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### PROGRESS? by Jack Scott.

Woody Fisher, the reformed Texan who edits our local weekly paper had a provocative editorial in a recent issue on the nutty things we do in the name of progress. I crave to add my two-bits worth.

If we take the materialistic definition of the word --**growth or development, continuous improvement**-- it is particularly comical to see how it works on a comparatively small, green island such as the one that Woody and I call home.

People come here, as we did, seeking an elective solitude, the beauty and tranquility of an unspoiled chunk of real estate protected by a moat of tidewater.

They're not necessarily escapists. More often they're those who seek an atmosphere of detachment, the better to understand themselves and the world. It's surprising how frequently they come closer to both by getting away, if you follow me.

But what happens, almost invariably, when they have achieved this close-to-perfect life? Why, they find that they cannot leave progress behind, that's what. They want better roads and water and power facilities which, when they come along, bring in more people and clog the landscape they loved for its space. They want bigger and faster ferries across that moat which then brings them much nearer what they craved to leave behind. They form clubs, both for entertainment and worthy causes, which duplicate the gregarious, purposeful society they had left behind. They even form chambers of commerce to spread the word of what a splendid place they've discovered, incapable of keeping it selfishly to themselves. The community spirit and progress are equated and those original values of individualism go slowly, immutably down the drain.

This capsule, island version of progress may, in fact, illustrate one of the basic conflicts of human nature that might just possibly hurry along the process of extinguishing the dear old species.

Neither Woody nor I are that pessimistic, of course, but certainly a dandy case can be made against the exuberance of enterprise, as someone has put it, that causes so many of us to mistake change for advancement.

Precisely that sort of case was made by Henry Miller in a challenging essay that appeared in a recent issue of Esquire magazine. Miller marvelled at how terribly short a distance civilization has moved for all its agony of progress. "One is struck by the utter senselessness of sweat and (Cont'd to Page 2)

We are glad to report that our Editor, Mr. Woody Fisher, is making good progress in the Lady Minto Hospital. We hope he will be back with us within a few weeks.

Duncan Hepburn, who did a fine job as acting editor on the past two issues, returned to U.B.C. on Monday.

The staff of Driftwood extend sincere appreciation to the friends who have helped produce this issue - Mrs. Elsie Worthington, Harold Hoffman, Chuck Horrel and Mrs. Beth Hill, and particularly Jack Scott, who has kindly contributed the lead column of this issue.

LIONS CLUB SPEAKER. . . . . Life in the jungle has its compensations, including freedom from the menace of TV, said W. Manson Toynbee, guest speaker at S.S.I. Lions Club dinner meeting held in Harbour House last Thursday. Mr. Toynbee, a native of Salt Spring Island, and graduate of UBC, has been engaged in supervisory educational work in Sarawak, north-western Borneo, for the past four years, working under the Colombo Plan.

He gave a most interesting and concise description of the country and its people; their mode of living and their readiness to accept educational opportunities.

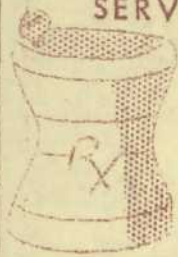
Roads, as such, are practically non-existent in Sarawak, said Mr. Toynbee. Rivers, some of which are tidal for 150 miles inland, and always muddy, form the chief means of communication. Rivers also provide water for drinking and bathing, he said. Rainfall is heavy and often impedes travel. Rivers sometimes rise as much as 30 feet in one night.

Borneo people are "longhouse" dwellers, said Mr. Toynbee. One such building, half mile in length, houses 96 families. A verandah runs the full length of the longhouse and is used for community activities and as a guest chamber. Each longhouse has its "mayor"; an office once hereditary and powerful, but now elective and less forceful. Life in a longhouse is far from idyllic. It is noisy and often dirty. Holes in the floor serve as sanitary outlets. Pigs, kept beneath the house, dispose of sewage and garbage.

