

**FEBRUARY  
FULFORD TIDE TABLE**

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31	0743	11.5	4	0237	6.1
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Thursday, January 30, 1964

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**Facts, Fables, Foibles**  
Confirmation has been received that the 46 piece RCN Band from Esquimalt will play two concerts at Fulford Hall on February 14th. There will be no admission charge.

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Remember the deer story of Hurricane Frieda in 1962? The one where a couple of boys found a deer killed by falling tree by their fence?

Well it happened again January 19 in the storm.

This time Mr. T. Portlock discovered the deer under a tree at the back of his property a week after the storm.

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**Definition (?)** A taxi-dermist is a man who skipped without paying for the taxi. (He skinned the taxi man).

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Work has been completed on the boat basin at Ganges and a number of boats are already moored at the new dock. It was reported that several local vessels moved in the day the pile driver moved out.

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**WHITE CANE WEEK**

"With White Cane Week under way, most people think of lending a hand to blind pedestrians through busy traffic, but the casual passer-by can do much more to lighten the burden of blindness", said Mr. W. A. Tymchuk, Field Secretary for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Sponsored jointly by the CNIB and The Canadian Council of the Blind, the week is strictly educational and not associated with fund raising. A trained man with several years' experience in CNIB work, Mr. Tymchuk, (who is himself blind) made a few suggestions that are easy to follow and designed to relieve the tension that most blind persons suffer in unfamiliar places.

"When you meet a blind friend on the street, start

**ZONE CHAIRMAN PRESENT-  
AT LIONS SOCIAL**

Lions Club Zone Chairman, Jack Tang and Mrs. Tang of Victoria enjoyed the Roller Skating Social held by the S.S.I. Lions Club January 25th at Fulford Hall.

Seventy local Lions and their guests were present. The skaters ranged from expert to skilled to beginners, but all enjoyed the skating to music supplied by Mrs. Jack Tomlinson on the electric organ and records in charge of Mr. Tomlinson.

The new floor received a few bruises when skaters tumbled, but seemed none the worse for wear and tear.

Ladies of the Fulford Hall Committee supplied a tasty Smorgasbord to finish out the evening. Mr. Jake Barker gave the ladies a vote of thanks for preparing and serving the delicious dinner.

Other off-Island guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Merrett, Duncan; Mr. Merrett is secretary of the Duncan Lions Club. From the Victoria Club, Mr. & Mrs. Herb Chow and Mr. Eric Joe; from South VanIsle Club, Mr. Bob Keene, Mr. Frank Izak, Mr. & Mrs. A. McMyrtle, and Mr & Mrs. Fred Jackson.

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"your greeting with his name", the field secretary advised. "Otherwise the blind person, missing the direct glance so easily spotted by the sighted, assumes that you are speaking to someone else. Also tell your own name. This will avoid embarrassment if he does not recognize your voice".

He made a second point. "Be a commentator for the Blind". By describing the changing scene as you walk along the street, you can provide a completely new train of thought for a blind person. Don't wait for some

**THIS IS THE WEEK  
FOR THE BIRDS**

Thursday, Jan. 23, we received a call from Mrs. C. W. McClean, Beddis Rd. to say there was a cerise coloured sea gull on her beach. Feeling real gull-ible, we set off for the beach and saw the bright pink bird sitting on a log, ignored by his fellow gulls. We approached the bird. When it flew away, it showed white under its wings and white in the tail feather spread. When Mr. McClean returned from work, he accused us of spiking the tea.

However since that time DRIFTWOOD office has had numerous calls about pink sea gulls. A pair of them have been appearing around Ganges Harbour for the past several days. Theories run all the way from a displaced tropical bird to a practical jokers dye job, the dye injected into the blood stream, or just something they have 'et'. Then as one politically minded person puts it:- they are some of Mr. K's red spies. They get past the radar screens because they make the same blip as the ordinary gulls.

