs. L. Holloway was in charge of a cake weight-guessing contest. The cake, donated by Mrs. C. Zenkie was won by Miss Z. Manning. Mrs. H. Ashley was cashier, and at the close of the afternoon, turned in a satisfactory report.

## DON THOMPSON - RECORDING ARTIST

VISITS FULFORD by Bea Hamilton. . . . .

A likeable young man, Don Thompson of Seattle and Hollywood, celebrated singing and recording artist, is visiting Salt Spring Island for a week or so. And Don is still chuckling about his trip over here. "It couldn't happen anywhere but in Canada!" he declares when referring to his recent adventure at sea. (He, with his traveling companion, Rene Kennedy, got on the wrong ferry, and were transferred in mid-ocean, to Don's utter amazement, and the ferries went on their ways with nary a hitch in the schedule, and brought the passengers safely to their destination.) Don is saving the story to tell back home in the United States - "They'll never believe me!" he says. They'd better! There have been several such marine faux pas at sea but the crews always seem to come up with a solution to the problem. "The mate and crew are simply wonderful." says Rene Kennedy, who is a song writer, by the way.

And Don Thompson is enjoying a rest from the rush of life in the States - he says the people he has met on Salt Spring are (Cont'd to Page 5)

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(Cont'd from Page 4). . . . the nicest and friendliest anywhere. Don is pretty nice and friendly himself. And he is a very busy and important person. He has 350 fan clubs (mostly girls of course) and he has been recording songs for two years, doing about two records a month. He joined the U.S. Navy right after graduation from High School, then he attended the College University of Don Martin in Hollywood. He is a qualified radio announcer and disk jockey, so he is ready for whatever the future holds.

At present, Don is the leader of a band of four musicians - "the Coppertones" they are called - and they travel to many places. Last month, this popular young singer was chosen as the Number Two singer of the month, in the United States.

Don gets anything from 100 to 500 fan letters a week, and he employs three secretaries; he will be appearing with his band at the Worlds Fair in Seattle at the end of the month. Don is hoping to have appearances in Canada with his band - "I like Canada and the Canadians," he says, and there is no doubt but that the Canadians will like him.

His rise to fame in the short two years, doesn't seem to have left any mark on this young man. "It's like a dream at times", he mused as he drank coffee at Dromore, and says he finds it hard to believe his success. He spoke with warmth about his friends and his greatest pal is Paul Anka, well known to the popular singing world. And he says Paul is a fine chap. He speaks with pride of his parents and two younger brothers back home in Seattle.

So far, Salt Spring Teenagers haven't discovered this celebrity in their midst, so he's having a good rest. But he doesn't mind signing autographs and loves his work in the public. He has had some close calls with mobbing teenagers, who seem to think they have to tear his coat off for souvenirs once in a while, and once he lost his shirt as well - and that really burned Don up - he was so burned up in fact, that he got out and told the frenzied mob of girls, "It was time they grew up and started to act like ladies", and that had the desired effect for that time! Don says he cannot go to a picture show any more or attend social events - he gets mobbed. So being a celebrity has its drawbacks as well as its compensations. But Don likes meeting the public, and finds the teenagers wonderful most of the time and he likes the older people too. So it's no wonder he has fans everywhere, they write from England and Canada - and in Vancouver and on Salt Spring he has gained several fans - and they aren't all teenagers!

**FULFORD** - Two people tied for highest score at the cribbage games in the Beaver Point Hall on Saturday night. Mrs. A. Bennett, Sr., and Mr. W. Westin. Supper convenors were Mrs. A. Stevens and Mrs. Bennett. . . .

Week-end before last, the Arthur Hepburn home reverberated with the joyous romping and stomping of seven U.B.C. students, including five friends of Duncan and Mhora Hepburn, S.S.I.'s only brother and sister act at U.B.C. The five students, Eugene Lavec, Sharon Daniels, Walter Zetler, James and Rosemary Booth think Salt Spring Island is the most.

The Ninth Annual Beaver Point Bean Supper will take place on Saturday, March 31st. Always a Spring highlight, the event was attended by nearly 250 people last year, as the ladies of the Beaver Point Community Assn. served the delicious baked beans, salad, home-made bread, and 19 varieties of pie. This year, serving will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only 75¢ per plate, with no charge for pre-schoolers. The event ends with a big Bingo.

A week or so ago a vigorous old Salt Spring Islander wrote the B.C. Game Department, explaining that he was writing a story for an Eastern magazine, about how he had captured a live Rocky Mountain Goat. He asked the Game Department if they had any background shots of the Kootenays which he could use with the story. A day or so later, two game wardens turned up to claim the goat since it is an offence to keep one in captivity. Our friend had quite a time explaining to them that he had captured the goat in 1909!

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A/c's receivable	658.80	Share Capital -	
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Some of the ITEMS will be listed  
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The **ANNUAL MEETING** and **NOMINATION CONVENTION** of the Nanaimo Federal Liberal Association will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, Duncan, B.C. at 1:30 pm on Saturday, March 24th, 1962.

