

SALT SPRING ISLAND

DRIFTWOOD

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It was like New Years Eve as Mrs. D. Goodman took the last shift at the switchboard waiting for the automatic change-over at midnight, Saturday. Other operators and friends gathered to see the old board retire.

INTERNATIONAL SKIN DIVERS MEET

Sunday, August 16th the Fathom Phantoms Skin Divers were host to 65 divers from Washington State, Victoria, Vancouver and Alberni.

Twenty-one teams of three divers entered Vesuvius Bay at 11 a.m. and fished until 3 p.m. There were four girl divers participating. Each team was allowed to bring in 2 ling cod, 15 round fish, cabazon unlimited - but no wolf eels or skate.

One diver returned to the beach at 1 p.m. for repairs to a broken line on his gun. Later one unfortunate diver was unable to return to the competition because his suit came unstuck and he was unable to make repairs.

Only one casualty was reported by St. John Ambulance First Aid attendant, Mrs. V. Harraway, when a gun backfired causing a slight cut to the lip and a

tear on the hand.

A good attendance of on-lookers watched the spectacle of 63 divers leaving Vesuvius Bay en bloc.

The divers donated a considerable portion of their catch to the sponsors of the very successful event.

The winning teams were:
1st - Mudsharks from Seattle with 55 lb. 14 oz. of fish;
2nd - Vancouver Skin Divers with 49 lb. 2 oz.; Aggregate Trophy for most weight went to Gary Leslie, Vancouver Skin Divers; Aggregate Trophy, home team went to Don Irwin, Ganges. Novice team trophies went to Alberni Valley Skin Divers, Mr. Paquette, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Koots. Trophy for the largest fish went to Norm Stavenes, Vancouver with 26 lb. 9 oz.

Fathom Phantoms are very grateful to Mrs. Harraway who was on hand during the entire dive as St. John First Aid attendant.

BIGGEST FISH YET

A 46 1/2 pound salmon, the largest fish in any Legion Derby so far, was the prize-winner on Sunday last. The giant was hooked by Mr. Clegg by mooching with herring strip along the bottom, just off Welbury Point.

The array of fish hung on Mouat's Store at 5 o'clock weigh-in rivalled, if not exceeded the catch at the Rod & Gun Club Derby a few weeks earlier.

The list of winners are the following:-

1st, Mr. Clegg, 46 1/2 lb.
2nd, Bob Morris, 21 lb. 11 oz.; 3rd, Bill Sampson, 17 lb.; 4th, Charlie Mellish, 16 lb. 2 oz.; 5th, Marshall Sharp, 13 lb. 3 oz.; 6th Herb Skuce, 9 lb.; 7th Wayne Bradley, 8 lb. 13 oz. 8th, Mrs. Peter Stevens, 8 lb. 5 oz.; 9th, F. Luddington, 8 lb. 5 oz.; 10th, John Waterfall, 8 lb. 4 oz.; 11th Tom Shore, 7 lb. 6 1/2 oz.; 12th, Pat Walsh, 7 lb. 6 oz.; 13th, Charlie Butt, 6 lb. 3 oz.; 14th, Larry Campbell, 6 lb. 3 oz.; 15th, Tom Butt, 5 lb. 15 oz.; 16th, Bud Conery, 5 lb. 8 oz.; 17th, Geo. Heinekey, 5 lb. 6 oz.; 18th

