

We do hope that you will excuse us for using this space to point out that today's issue marks the third birthday of DRIFTWOOD.

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We've had our doubts. Many times. But if we don't die of malnutrition, we should be around for a long time; bigger, better, and sassier than ever.

One thing, though. DRIFTWOOD could never have lived this long without the tremendous support that we received from our readers and advertisers. Thank you. Thank you all very much.

#### MOUATS ROBBED

Unknown person or persons broke into the butcher shop of Mouats sometime during the past week-end and rifled one cash register of about \$50.00

After failing to force one window near the back entrance to the butcher shop, the burglars gained entrance by forcing a small window located behind the meat counter.

No arrests have been made.

#### SCHOOL REFERENDUM TO GO AS ONE QUESTION

At the School Board meeting on March 13 it was decided, after a 5-4 defeat of a motion to split the forthcoming referendum into three separate questions, to submit the referendum as one question

The referendum for a Gymnasium - Auditorium, Science room, which was narrowly defeated last year, will be re-submitted to the voters this coming summer with the addition of a teachers' lounge for Galiano Island.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING

A host of friends from many walks of life and all sections of Salt Spring Island joined together on Tuesday to wish health and happiness to Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Mouat on the occasion of their



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#### NEW FERRY - JULY 1st

Gulf Island ferry service will be revised with the introduction of the new ship, "M.V. Queen of the Islands" on or about July 1st. As announced from the office of the Hon. Earle C. Westwood, MLA from this riding and Minister of Recreation & Conservation, a twice daily service between Long Harbour on Salt Spring Island and Tsawwassen on the mainland, with interim stops at Galiano and Mayne, will be started then.

Present plans calls for the new ship to call at Sturdies Bay at Galiano providing suitable arrangements can be made with the Federal Government, and at Village Bay on Mayne Island.

Saturna and the Pender Islands will be provided with a twice daily connecting service to the Mainland through Village Bay, The direct service now existing, from Pender & Saturna to Swartz Bay will be maintained.

Over \$750,000 will be spent on new docking facilities, with the tenders being called immediately.

The new ship, which will carry 40 vehicles and 400 passengers, is very maneuverable with a controllable pitch propeller and will run at 16 knots. It is expected the trip to and from Long Harbour and Tsawwassen will take about 2 hours, including stops.

The new ship will be based at Long Harbour.

Golden Wedding anniversary.

"Open House" held in Ganges United Church school room in honour of Mr. & Mrs. Mouat was a very happy affair. The radiant couple,

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## What we hear from the hustings

DOUG GREER, LIBERAL SAID:-

"Liberals first major objective - to cure unemployment".

"Liberals plan medical coverage for the young and the aged".

"We should carry out our defensive commitments".

DOUG DANE, SOCRED SAID:-

"My only promise is to serve this riding to the best of my ability".

"Under Thompson, Canada can enjoy prosperity not known before".

"12 mile limit for fishing should be established by Canada".

#### DANE

At a Social Credit meeting held in Ganges, March 19, Mr. Douglas Dane, Social Credit candidate for this riding, made a very brief speech, in which he said, "My only promise is to serve this riding to the best of my ability." He heartily endorsed the Social Credit platform and aims and predicted prosperity under Thompson, National Leader.

At a meeting where all four candidates spoke at the invitation of the Nanaimo Local United Fishermen & Allied Workers' Union, Mr. Dane agreed with the other three candidates that a 12 mile limit for fishing should be established.

Mr. Dane agreed that the recommendations of the International Pacific Fisheries Commission that Japanese be permitted to fish for herring off the Queen Charlotte Islands be not endorsed.

Dane said: "Commercial fishermen should be included on the commission. They have the best knowledge of the problem. Hecate Strait and Dixon Entrance should be made Canadian Waters."

#### GREER

In an address to the Duncan Jaycees on March 13, Douglas Greer, Liberal candidate for this riding, stated that putting Canada's 500,000 unemployed persons back into production will be the Liberal government's first major objective when it is returned to power. He said this figure represented six percent of the working force.