Mr. Toynbee found a great desire for learning among the people of Sarawak. Children of six to eight years willingly walk several miles to the nearest school. They look after themselves on arrival and go home about once a year. The first schools for natives were obliged to use teachers with only two years of schooling. The standard is rapidly rising (Cont'd to P.2)

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LIONS CLUB SPEAKER (Cont'd from P. 1) and teachers now have at least grade six education. Mr. Toynbee said the aim is to give each child at least four years in school.

Upon his return to Borneo Mr. Toynbee will be in charge of education in the highlands of the interior. He will be the first European to live among these people. He will have to walk for two to eight days to cover the distance from one school to the next as there are no roads or rivers in the interior, and no other means of communication. Mr. Toynbee said there are now twelve Canadian teachers working in Borneo, in addition to several teachers from other parts of the Commonwealth.

The speaker was introduced by Lions Club president Dr. T.L. Jansch, and warmly thanked by the members.

PROGRESS? (Cont'd from Page 1) struggle, toil and bubble," he wrote. "For all that man has achieved--merely to sustain life, mind you--he has merely scratched the surface of the planet."

He viewed with characteristic gloom and alarm the inevitable results of all this restlessness.

"Whatever we create only adds to our distress and confusion, our eventual annihilation," he had decided. "Nothing our sick brains invent can add an ounce of joy to this thoroughly empty existence. The more we discover, the more we invent, the more crippled and frustrated we become."

It's hard to argue with that, especially in a day when man's most dramatic single achievement, the splitting of the atom, has left us with this legacy of the creeps.

The island example serves only too well to demonstrate that basic incapacity of most of us to leave well-enough alone or to think of progress in any other terms than conveniences or comfort, a built-in drive that so far has kept us from any paralleling mental or spiritual growth or development.

Even the poets and dreamers, given the ideal climate and surroundings for contentment and the release of imagination may begin thinking, instead, of a campaign to blacktop the country lanes.

There are, in fact, reflective and soul-searching types who, having achieved the apartness most necessary for the thought process, become uneasy or guilty in their chosen environment and are suddenly to be found in charge of committees advocating picnic grounds, local industry or service clubs. This is a global problem, the old story of man's substituting the building of things for the building of ideas (the concept of bigger bombs for a guaranteed peace) and no island, I guess, can ever be remote enough to escape it. More's the pity.



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The funeral will be held from Shaughnessy United Church, Vancouver on Thurs. Sept. 13 at 3 pm. Funeral Directors Simmonds & McBride, W. Broadway, Vancouver.

HOSPITAL NEWS. . . . There were 61 Patients under care during the

month of August, of this number 6 came from Fulford, 3 from Galiano, 2 from Mayne, 1 from Pender, 2 from USA, 3 from Victoria, 1 from Vancouver, Richmond, Duncan and Alberni. Total Patient Days for Adults and children were 283 and for Newborn 47. 5 babies were born during the month. 50 minor operations were performed and 45 Patients were X-Rayed. The following made donations which are gratefully acknowledged:- Mrs. L.E. Harris, Mr. S. Adama, Mrs. Qwennap, Mr. Westcott, St. Mary's Guild, Mrs.

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From Our Foreign Correspondent: Saturna, B.C. . . . Residents here are talking about asking the School Board to build a floating gymnasium, so that all the islands can take advantage of these necessary facilities. People admit that the Salt Spring Island Elementary Senior High School is pitifully equipped compared to other schools in the province. They recognize that, in this rainy climate, winter athletics are necessarily indoors. They agree that our children are not healthy, and that a gymnasium would stimulate all kinds of energetic activities. They concede that Mahon Hall, built in 1904, is not adequate for the 300 children of Salt Spring's school, who are not permitted by Fire Regulations to all be in the Mahon Hall at one time. They sympathize with Salt Spring's dilemma in not being able to have school concerts, or proper award days. All these problems being expressions of sympathy from the residents of the other islands, but they should Salt Spring have advantages which are lacking elsewhere. . . . the solution is a floating gymnasium.