C. J. Guiguet, Curator

unusual event. Simply tell about the size of a passing truck, the ad on a side of a bus, the contents of the store window beside you. "Sighted people see so much so quickly", he explained, "They do not realize the interest they could create by sharing their sight".

Those who wish to go beyond the fringe in service to the blind may offer their services to CNIB as volunteer work. Needed are drivers, readers, letter-writers, shoppers and numerous others.

"Take the time to see-- observe the world around you and share it with blind Canadians", said Mr. Tymchuk.

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**ACCIDENT INJURES THREE**

Three young men were hospitalized following a smash up of their car last Saturday morning between 5:30 and 6:00 a.m. The car was very badly damaged when it hit a tree near Vesuvius up the hill from the dock.

Driver of the car, Lawrence Horel and passengers Armand Thebere and Raymond Hanson were taken to Lady Minto Hospital immediately. All three have since been released.

Cause of the accident has not been determined.

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of the Provincial Museum says they have no knowledge of a gull marking program in which the gulls are dyed pink. Most of the gull marking programs use coloured leg bands. We'll follow another lead to see if we can trace the origin of the pink gulls. Pink elephants we understand - pink sea gulls, no!

Saturday in the wee hours of the morning, the Len Kellys of Rourke Road were wakened by a weird racket in the hen house. Investigation revealed that a great horned owl had squeezed through a small opening left for the hens to get in and out. The huge bird, with a four foot wing spread, couldn't find its way out again when it was disturbed.

A few days later, Patrick Slingsby and Ken House visited the office with a strange black and white bird with a very long beak.


The boys found this one near the cenotaph with its tail gone. Whether it lost its tail in the recent storm or was attacked by some other creature, it was unable to fly and

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(BIRDS (Cont'd. from P 1)  
 was a poor walker. The boys returned the injured bird to the water, hoping it would be able to find food and repair its tail. But not before it had left a typical bird trade-

mark on our counter.  
 To finish with an ever welcome bird story, a flock of blue birds have been seen around Sunset Drive near Idol Island.  
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 Mrs. W.A.C. Bennett will be present for the official opening.

**IN THE HOUSE**  
 by DAVE STUPICH, M.L.A.  
 The formalities are over, any remaining doubt has been dispelled, and my fourteen-year campaign to win election as the representative for Nanaimo and the Islands in the Provincial Legislature has finally borne fruit. During the next few weeks I would like to report, via this means, my impressions and observations as your representative in Victoria.

Even after the final count, and the recount, there was the possibility that the validity of the election might be challenged (as has been done in two constituencies). However the time allowed for this finally expired. On Tuesday, January 21st, I appeared before the Clerk of the House to be formally "sworn in" and on Thursday, January 23rd, took my place along with 50 other M.L.A.'s for the opening of Parliament.

The House was very crowded for the opening ceremonies. The members' desks were pushed together to allow only

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**JOHN GODFRI ROENBERG**  
 Salt Spring Island old timer, John Godfri Roenberg died Friday, January 24th at Dr. Francis Hospital, Ganges.  
 Born in Sweden in 1881 Mr. Roenberg came to the Island in 1931 after spending some time in the USA. He was well known on the Island for his hobby of furniture making. An expert craftsman, Mr. Roenberg built cedar chests, using tools he had made himself. He worked for many years in the logging industry on the Island when he made many friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. from St. George's Church, Ganges, Rev. S.J. Leech officiating. Goodmans Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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**NEWNHAM**  
 Funeral services for Mrs. F.H. Newnham who died January 27th at Lady Minto Hospital will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. from the Catholic Church in Ganges.

a narrow corridor for the lieutenant-Governor and his staff. One of my fellows expressed concern that in a few years the M.L.A.'s might have to wait outside.

This being the first session of a new Parliament, a new speaker must be elected. William Murray, the member for Prince Rupert was elected Speaker.

The Lieutenant-Governor or then returns to read the Speech from the Throne.