In replying to a question on National Health he stated the Liberal Government will immediately begin planning, in co-operation with provincial governments, to provide medical and surgical coverage for all Canadians, from birth to the age of finishing school, and from age 65 years and upwards. This plan, he stated, would give complete freedom in choice of doctors.

Answering the much publicized question of nuclear weapons, he stated, ".... we are committed to a defensive role for the North American continent and the NATO alliances ... and the equipment bought would be useless without the nuclear

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**CROFTON MILL EXPANDS**

British Columbia Forest Products Ltd. announced today that the contract for the extension of the Woodroom at the Crofton Pulp and Paper Division has been awarded to the Commonwealth Construction Co. Ltd. of Vancouver.

This contract calls for the moving of the existing chipper the installation of a new chipper base and a slasher deck as well as several new conveyors and conveyor changes.

The primary purpose of these alterations is to handle four foot blocks to be supplied to the Grinder Room in the manufacture of mechanical pulp which will serve as part of the furnish for the newsprint machine. The contract involves an expenditure of approximately one-quarter of a million dollars and is expected to be completed by late summer.

**ALTAR GUILD TEA**

**ST. MARK'S CHURCH**

On April 3rd at 2:30 p.m. the lovely home of Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Nicholson on Scott Road will be the scene of a Donation - Silver - Tea put on by the ladies of St. Mark's Guild. This project is a "first" of this kind offered by this group. Usually the tea at the Spring Flower Show has been run by St. Mark's but this year other plans have been made for that. Mrs. C Springford, President of St. Mark's Guild is absent from the Island at this time but she is ably represented by the Vice-President, Mrs. J.B. Acland, who will receive at the Tea with Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. S. Leech. The ladies who have been asked to pour are Mrs. F. Jackson

from Fulford, Mrs. H.T. Minchin, Vesuvius Bay, Mrs. G. H. Holmes & Mrs. J. Mitchell of Ganges. The St. Mark's Altar Guild bids everyone welcome and they look forward to seeing you on April 3rd.

**CREDIT UNION**

Four percent dividend will be paid on local branch shares, it was decided at the sixth annual meeting of S.S.I. Credit Union, held March 11 in Legion Hall. Surplus 1962 funds, available for distribution amounted to \$1633.80 it was reported. Loans to members for the year totalled \$32,169.85 on which 5% patronage refund will be made on interest payments. Branch assets were reported to stand at \$38,653.86.

Officers elected for the coming year include directors Mervyn Gardner, A. Stevens, Harry Extel, H.J. Carlin and Harold Hoffman. Supervisory committee: A.M. Brown, D. Goodman and Mrs. D. Deacon; credit committee: Mrs. D. Goodman, J. Waterfall & D. Irwin.

Guest speaker was Geo. Stirling, B.C. representative CUNA Mutual Insurance Society, Vancouver, who spoke on the growth of Credit Unions and the part played by CUNA. A social hour followed the meeting.

**- SOCIAL NEWS -**

Mrs. Harold Hoffman was guest of honor at a baby shower held for her son Harold by co-hostesses Mrs. W. Anderson and Mrs. O. Wallace, at the former's home on Walker Hook Road.

Following an evening of games and contests, gifts, contained in a miniature decorated crib, were presented to Mrs. Hoffman by Misses

Heather Anderson and Darlene Marcotte.

Guests included: Mrs. W. Rogers, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mrs. T. Low, Mrs. F. Bonar, Mrs. F. Kirkham, Mrs. B. Marcotte, Mrs. D. Abolit, Mrs. J. Hawksworth, Misses Heather Anderson and Darlene Marcotte. Also invited but unable to be present were: Mrs. F. Ross, Mrs. J. Harkema, Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. H. Milner Mrs. H. Holloman, Mrs. R. Ammison, Miss V. Salliss.

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**GULF ISLANDS  
PIANISTS TRIUMPH IN  
COWICHAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Competing in the 14th annual week-long Cowichan Music Festival, young pianists from Salt Spring Island & Prevost Island showed up exceptionally well against stiff competition.