The first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held on Monday, Sept. 17, at 8:15 p.m. in the Home Ec. Room at the school. Mr. Evans will introduce the new teachers and will discuss curriculum changes. The School Board Chairman, Mr. G.S. Humphreys will outline school board plans for coming year.

Bill Evans has shipped in a Purebred Registered Border Collie Pup, Rainbow Nellie, to add to his fine collection of Dogs. This pup came 3,000 miles from Illinois. Her Sire is 3 times unbeaten Supreme Champion, and the Dam has same championships to her credit as working Sheepdogs. Both parents were imported from Scotland. On Saturday Sept. 5th at the Cowichan Exhibition, Bill won the B.C. Open Sheepdog Championship with his young dog, Rainbow King Reg. #8944. This was King's first Trial winning over 10 entries, with a fine performance.

O.A.P.O. Branch 32 will hold its first meeting of the season Sept. 20th in St. George's Hall at 2 pm. Mrs. Thacker will give a detailed report of her visit to the OAP Convention in June as delegate for the Branch. All members are asked to attend. . . . Mrs. Thacker, Cushion Lake, entertained for Mrs. Jeanne Procter at a Garden Luncheon on Sept. 4. Mrs. Procter has been vacationing on S.S.I. for 6 months. She will return to Port Alice Sept. 27th and expects to leave for Australia in a few months to visit her family. All the ladies attending were members of OAPO S.S.I. Branch 32.

Mr. Frank Miller and family have recently moved to S.S.I.. Mr. Miller is the Pastor-in-charge of the Full Gospel Chapel formerly called the Bible Chapel.

HMS Ganges chapter IODE will conduct a second series of marathon bridge games, to commence in October, it was decided at the recent meeting held in Ganges United Church Hall, with the regent, Mrs. B.C. Hardie, in the chair. The plan followed in the successful bridge series held last spring will be extended (Cont'd to P.8)

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But it's much more likely, Mr. Earle believes, that their habit of regular saving was begun when very young, at the suggestion of far-sighted parents.

Either way, Mr. Earle says there's no doubt that the best time to learn the habit of regular saving is in childhood, and the younger the better. It's a simple lesson that gives youngsters a good start in life, and the knowledge that there's a savings account to fall back on in emergencies is often a source of confidence to youngsters when they start out on their own.

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**FULFORD NEWS** by Bea Hamilton. . . . A fine day and fair winds welcomed the Victoria Power Squadron as they arrived at Solimar on Sun. Sept. 9th. Many crafts of all sizes roared into the marine area in the little bay at this Beaver Point district resort. 100 adults and 80 children came ashore, while big and little vessels moored in and around the float, and outside the bay. The Power Squadron was led by Commander (Dr.) Jack Nash, and past-Commander Garth Griffith, on board the "High Seas", Fred Robinson on board the "Con Dios", Secretary Jack Simpson, on the "Caravel-la", M. Davis on the "Nomad Chief", and from Nanaimo Power Squadron, were Commander Paul Harding on the "Commander" and Edward Taylor on the "Tang". Dozens of crafts took the place by storm and soon there was a line up of hungry visitors, big and small, waiting and being served alongside the array of hot grills, as hamburgers came off as fast they could be cooked. Mrs. Gillson and Miss D. Anderson and assistants, helped to serve while visitors pitched in when and where they could. They all had a glorious time and a good lunch, barbeque style on the patio. The children swam in the swimming pool, played badminton, and ping pong on the lawns, and everyone pitched horseshoes. Children and grown-ups participated in rowing races. The party left in the late afternoon, heading back to Victoria and home after having spent a wonderful day on the Island. They plan to return again next season and though they have been to Solimar several times, this was the first time the Power Squadron came in full force and from all accounts, it won't be their last. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jebson recently had their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. M. Craig of Cloverdale, for a summer visit at their Isabella Point property. The Craigs have built a small cabin on the property and they spent a delightful two weeks vacation with their people (Cont'd to P.7)



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Suppose Driftwood were published with a somewhat similar format and phraseology as Time Magazine, would it turn out something like the following on our Island news?