This document seems to be getting longer each year with the results that this one took at least 30 minutes of continual reading, which I am sure was very tiring for the Lieutenant-Governor. Its contents were mostly giving a review of what the Government has been doing not only for the last year, but in some cases it reached back to 1952, and  
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Pictured from left to right:- Mrs. Elsie Worthington, Rev. S. J. Leech, Mrs. F.A. Goodwin, and Mrs. J. Byron. IT'S A SMALL WORLD!

The above picture was taken last October on the occasion of the presentation of Anglican W.A. life membership to Mrs. J. Byron, well known resident of North End Road. The photo was subsequently published in the Anglican newspaper, "Diocesan Post", a copy of which was sent by a Nanaimo lady to her son stationed with the Black Watch Regiment in Germany. The soldier showed the paper to fellow serviceman W.O. Kenneth Byron, and upon learning that the honoured lady is his mother, gave the paper to him. This week Mrs. Byron received the newspaper picture from her son and the story of its acquisition.

W.O. Byron is a DRIFTWOOD subscriber. In due course a copy of this issue will reach him and the picture of his mother will once more have travelled full circle.

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FAR AWAY PLACES by Laurence Williams

Reno, Nevada is a good place to go if you need a divorce, or if you want to gamble a few dollars away at roulette or other games of chance.

The Goddess of Luck was with me when I drove into Reno and down the main street. I'm sure she whispered to me, "park your car right here."

I parked, got out of my car and almost tripped over a roll of money, the outside one showing a twenty dollar bill.

After standing there by my car for thirty seconds, well, at least twenty seconds; immobile like a cigar store Indian, with my arm extended, the money grasped in my hand. I felt that I had complied with all the dictates of honesty, by looking for the former owner of the roll. Then I leapt into my car, crashed the gears a little as I quickly backed out of there and found a new place to park.

My conscience pricked a little, but only a little. Anyone could say, "That's my money." So I said to myself. "It's mine now." After all, I couldn't let my Goddess down. She told me where to park.

But was she playing tricks. Was it good money. Was it perhaps 'hot' money or counterfeit.

It had to be done. I had to cash one of the bills. Perhaps I could buy cigarettes as a tester.

"Oh I know where. Let's try our luck at Harolds. The cashier there will know good money from bad."

I went to 'Harolds Place', peeled off a twenty, bought a stack of chips, and sat down at the roulette table.

Again, I swear I heard a voice whisper: "The black eight." I impulsively stacked five dollars worth on the black number eight.

The little black roulette ball knew just where to go. After crazily hesitating at several other numbers, it dropped into the number eight.

I quit gambling. Cashed in at thirty-five-to-one. Looked around a bit. Saw no Federal agent to lay a restraining hand on my shoulder.

Take a trip down there some day. The Goddess of Luck is very fickle. But who knows. She may whisper to you: "Park your car right here."

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### AND THE LITTLEST FERRY QUEEN CARRIED ON

by Bea Hamilton

We read recently about the struggles of the larger Gulf Islands Queen ferries - the Queen of the Islands & the Pender Queen, in the storm which swept the coast January 19; how the ships had to stagger to home ports & couldn't carry out the regular schedules for some hours. We didn't hear the story of the littlest Queen, the Salt Spring Queen, the sturdy reliable little ship, ferrying between Fulford & Swartz Bay. She never missed a trip! High winds & waves lashed her fore and aft, but she barged onward, skippered in the morning by Capt. David Morris & in the latter part of the day by Capt. Edward Lacy. These two intrepid souls faced 60 to 80 m.p.h. gales, and it was a thrill to see the small ship cutting across the seas to keep head on into the huge waves. Connections were made without mishap at all times and our hats are off to the captains & crews - and a salute to the sometimes abused and even cussed old Delta Princess, now the S.S. Queen.

This winter has proved her a good & trustworthy vessel, thanks to our staunch skippers, Capt. Morris, Lacy & Mollett.