Ten year old Susan deBurgh, Prevost Island, won the Kiwanis Club Bursary in the junior piano classes with highest total aggregate. (Cherrie Horel returned last year with this honor). Susan came first with 88 points in the Mozart, under 11 years class, winning the Bazett & Vickers Trophy in a class of 15 competitors; and the C. M.F. Trophy with 88 points in the Bach under 12 class, against 19 competitors.

Susan and Cherrie teamed to win the duet class, Bayview Trophy, with 86 points from four other teams with their performance of Beethoven Minuets.

Cherrie, who is 12 years old, decided to compete in the senior classes and scored 86-86 in the under 14 class, against 8 competitors, to win the Cowichan Station P.T.A. Trophy; and came second in the under 15 class with 86 points.

The Stanley Gordon Trophy, for the highest marks in the sight reading classes, returned to Salt Spring for the fourth successive year, with Angela Brigden tying for first place with Mary Jackson, Ladysmith, with 85 points. Angela was third with

86 points in the Mozart class, followed by Ginney Horel & Marie Hughes, each with 84 in a class of 15 competitors; and a fourth with 84 in the Bach class of 20 competitors.

Kathryn Baker missed two trophies by one mark, receiving 85 points in the under 13 class. She was followed closely by Laurie Mouat with 84 points and Sandy McLeod with 82 in the first class, and by Laurie with 84 and Jean Stevens with 83 in the second class.

Sandy McLeod won her sight reading class and earned second place with 83 points in her performance of "In a Canoe".

Maureen deBurgh, Prevost Island, did outstanding work in the grade seven class, with less than three years tuition, receiving a second place with 85 points in the Bach class; an 86-84 in the two selections in the under 16 class of 15 competitors; & a fourth place with 85 points in the Mozart class. Mike Horel was second with 86 points in the under 9 years class.

Three school choirs also entered the Cowichan Music Festival. Grade 3 scored 83, to earn second place with their songs, "The Clown" and "Elsie Marley". Grade 4 scored 81, also placing second. They sang "The Dream Man" and "The Shrimp". The senior choir, singing "Music When Soft Voices Die" and "Swift as a Bird" scored 74.

Next is the Bean Supper at Beaver Point - Mar. 30th. Saturday plans are under way for the feast of beans, with salads, buns, pies and so on - and it will be a right good supper, you can depend on it! All that is needed is a big appetite and ticket money and maybe a bit of cash to buy the odd pie after the ball is over - or take a chance on some draw - you are bound to have a good time, a hearty supper and lots of fun. That's Saturday - March 30th. Everyone welcome, say the hospitable Beaver Pointers.

Donald Sharp came from UBC to visit his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Sharp, Beddis Rd. at the week-end.

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA**

Milady of Salt Spring was privileged to choose her new Easter bonnet from an exciting and glamorous display of millinery, staged at a gay St. Patrick's Day tea held in Ganges United Church upper hall, March 16, by Mizpah Circle UCW.

The hat salon, convened by Mrs. F.H.A. Reid, was arranged with professional finesse and presented a lovely picture to the many patrons. Tempting creations, flower covered and be-ribboned, were soon snapped up by eager customers. All of the forty spring hats on display were made by local needlewomen. Mrs. Reid was assisted by Mrs. C.J. Wrightson, Mrs. C. Leggett, Mrs. Scot Clarke and Mrs. W.M. Mouat.

Following the opening of the tea by Mrs. Colin Mouat in the lower hall, a brisk sale of cakes, bread and other home baked delicacies took place under convener-ship of Mrs. J. Catto, assist- ed by Miss J. Overend and Miss M. Lees. The hall and tea tables were beautifully decorated in the Irish motif by Mrs. Scot Clarke.

Guests were received by Mrs. Irl Bradley & Mrs. R.J. Young, assisted by the pastor, Dr. Norah Hughes. Tea was poured by Mrs. A. House, Miss H. Dean and Miss A. Herd. Assisting with tea arrangements were Mrs. J. Wallis, Mrs. C.J. Zenkie, Mrs. L. Barber & Mrs.