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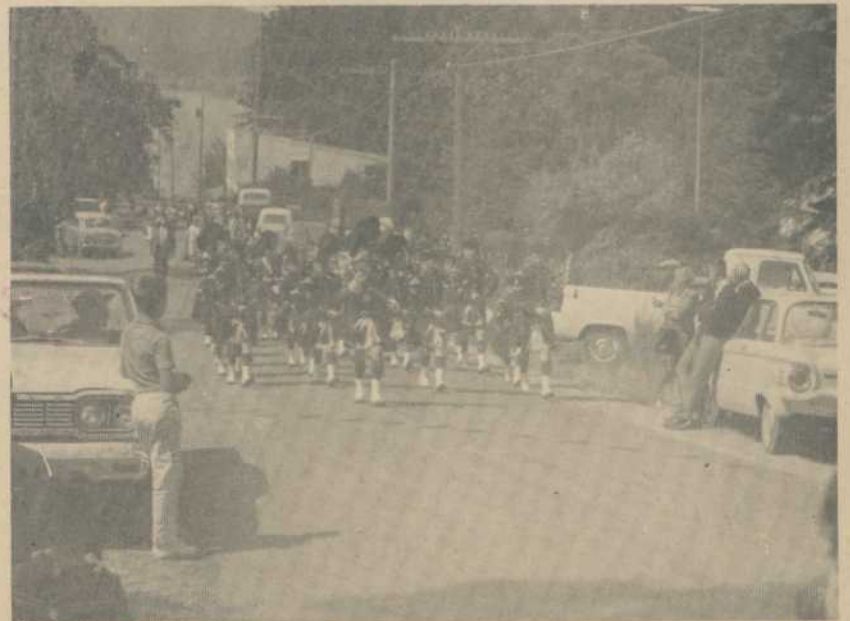
LOCAL KINDERGARTEN CLASS TO MOVE TO SCHOOL DORMITORY

Overcrowding at the local school last year and the expected increase again this fall has forced the school board to make use of all possible existing space for fall classes, pending the construction of the new high school.

The kindergarten class, begun last year and which had some 30 beginners, will move this fall from the Mahon Hall to the Study Hall at the Student Dormitory Ganges Hill. The Mahon Hall, staff room, vice-principal's office are all being converted to classroom use.

The School Planning Seminar, planned by the Board at its July meeting on Satuma, will be held on September 28 at 8 p.m., and will continue, on a discussion basis on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Experts from the Department and the Vancouver Architectural Centre are to be present, as well as the

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The White Spot Pipe Band parades up the main road from the Miners Bay Dock at the Mayne Island Fall Fair held last Saturday.

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WHO IS ON YOUR PARTY LINE NOW?

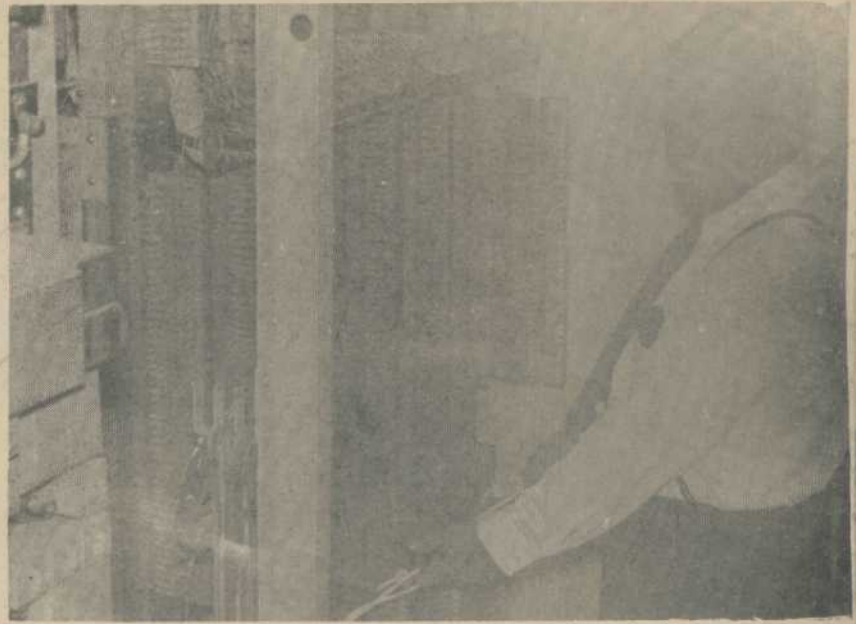
If you are one of those people who were on more than a 6 party line before dial phones, the other people sharing your party line are now different.