Except for Hurricane Frieda, 2 autumns back, this little ferry has never failed in the execution of her duty ever since she has been on this run. That's a record to be proud of! Here's a salute to the littlest ferry Queen and to her dauntless crew - the skippers, mates, engineers and deck hands - God bless 'em!

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THE DEVIL'S DICTIONARY - Ambrose Bierce  
ABSURDITY, n. A statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own opinion.

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### LETTERS - TO - THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: "Somewhere there must be a special Hall of Fame for school bus drivers. For they face catastrophe in a thousand different ways. You can bet that behind every look of innocence and coy smile there is a fiendish trap set for their "special" bus driver. If there is such a place, I would like to nominate Salt Spring Island's Mr. Fred Morris, for he has the unenviable task of picking up the Lowe youngsters. How was he to know, as he merrily made his way down Upper Ganges Rd. what new trap had been set for him? As he smilingly opened the bus door, in entered in the order of their appearance - 1 middle sized girl, 1 large billy goat, 1 small girl, 1 medium sized billy goat, 1 little girl, 1 large nanny goat and her little kid, 1 small boy, 1 large lamb and a 3 month old pup. Like the good "captain of his ship" that he is, Fred quickly quelled all confusion and immediately took complete control of the odoriferous situation. With his fast footwork and quickness of hand, amid the holding of noses, he swiftly extricated the "non-pupils". His good natured grin is still in place so I can only assume this was only an "average" bus stop."

(Signed) An Appreciative Father.

"Dear Editor: A funny thing happened to me yesterday, I came home and found my copy of Driftwood waiting for me on the coffeetable. I tore out that nasty little paper clip, or was it a staple (but that doesn't matter), anyway I merrily skimmed through it as it fell apart in my hands. After doing this I straighten it out and put it aside for later enjoyment or what-have-you, and this thought came into my head "More Trash From Mad". This thought was inspired by the poor content, and basic construction the paper. Something must be done about this poor gossip or the Driftwood will get the name of "The Local Rag". (Signed) Yours truly, Wayne Sober."

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### WORDS OF INSPIRATION:

"Am I my brother's keeper?  
Because I held Upon my selfish path  
And left my brother wounded by the way,  
And called ambition duty, and pressed on -  
O Lord, I do repent. Sarah Williams.

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### CHURCHES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1964

ANGLICAN - St. Mark's: Choral Communion, 11:00a.m.

St. George's: Evensong, 7:30 p.m. St. Mary's: Family Service, 2:30 p.m.

UNITED - Ganges, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC - Our Lady of Grace: Holy Mass,

11: a.m. St. Paul's - Fulford Harbour, 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE - Mahon Hall, 11:00 a.m.

FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL - Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.

Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.

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

**LEES - MONTGOMERY BETROTHAL** - Of interest to a number of Salt Spring Island residents is the recently announced engagement of Frances Isobel, daughter of Mr. Harold Lees, Ganges, and the late Mrs. Lees, and sister of Mrs. Charles Moat, Long Harbour, to Captain James H. Montgomery, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. D.S. Montgomery, Vancouver & nephew of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. The wedding will take place quietly on March 14 in the Church of St. Francis in-the-Wood, Caulfeild, with Rev. Wm. Valentine officiating.

Miss Lees and her fiance were week end guests of Mr. & Mrs. Moat who entertained at a small luncheon in their honour. Guests were old family friends, Mr. & Mrs. C.M. Robertson, Sidney; Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Nicholson, Mr. & Mrs. Graham Shove & Mr. & Mrs. Campbell Carroll.

**FULFORD NEWS** - by Bea Hamilton  
Beaver Point Community held their annual meeting on Friday, Jan. 23. New officers are president, Miss D. Anderson; social convener, Miss Gwen Ruckle; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. Stevens; committee, F. Saunders & A. Stevens. The Bean Supper is slated for Saturday, Mar. 21 - a day to remember.