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**

The shaky alliance represented by the Union of the Islands received another set-back Tuesday, when Salt Spring exercised its Ninety-ninth Veto in the sessions of the Joint Council. The division arose when Galiano and Mayne supported Pender in demanding pink paper towels on the M.V. "Motor Princess" in place of the more masculine blue favored by Salt Spring and Saturna. The veto was exercised when Saturna was maneuvered into voting pink by crafty Jim Campbell, who for years has been known to smuggle pink paper towels onto the ships.

Qualified observers fear for the future of the alliance, our only defense against the Mainland hordes.

The iron determination of the Islanders in their resistance to the Mainland threat, however, was best typified by a local taxi-driver who said: "I hear they're big tippers."

**SCIENCE**

Another step forward in man's headlong race into space was made in the Cranberry area yesterday and the great pillars, along the corridors of human progress, blurred like a picket fence when Adrian Wolfe-Milner stepped on a Black-Jack's nest. Upon completion of his twenty-fifth orbit he is scheduled to descend, without heat-shield or parachute, somewhere around Long Harbour. There is to be a welcoming parade along the Causeway where the hero will receive the keys to the bank and the recrimination of his wife.

The admiration of the masses was expressed by a local Taxi-driver who said: "That'll be two bucks return."

**SPORT**

For the tenth year in a row, "Lead-line Larry" won the Ganges Fishing Derby with a forty pound Tye. The mighty fish was hooked by the old master, in Active Pass, just in the backwash of the M.V. "Tsawwassen" on a one-gram cobweb line, using a spin-reel mounted on a drinking straw.

The record-breaking feat of ten in a row was saluted by a local taxi-driver who remarked "If he takes that fish out of the deep-freeze just once more, it'll go rotten".

**EDUCATION**

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the opening of the doors for the fall session.

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was animated by the brilliant young principal, Jack Evans, who was interviewed in his office, restlessly rapping a riding crop on the desk. "It's simply a question of survival," he stated, swinging the crop. "The blockheads don't survive."

The support of the local populace for the forward looking program was best summed up by a local taxi-driver who said, "It's a plot by the School Board."

**ART**

Art Hepburn put on a one-man show on a telephone pole last week which was thoroughly enjoyed by the critics.

Now where'd that taxi-driver go?

**PEOPLE**

Irl Bradley, overheard returning from Mink Breeder's Convention "...and I thought they were a new kind of Mink. Anyone want to buy 500 tomcats?"

Doug Dane, passing through town "so I think Fulford should be moved to Ganges."

Pete Cartwright hiking down Sunset Drive with a bucket of water: "When we get the new line in, this delivery service stops."

Tourist on the causeway in Ganges, "I'm sure I took all the right ferries, but I thought Victoria was bigger than this."

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UNITED: Ganges - 11 am; Sunday School - 9:45 am.  
ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our Lady of Grace, Holy Mass- 10:45 am.  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE GROUP: - Mahon Hall - 11 am.  
JEHOVAH WITNESSES: Mahon Hall - 2:00 pm.  
FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL: Sunday School - 10:30 am; Evening Service - Mahon Hall - 7:30 pm.

COMING EVENTS:  
FRI. SEPT. 14-Science Club-Grade 7 room, school - 8:30 p.m.  
Dog Training classes - Central Hall-7:00 p.m.

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 SAT. SEPT. 15 - Hospital Annual Bargain Sale, Mahon Hall, 10 a.m.;  
 Roller Skating - Fulford Hall - 2-4pm,  
 8-10:30 pm; Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club Annual Meeting - Mahon Hall - 9:00 p.m.  
 MON. SEPT. 17 - Bridge Class - Mahon Hall - 8:00 p.m.; P.T.A. - Home Ec. Room - School - 8:15 p.m.;  
 THURS. SEPT. 20 - OAP Assn. Br. 32 - St. George's Hall - 2:00 pm.