F. Fredrickson. Girls of CGIT were serviteurs.

Mrs. E. Parsons and Mrs. J.D. Reid were general con- veners of the successful af- fair. Mrs. H. Ashley was in charge of receipts. Proceeds amounted to \$200. Half of this sum, realized from the sale of millinery, will be used to furnish the church vestibule.

**CARD SOCIAL**

The Card Social at the Beaver Point Hall went off successfully on Saturday, with six tables. People played whatever card game which took their fancy and had a good time. Lucky prizes were won by Mrs. M. Butt Sr. and Mr. Andy Stevens. Mrs. Stevens was sup- per hostess.

Members of the Salt Spring Island Social Credit League are having a tea and sale of home cooking on Saturday, March 23rd. This will be held at the Mahon Hall in Ganges & everyone is wel- come to attend. The S. C. candidate for the Nanaimo- Islands riding for the federal election pending, Mr. D. Dane will be on hand to greet the people.

**50 - MILE HIKE**

Two Salt Spring Island boys, Darrel Byron, 15 and Alan Perry, 14, gave proof at the week end that Island youth can meet U.S. Presi- dent Kennedy's standard of

fitness issued as a recent challenge to Americans. The required 50-mile walk was covered in the allotted 20 hours, with minutes to spare.

The boys believe they could have made the trek in much less time but chose to spare themselves on the man- y hills encountered. Proof that they were far from ex- hausted was shown by altern- atively "dog trotting" and walking over the last few miles from Vesuvius to Gan- ges to ensure reaching their distination within 20 hours.

The hiking party origin- ally included four boys and three girls: Darrel, Alan, Marcel Blais, Bob Moulton, Diane Sharp, Linda Inglin & Beth Brigden. The group left

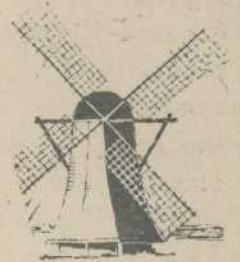
Ganges Cenotaph at 5 p.m. on Friday; Darrel and Alan arrived back there at 12:45 p.m. Saturday. The route took the hikers over the Di- (Cont'd to P. 5)

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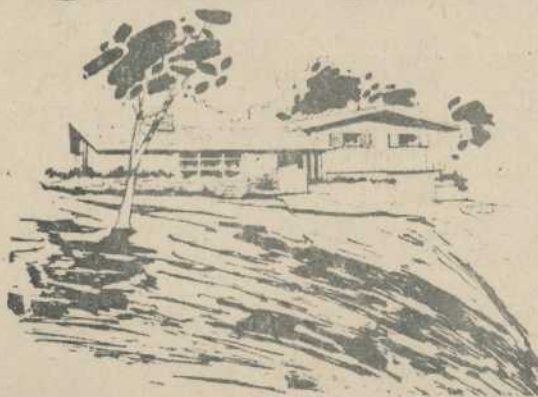
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Beth left the party near her home at Fulford. Linda, Diane and Bob covered 30 miles, and Marcel 35 miles before dropping out.

Alan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Perry, Ganges, suffered sore feet from the adventure, but Darrel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Byron, Walker Hook Road, felt no ill effects, probably due to foresight in cashing four pairs of shoes along the route. He

said changing shoes relieved his feet and prevented blisters.

Darrel is willing to do the test over again. He would like to try the route from Duncan to Victoria over the Malahat.

COMING AND GOING  
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Mr. & Mrs. Colin Mouat, Federal Way, Wash., spent the week-end on Salt Spring.

Mr. & Mrs. John Booth, Vancouver paid a short visit to Mr. Booth's mother, Mrs. W. Booth, and his brother & sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Booth, Beddis Rd.

Mrs. Ethel Crossley, Victoria, is spending a few days with Mr. & Mrs. F.E. Empey, Vesuvius Bay Rd., prior to her departure for England.

Mr. John S. Rogers, Rainbow Rd., who is celebrating his 90th birthday to-

day, will leave on Sunday to spend a week with his son, Archie Rogers, in New Westminster.