Mr. A. Davis is expected home this week after being a patient in St. Joseph's hospital for a week. Mrs. A. Davis has been the guest of Miss Mary Walters for the past few days.

**ANOTHER KLONDIKE NIGHT**  
Klondike Night returns again to Ganges. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 92 sponsored a show in December with Klondike Kate appearing in person. Kate made such an impact on the local swains that the Legion has decided to stage another Klondike Floor Show and night of fun Saturday February 8th at the Legion Hall. Legion members and guests will be present. Mr. J.H.M. Lamb is in charge of arrangements.

**CHAMBER GENERAL MEETING**  
The general meeting for the election of officers will be held in Mahon Hall on February 12th. Information regarding the agenda for the meeting will be available next week.  
The Executive meeting February 5th has been cancelled.

**COMING AND GOING**  
by Elsie Worthington - 176  
Mr. W.D. Stephens, Ganges Hill, is visiting his mother in Dinbrook, Ontario. Mrs. Stephen Sr. celebrated her 95th birthday, Jan. 22 and was delighted to have her son with her for the occasion.

Doctors Ted and Marjorie Jansch have returned from Vancouver where they attended a refresher course held at

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**COMING EVENTS**

FRIDAY-January 31- C.W.L. Bingo-Catholic Church Hall 8 P.M.  
 SATURDAY-February 1-Beaver Point Card Social-Beaver Point Hall- 8:15 P.M.  
 SUNDAY-February 2-Rod & Gun Club Rifle Shoot-10:a.m. African Slides, Ivory Coast, West Africa- Full Gospel Chapel 7:30 p.m. Miss Hazel Grace McLean- EVERYONE WELCOME  
 WEDNESDAY-February 5th- Adult Roller Skating-Fulford Hall- 8 P.M. Chamber of Commerce General Meeting-8 P.M. Mahon Hall - NO EXECUTIVE MEETING ON THE 5th.

**REPORT (Cont'd from P2)**

I assume that this is done "Lest we forget".

The one surprise move in this budget was the announcement that British Columbia is to have a new Bank, and the Government will be one of the shareholders. It looks as though the Premier intends to give this Bank a running start with the cash payment to be received from the Columbia River Agreement.

In regards to the new protocol and Treaty on the Columbia, while these headlines in the press would give one the impression that we are up to our neck in clover, I am going to be a little cautious. We must not forget that all that glitters is not gold,

and the true value of what is done on the Columbia will be judged by our children.

I am sure that when the E. & N. land grant deal was made it was hailed by many as a wonderful agreement but time has proven it to have been extremely one-sided.

For this reason when the treaty comes before the Foreign Affairs Committee I would like to suggest that everyone should follow the deliberations closely, because all the salient points will be brought out, and who knows maybe these discussions will prevent us from making a mistake that our children or children's children will have to regret.

Next week I will be discussing the debate on the Speech from the Throne--both government and opposition contributions. Daye Stupich,

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**FROM WEST AFRICA**  
by Elsie Worthington

Miss Hazel McLean an unassuming and attractive young lady with a charming smile, arrived on Salt Spring last November to take temporary charge of Full Gospel Chapel in Ganges.

Looking at this slim young woman, whose fragile appearance suggests a sheltered life, it is hard to realize that she has spent eight years as a missionary in the primitive hinterland of French West Africa.

Miss McLean whose home is near Salmon Arm, B.C., went out to Africa under the inter-denominational World-wide Evangelization Crusade. Her first three years were spent in Upper Volta, to the north of Ghana. While simultaneously learning the language and teaching school, she felt a call to work in the neighboring Ivory Coast; in a district of 100 square miles, containing 62,000 people without any Christian teaching. Her superiors, unfavourable to the idea, set a seemingly impossible objective to be achieved within six months before giving permission for the move. They stipulated that the young missionary was to obtain a co-worker; that both girls must master the language; acquire a car and learn to drive the vehicle. All this was accomplished within the specified time in spite of several weeks illness suffered by Miss McLean. The car was made possible by an inheritance received by an elderly Canadian of modest means who passed on the windfall as a gift to the mission.