**BUSINESS:-** Election of officers  
 Nomination of Candidate to contest the next Federal Election.

**SPEAKER:-** Hon. Paul T. Hellyer, M.P. for Toronto-Trinity and former Associate Defence Minister, will address the meeting.

The Nomination Convention is open to all those having a membership ticket in any Liberal Association in the Riding, and in addition any others interested are cordially invited to attend and hear the address of the Hon. Paul T. Hellyer.

**THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AND YOU ARE URGED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND AND BRING A FRIEND**

**S.S.I. GIRLS WIN HONOURS AT FESTIVAL. . . .**

Salt Spring Island can be mighty proud of the 11 girls from here who competed in 14 classes in piano competition at the Duncan Music Festival. The 11 (8 from S.S.I. and 3 from Prevost) competed in 14 classes. 20 of their performances rated the high mark of 81% and two performances rated the commendable 78%.

Besides winning their class competition, Heather Anderson, Cheryl Horel, Angela Brigden, Barbara and Susan deBurgh of Prevost won cups. Heather was awarded the special Stanley Gordon I.O.D.E. trophy by earning the top marks in sight reading. She won over 10 classes, with 55 students competing, with a mark of 85%. Cheryl, who collected three firsts was awarded the Dorothy Paulding Rose Bowl for the highest mark in the Bach competition. She won with a mark of 87% competing against 54 contestants. Angela Brigden, was awarded the Kiwanis Club Bursary for the Junior Piano Class for the highest aggregate. Barbara and Susan won the piano duet competition against 8 other teams with a point score of 86%.

All the S.S.I. competitors won certificates, pins, or charms for winning 1st, 2nd or 3rd in various classes. Besides the girls named above, the competitors were Moreen deBurgh, Sandy McLeod, Laurie Mouat, Kathryn Fraser, Joan Stevens and Kathryn Baker.

10 Lions and eight mates from the S.S.I. Lions Club attended the Spring Conference of Dist. #19-A (B.C. and Northern Wash.) which was held last Sat. and Sun. at Nanaimo. Those from here, who enjoyed the business sessions, speeches and general frivolity were

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Trelford, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cartwright, Mr. & Mrs. Don Morrison, Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. W.F. Thorburn, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mailey, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Greenhough, J.C. West, and Rod Pringle.

**THE STONECUTTER'S HOUSE (Contributed). . . .**

There was once a stone house at Southey Point, until a local logger bulldozed it into a pile of rubble. Before this shapeless mound of broken stone loses all meaning, let's try to collect the faint memories which still remain. I'll begin, taking my information from an old newspaper clipping in Mrs. George Nelson's scrapbook, and you are all welcome to correct it, or to add to the stories:

Back in the 1850's and 60's, sandstone for building was in demand in Victoria and San Francisco. A dark-grey, easily-worked stone was found in quantity along the western shore of Salt Spring Island and five young men formed a company to quarry at Vesuvius the sandstone which they sold in Victoria for \$8.00 per ton. But local legend denies that these men built the small stone house at Southey Point, and maintains that a man named Smith previously worked a small quarry by himself, and built the small house. Plainly marked on the island map is the green grassy hollow called Stonecutters Lake.

Smith, it is said, also made arrangements for a small schooner to call and take on the cargo of stone blocks destined for a San Francisco market. It is also claimed that on either the first or a second trip, Smith, who went along to handle his own sales, was killed by a falling (Cont'd to Page 8)

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(Cont'd from Page 7). . . . block of stone as it was being unloaded in San Francisco.

About 1860 the first settlers took up land, and a little later there arose a dispute about cattle rustling. In one case the owner of the herd discovered the identity of one of the rustlers and meted out his own justice. The story goes that one day a small schooner hove to in the cove at Southey Pt. and a tall, heavily-set man walked down to the waters edge to talk to the skipper. During the conversation, he mentioned casually the cattle rustling and said that at least one of the thieves would never bother his stock again. After a further exchange of local gossip, the vessel continued on its way. Legend has it that for some reason the vessel returned to the cove at Southey Pt., and that the skipper decided he would take a look at the empty stone hut on the hill-side above. The hand-hewn door was swung tightly shut on its wooden hinges, but the skipper yanked it open. Stepping into the gloomy interior, he stumbled over something on the floor. He looked down to discover that he had fallen over a pair of human legs protruding from the earthen floor. There is no record of the speed with which the skipper returned to his ship.

A few days later a couple of policemen from Victoria landed in the same little cove and panted up the steep hill. There was no trace of a half-buried body. But the story goes that the cattle rustling had stopped and that one man had disappeared and was never seen again.

Gradually the door of the house rotted away. The

wooden roof fell in and slowly turned to dust. Saplings grew into tall trees and all traces of the trails disappeared. Perhaps in another few years, a curious stranger may stumble across the pile of rubble which the bulldozers have left, and if he asks about it he may be told, as I was, that it is the remains of an old Spanish fort and that Spanish treasure is buried somewhere nearby. One hundred years have almost obliterated the Stonecutter's house. Can anyone help us rebuild its story?