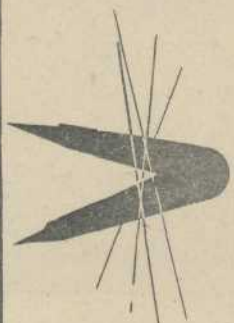
Five year old Brenda McCowan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Archie McCowan, Log Cabin Hotel, proudly sailed away by herself on the "Pender Queen" to spend a few days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. W. Campbell, who met her on her arrival at Galiano Island.

Mr. & Mrs. R.T. Richardson, Vancouver, are guests for a few days of the formers brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richardson, Echo Bay.

LODE BRIDGE FINALS

Final play-off of HMS Ganges chapter IODE marathon bridge left Stanley Wagg and Colin Shantz as champions; Mrs. A. Jobin & Mrs. T. Davies in second place, with Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Atkins as runners-up.

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## NOTICES

Ticket # 133 held by Mrs. F. Sutton won the door prize at the Royal Canadian Legion St. Patrick's Dance, Friday, Mar. 15.

S.S.I. Social Credit League will hold a tea and sale of home cooking on Sat., Mar. 23 at 2:30 p.m. in Mahon Hall.

Those wishing to purchase agricultural lime through the Island Farmers Institute, contact either Mrs. J. McNulty, 104-Y or G. Heinekey, 141

Dog Obedience Training Club - General meeting & spring classes to begin Fri. Mar. 22, Central Hall commencing at 7 p.m. For further information Phone: 114-H.

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## IN APPRECIATION

Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Mouat wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the scores of good friends who sent greetings on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary, (March 19th) and to so many who extended congratulations and good wishes at the reception in the United Church upper hall. The memories of this happy gathering will be long cherished by them as they deeply appreciate the warm kindness shown to them by such a large number of old and new friends.

## CARD OF THANKS

Officers and members of HMS Ganges chapter IODE take this opportunity of saying "thankyou" to all who participated in the recent marathon bridge, with special thanks to hostesses.

## COMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY**, March 22 - Dog Obedience Training Club, Central Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY**, March 23 - Roller Skating, Fulford Hall, 2 - 4 p.m. and 8 - 10:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**, March 25 - Pirate Days Central Committee, Mahon Hall, 8:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**, March 27 - S.S.I. Golf & Country Club annual meeting, Legion Hall, 8:00 p.m.

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## ANNUAL GOLF MEETING

The annual meeting of the S.S.I. Golf & Country Club will be held Wednesday, March 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall. In addition to the normal business of an annual meeting there will be cup presentations & refreshments served. Anyone, but anyone who is interested in golf or country club activities is corially invited to attend this meeting.

**LEGION L.A. NOTES**

Twenty-two members and two guests attended the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 92 in the Legion Hall on Tuesday, March 5th. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. P. Kirkham. Mrs. Marie Fitzpatrick and Mrs. H. Emerslund were installed as new members.

It was decided to contribute \$10 to the Provincial Command Scholarship Fund, and \$10 to the gift for Mrs. D. McLennan, Provincial Command secretary, who is retiring after many years of faithful service.

Four visits were made to Lady Minto Hospital during February. Visits were made too, to Dr. Francis Nursing Home. Mrs. V. Bishop, Mrs. A.L. Campbell and Mrs. F. Kirkham visited the Veterans Hospital in Victoria and brought back excellent reports on the work being done there by the Legion Day Visiting Committee. A cheque for \$10 will be sent to this committee to assist with their good work. Liaison is being set up between the local auxiliary and the Red Cross Lodge director with a view to assisting the wives of veterans who are called to Victoria in case of critical illness.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. A. L. Campbell and her committee for their efforts in making the Pancake Race a success. It was announced that the Legion would hold Bingo games on March 8th and 20th in the

Legion Hall, with 50% of the proceeds going for prizes. The auxiliary will prepare & serve the supper at the Legion's March 15th dance. The auxiliary will have a clothing booth at the Legion Auction which will be held sometime before April.

It was noted that the Auxiliary would be 16 years old on the 15th of March but the occasion would be unmarked this year. In view of the anticipated expenses in connection with the erection of the addition to the Legion Hall, it was decided not to send a delegate to the Convention in Prince George in May.