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**FLASH-NEWS-BULLETIN:** Since last week the number of articles for the Hospital Bargain Sale auction has increased by leaps and bounds. There are now three fur coats, an impressive display of furniture including an Oil Space Heater, chesterfield and chair, beds and mattresses and a beautiful bird-cage on a brass stand, and electric fan, several lamps and even a mandolin! Be sure to be on hand at the Mahon Hall, September 15th at 1 p.m. to place your bid on the article of your choice.

**FULFORD NEWS (Cont'd from P.4)** Mrs. Mary Hersey is back again for a few days in her cottage at Dromore. . . . . The meeting of the W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. V. Grant on Thurs. Sept. 13 at 2:30 p.m.

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**LODE NEWS** (Cont'd from P. 3) to permit each participant to play at least twice. The chapter agreed to organize the 1962 community tag day for the blind. Mrs. V.C. Best and Mrs. M. Fellows were appointed to serve on the general committee. A letter received from National chapter outlined the financial plan for building the third IODE Eskimo community hall, to be located at Baker Lake, N.W.T., and completed this year if possible. Mrs. H. Carlin, educational convener, read letters of appreciation from pupils of Tatlayoka School for gifts sent by the chapter. Mrs. G. St. Denis, Services convener, reported that a large box of women's clothing had been sent to Essondale Hospital, also that four parcels of paperbound books were sent to Canadian servicemen in Germany. Cards of thanks for these gifts were received. Mrs. St. Denis made an appeal for socks to be knitted for IODE Christmas gifts for overseas servicemen.

The Dog Obedience Training Club start their fall training course this Fri. at 7:00 pm at Central Hall. Walter Lippmann, America's best known commentator on world affairs has this to say about his own two obedienct trained dogs. "What I have discovered from our dogs is that well-trained dogs are much amusing companions. That is not because I have any interest in exhibiting them in a dog show, or even in having them do tricks. It is because training works on the dogs character, and carries him beyond the stage where he is merely housebroken to one where he is in fact civilized. I am not suggesting he appreciates art and culture, but only that he has learned how to live, without being frustrated or annoying, with people who have work to do, and a circle of friends, and interests and pleasures." You may phone the Secretary at 114-H for further information on the club.

**GARDEN TALK** by P.G. James. . . . . Now is the time to sum up your year's efforts in the garden. I hope my articles in this paper have been of some value to you during the growing season. An(cont'd to next column)

excellent opportunity to compare notes with your friends is offered at the S.S.I. Chrysanthemum Show to be held in Mahon Hall on Sat. Sept. 22nd. I shall be there and will be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Many have been discouraged by the weather which is common to us all, so do not hesitate to show your flowers because you may not think them good enough for exhibition—you may be surprised. There can't be a show if gardeners do not do their part. Many hours of planning precede this annual event, and it is hoped the public will show appreciation by attending. Judges are coming from Victoria as well as quite a number of visitors. Mrs. Earle C. Westwood will open this show which has had an enviable reputation in the past. The Show schedule for 1962 can be obtained from Mrs. A.K. Wilson. All entries should be in her hands by Wed. Sept. 19. All exhibits must be staged by 10 am. Sat. for judging. Admission tickets may be obtained from any club member.

**LETTER-TO-THE-EDITOR**. . . . . "Dear Sir: After hearing many pros and cons with regard to the waterworks district tax I thought this item very apropos, and all the more interesting as it came from the files of a weekly newspaper dated Sept. 2, 1887. It would seem that times may change but people—never!" To Hurt Your Town: Oppose improvements, /Mistrust its public men. /Run it down to strangers; /Go to some other town to trade. /Refuse to advertise in your home paper. /Do no invest a cent; lay your money out elsewhere. /Be particular to discredit the motives of public-spirited men. /Lengthen your face when a stranger speaks of locating in your place. /If a man wants to buy your property charge him two prices for it. /If he wants anyone else's property interfere and discourage. /Refuse to see the merit of any scheme that does not directly benefit you." (Signed) (Mrs.) A.I. Ryan."

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