The members of the Catholic Womens League held their monthly meeting on Tuesday last with Mrs. E. Bonar in the chair. Rev. Father P. Hanley opened the meeting with the League prayer. The members voted to send \$10.00 to the St. Josephs Hospital building fund and to buy new altar linens for the church. Father Hanley informed the meeting that a Parish newspaper was to be introduced, covering Sidney, Saanich and Salt Spring and that the Salt Spring Parishioners are asked to make newsworthy contributions. The first publication will be in April. The next meeting will be on April 10th when the new Executive will be elected.

The first round of H.M.S. Ganges chapter I.O.D.E. marathon elimination bridge played March 12 to 17 in Salt Spring Island homes resulted in the following winners: H.C. Giegerich and Dr. O.L. Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. M. Gardner; Mrs. Scot Clarke and (Cont'd to Page 9)

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Looking back over the past two years, with all the clarity of hindsight, we see things that we wished we had not said and many things that we should have said. This was bound to happen. At the moment of production, where the immediate becomes most important, always behind in our schedule, jamming things in the paper because of no time to re-write, proof-reading haphazardly, and with the occasional streak of laziness, we were in no position to judge the value of our utterings.

Anyway, We've had fun! And this is the beauty of producing a newspaper for Salt Spring Island. It is fun and we think it always will be.

Here, on an island peopled with individualists, let the big dailies give you the death, doom and disaster diet; we want to be as individualistic as the people we serve. Oh, we get serious at times, (and we have made the odd person a little angry) but always with the thought that we were serving the good of Salt Spring Island. (Cont'd. to p. 10)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moat on the birth of a baby girl on March 19th at the Lady Minto Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lb. 12 oz. and was named Alison Frances. Mother and Baby are doing fine.

**FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES, (Cont'd. from p. 1)**

. . . . For months, a bicyclist, on S.S.I. has been going a round-about way to town to avoid a certain dog, on the main road, which takes a keen delight in biting him. Last week he was told he no longer had anything to fear because the dog had just graduated from a dog obedience training course. Our friend abandoned the round-about way, pedalled grandly past the dog's home, and got bitten for his efforts. . . . We suppose being two years old isn't much of an age; but when there was some doubt the baby wouldn't last six months, there is a certain satisfaction on reaching the ripe old age of two. This week's effort of DRIFTWOOD is Vol. 3 No. 1, the beginning of our third year.

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## COMING EVENTS

- Fri. Mar. 23 - Donation Tea, Parish Hall - 2:00 pm
- Sat. Mar. 24 - Liberal Nomination Convention  
Duncan, 1:30 pm
- Tue. Mar. 27 - Recreational Holdings Ltd. Annual Meeting, Legion Hall, 8:00 pm
- Wed. Mar. 28 - Annual Donation Tea of Vesuvius Bay Circle - at home of Mrs. Finn Lepsoe.

## CHURCHES, Sunday, March 25, 1962

### ANGLICAN:

- ST. MARKS: Evensong - 7:30 p.m.
- ST. GEORGE'S: Evensong - 3:00 p.m.
- ST. MARY'S: Matins with Holy Communion - 11 a.m.
- ST. NICHOLAS: Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.

### UNITED: GANGES - 11:00 a.m.

BURGOYNE BAY - 2:30 p.m.

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

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP: Mahon Hall, 11 a.m.

### JEHOVAH WITNESSES: Mahon Hall, 2:00 p.m.

### BIBLE CHAPEL: Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Evening Service, 7:30 in Mahon Hall.

The Royal Canadian Legion is holding its Auction Sale on Wednesday, April 4, at Mahon Hall, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Here is the chance to pick up that item you've been wanting at a very low price.

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FACTS, FABLES & FOIBLES, (cont'd. from p. 9)  
 . . . Here is a poem, wishing us luck, from Tom Powers:

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 To the Isle of Salt Spring for a paper to be  
 So "DRIFTWOOD" they called me on this isle of  
 the free,  
 And long may I reign in my home by the sea.

You read of the best, and the news tells the rest  
 Of local and social, with a fable or two;  
 A joke and a poke that's maybe not true,  
 All very good reading in "DRIFTWOOD" for you.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR . . .

Muy Senor Mio,  
 Folks with T.V. sets who don't often listen to the radio really miss some good stuff.

On Station CJVI, Victoria, Joe Easingwood conducts Joe's Notebook in which people phone in requests for information on Household problems; others call in with solutions. Some are very longwinded, and you always know when Joe, always the perfect gentleman, is getting tired of it or wishes to prevent the conversation from becoming too long for then he watches for a long enough pause and cuts in with "Well, thank you very much for calling!"

There was such a long-winded caller t'other day, followed by a man who remarked to Joe, "That woman must have been inoculated with a gramophone needle!" After presenting his problem (or solution) the man remarked, "I don't envy you your job!"

I could but echo his sentiments.  
 (signed) F.H.A. Collins.

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