The girls began their new work in a 2-room mud house in the centre of a nominal Moslem village, with the life of the village virtually on their doorstep. They became used to the sound of

constant wife-beatings, and children being taught the Koran punctuated by thrashings, and watched with interest nightly village dances.

Before working in any village the missionaries approached the chief and asked for a meeting to be arranged. For a short time they lived among the Yakaboubas, a pagan tribe known to be cannibals and deliberately going deeper into paganism. Some converts were made among this group.

Work of teaching and visiting was strengthened when a trained native couple joined the mission. When Miss McLean came back to Canada 18 months ago she left behind a small church and devout congregation.

The missionary praised French administration for the way in which the Ivory Coast has been prepared for independence. She said there is 3% literacy among the people.

Miss McLean will show slides of her life in Africa at the 7:30 evening service at Full Gospel Church, Mouat Park Road, Sunday next, Feb. 2. Everybody is welcome.

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**BOY'S PARLIAMENT** - Report of the 33rd Older Boys' Parliament, held in the Parliament Building, Victoria, Dec. 27-31, was made to Ganges United Church congregation last Sunday by their elected delegate, sixteen year old Brian Rogers.

The Legislature was comprised of 72 delegates, 52 of whom took their seats for the first time. The local delegate sat on the Government side of the House under Premier Frederick Higgs.

During eight sittings of Parliament several bills & resolutions dealing with boy work were passed under the watchful eye of the opposition, led by Currie Grass. One bill successfully presented by the government raised the required age for elected members from 16-20 years, to 17-21 years, sixteen year olds may be elected as observers.

Acts were passed dealing with social, physical, & spiritual welfare of boys; leadership training, and mental health promotion. These will be implemented by cabinet ministers, and standing committees. Brian is a member of the committee to work on leadership education & mental welfare.

Parliamentary sessions were preceded by morning devotions at Metropolitan United Church. Social highlight of the boys' time in Victoria was a banquet at Metropolitan Church, attended also by Victoria CGIT members.

The aim of Older Boy's Parliament of B.C. is to become a strong influence in promoting a high standard of boy life in B.C.

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**ALTAR GUILD MEETING** - Mrs. V.C. Best was elected president of St. George's Church Altar Guild at the recent annual meeting. Vice-president is Mrs. A.R.P. Price; secretary, Mrs. W. Norton; treasurer, Mrs. W. Mailey. A warm vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Jas. Mitchell, retiring president.

**NEWS FROM S.S. HIGH**

by Colin Booth

Over the weekend Gail Slingsby & Louise Lorentsen attended a Future Teacher's Conference at UBC, from Thursday to Sunday. While there, they attended a symposium & lecture. The highlight of the conference came Sat. night when there was a banquet & dance for the 170 students at the conference.

Last Friday a spelling bee was held as inter-house competition and after the allotted time House 2 had defeated the other two houses. This Friday there will be a record dance in the Mahon Hall for Grades 8-12. This is also a Dance Marathon. It will be sponsored by Grade 11,

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"Once we get the building underway", Mr. Hope said, "the Federal Government has promised to help finance the project."

Personal membership in the Association is only \$5. a year and if enough farmers and their friends join, the Association will proceed with construction this year.

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**RIFLE SHOOT**

Rod & Gun Club is sponsoring a Rifle Shoot at the Club grounds Scott Rd. on Sunday.

This popular competition brings out all ages from teenagers to the over 40's. There is a variety of shoots with both big rifles and 22's. And prizes for the skilled shooters. The Club guns (22's) and ammunition are available at the range. Or you may bring your own gun of any calibre. There will be junior shoots if enough young people come out. Coffee and refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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