**PADDY GREEN**

by Bea Hamilton

The grass is getting greener day by day and trees and bushes shook out their Paddy green dress in time for the 17 of March last Sunday. Thinking of green, St. Patrick and all things Irish, this is a good time to write about some things not often heard - such as if you break a mirror and think you have to face seven years of bad luck, forget it! All you have to do to offset the unlucky effect is to snap your fingers and say "St. Patrick's Day" backward - "Day Tric Pat" - and that throws

the bad luck right back where it belongs - an Irish trick if ever there was one! And whilst we are on the subject of superstition, badness to it. Did you know that a person with dimples is supposed to be lucky?

That's what they say - so if you run to the mirror and your smile shows a dimple, you can defy bad luck, bust a mirror, walk under a ladder or spill the salt - and get away with no drastic results - so they say.

It is supposed to be lucky to discover the first yellow Skunk Lily down in  
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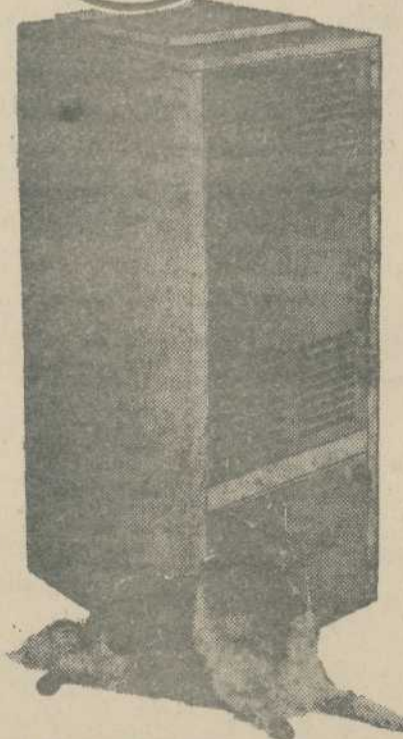
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the swamps - and right now, the muddy places are yellow with the lovely but somewhat smelly swamp lilies - looks like sunshine in yellow spikes. We used to recite "Jack in the pulpit is preaching today - Over the hills and far away", & very small children would often risk wet feet to peer hopefully inside the yellow cone to see where "Jack" was - never found him though. But from then on, it was a

race to see who could spot the very first skunk lily each spring and gain a bit of luck.

There are lots of things people know about nature - and I think most people know that you must not pick the leaves of the wild Easter lily (Dog's Tooth Violet). If you do, for every leaf picked, a lily dies. That also applies to the trillium (wake robin) the three petaled white flower that grows in hidden places - under bushes or down in the glen. This pure white flower, set in its collar of dark green, shines out of shady places like a beacon light and reminds one of the Trinity - Three in One. The stem is so short that to pick it, one would have to take the whole stalk - and that leaves nothing to feed the plant - so another of nature's lovely flowers would perish.

There are so many surprises for the wanderer in the woods - the strange little wild orchids that grow out of rotted logs, pale and delicate - the now nearly extinct (from these parts at least) lady's slipper, the pinkish mauve, sweet scented flower of the orchid family. They used to be found in the woods under fir trees and on the wooded hills. We always said that the fairies had hung their slippers up to air when we found them - so we always left pairs to go around (too bad

we grow up isn't it?)

Sometimes we would find the dainty hair bells - I'm not sure whether that is spelled hare bell - but we called them the fairy blue-bells - they were so delicate a blue; and the umbrella flower, pink and shaped like a parasol; and the sweet scented twin flowers (trailing arbutus) which always come two on a tiny stem; & if one is lucky, the sky blue violets can be found, scentless but lovely. And now we can look for the four leaf clover and that should bring us back to the luck of the Irish on next St. Patrick's Day.

**ST. MARY'S GUILD**

The quarterly meeting of St. Mary's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. F.L. Jackson on Tuesday, March 12th.

The Rev. & Mrs. G.J. Leech and fourteen members were present. Plans were made to hold the spring tea and sale of home cooking at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Roddis on the afternoon of May 29th. Reports were read from different conveners & members are planning for the Garden Fete to be held in August at Roseneath Farm.

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W.I. NEWS . . . . .

by Bea Hamilton

The south Salt Spring Island W.I. met at the home of Mrs. W. Low on Thursday, with 17 members present.

Conveners reports were heard and many points of interest brought up. An official delegate was chosen to attend the south Vancouver Island District W.I. Workshop which is to be held on Mar. 29th at the Royal Oak W.I. Hall. From 10 to 12 members hope to attend the workshop from Salt Spring Island.

Mrs. A. Davis agricultural convener brought up the suggestion that all members plant the flowering crab-apple tree, the Almey, to be ready by 1967, as this tree has been chosen as the centennial tree for Canada. The members also voted to buy 2 Almey trees to be planted publicly at some suitable place to be chosen by the committee.

An invitation to attend the Brentwood W.I. birthday tea was received and several members are attending. Also an invitation to tour the Victoria Art Gallery this month was received and several members plan to attend.

Members also hope to visit Pender Island when their Flower Show is on, which is in April, and the Spring Flower Show at Ganges, sponsored by the Salt Spring 'Mum Society.

The next W.I. meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. P. Middlemiss. Tea was

served by Mrs. McManus Sr. and Mrs. Middlemiss.

Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Coles, son-in-law and daughter of Mrs. C. Leggett, McPhillips Ave., stopped off on the way from British Guiana to Ghana to visit Mrs. Leggett. Mr. Coles has been transferred by his firm, AL-CAN, from South America to Africa and left after a short stay in Ganges to take up his new duties in Accra. Mrs. Coles and their two children will follow early in April.

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GREER (Cont'd from P. 1) warheads. He pointed out the weapons were not designed or capable of offensive use & would be an important defensive factor if this continent were attacked. Mr. Greer went on to say that Canada should reduce its annual expenditure on armaments and spend more money on human problems. A liberal government would increase old age pensions to \$75.00

ANNIV. (Cont'd. from P.1) surrounded by beautiful arrangements of golden flowers, received a continuous flow of guests throughout the afternoon. Mrs. Mouat was charming in a dress of soft brown wool, fashioned in simple design, complemented with a corsage of yellow rosebuds and white hyacinths. Among the guests was 91-year old Mrs. Wm. Manson, Mr. Mouat's aunt from Vancouver.

Presiding at the tea table, centred by a bowl of lovely yellow chrysanthemums, were Mrs. Harvey Wayne, Mrs. Andrew Lytle, Mrs. Gavin Mouat, Mrs. E. Parsons, Mrs. W. Norton, Miss H. Dean. Guests were served by members of Noralite Circle, assisted by family friends. Little Jimmy Pringle took charge of the guest book during the afternoon.

Off-Island guests included: Mr. & Mrs. Quinton Wood, Campbell River, who are Mr. Mouat's brother-in-law and sister; Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Wayne, Mission City,

brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Mouat; Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Jones, Vancouver; Mr. & Mrs. A. Lytle, Miss Winifred Mercer, Nanaimo; Mrs. R.A. Diffin, Comox; Rev. & Mrs. G.G. Bompas, Victoria.

**CORRECTION**

The name of a director, Mr. P.G. James\*, was omitted from the recent report of the Farmers' Institute annual meeting. DREFTWOOD regrets the omission and extends an apology to Mr. James.

The full list of officers is as follows: Board of Directors, chairman, Geo. Heinkekey, Tom Butt, Cyril Beech, E.G. Gear, P.G. James; auditors, Wm. Palmer and Frank Stevens; secretary, Mrs. J. McNulty.

**NEW BUSINESS OPENS**

Another enterprise has been added to the list of small business firms established on Salt Spring Island by local people. Salt Spring Fish and Oyster Company, has been opened at the foot of Bittancourt Road and is now in production. The oyster lease from Burgoyne Bay has been assumed, also oysters brought from Fanny Bay and other Vancouver Island points are processed for the wholesale market.

Robin Reid, Victoria, & Jack Reid, Vancouver, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Reid, Booth Canal.

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