If you are having some difficulty dialling one of your friends you may check to see who is still on the same party line by dialling Repair Service 114. They will give you the information.

1964-65 TEACHING STAFF
APPOINTMENTS**

Appointed to the staff of Saltspring Elementary-Sec-ondary School for the 1964-65 term are Mr. J.M. Evans, principal, Mrs. F.M. Hepburn, Mr. E.T. Marcus, Mr. C. Grain, Mr. F. Byron, Mr. C.S. Huxtable, Mr. R. Stacey, Mrs. Jean Barnes, Miss O.D. Mouat, Mr. D. P. MacBean, Mr. Glenn Woodley, Mrs. Edna McLeod, Miss Shelagh Gallant, Mr. E.L. Ferriday, Mrs. Norma E. McKee, Mrs. Jacqueline Severn, Mrs. Mildred I. Seymour, Mr. John Rogers, Industrial education and Mrs. Florence T. MacMillan, Kindergarten.

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mouth, N.S.



Jake Barker makes it final & official as he pulls the heat coils to make the switch to automatic telephones.

Chester Martin, 5 lb. 4 oz.; 19th, Mrs. Andrew Stevens, 5 lb. 3 oz.; 20th, Mike Larmour, 4 lb. 12 oz.; 21st, Gary Horncastle, 4 lb. 9 oz.

Prize for the largest cod went to Vic Jackson with a 24 lb. 4 oz. fish.

1st prize consolation was won by Derek Gale; 2nd, Russell Thorburn.

Trustees, High School staff
members, and selected mem-
bers of the community.**

Student Driving courses are being considered by the Board and their feasibility is to be discussed further.

The land for the new school is to be finalized and the Dept. of Education is to be approached re the purchase of two new school buses.

SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE

A group from the Wagon Wheels Square Dance Club returned Monday from a weekend visit to Penticton where they attended the 11th Annual B.C. Square Dance Jamboree. 236 squares filled the outdoor dance floor for the Grand March which was led by a local pipe band.

In the afternoon there was square dancing knee deep in Okanagan Lake. Those taking part qualified for their Aquaduck badges.

Attending from S.S.I. were, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Reid, Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Barber, Misses Louise and Lynne Lorentsen, Kathy Netterfield, Margaret Reid, Susan Townley, Messrs. Brian Cunningham, Robin Reid, Jack Reid, Brian Rogers, and Robert Taylor.

The dancers visited Mr. and Mrs. L. Lorentsen of Chilliwack on their way home.

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Philip John Holland, Victoria, was charged last week with assault causing bodily harm and is free on bail pending his trial for allegedly beating up an American boy at Montague Harbour, August 13th.

James Tutt was fined \$30 and costs for having possession of liquor while under 21 years of age.

Kenneth King, Fulford Harbour, was fined \$300 and costs on a charge of impaired driving on July 28th. He was placed under interdiction by the magistrate.

Other Police News

A warning was issued by RCMP this week about consuming liquor in a public place when patrons to a resort were asked to get rid of their supplies of refreshments which were allegedly being consumed on the premises.
ACCIDENT CAUSES

SEVERE INJURY

A car, driven by Norman Twa, missed the corner at the west end of Scott Road last Sunday morning at 1:30 a.m. and plunged up against an embankment on the opposite side of the road. The car was extensively damaged to the extent of about \$750.

Brian Beech, a passenger in the car received severe cuts when his head struck and smashed the windshield. Dr. McGilivray, attended the injured, who were then removed to hospital by Lions Club Ambulance.

Several other minor accidents involving some damage to vehicles occurred on Galiano and in Ganges this week. (Cont'd. on Col 4)



FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF NEW LIBRARY

Volunteer librarians met at a coffee party Wednesday morning at the Golf & Country Club on the occasion of the new library first anniversary. It was just a year ago that Saltspring Public Library Association purchased the Leggett property on McPhillips Ave. Since that time, many plans and a great deal of hard work has gone into renovations and re-establishing the library in the new quarters. The building was officially opened last February 1st.

Mrs. S.H. Hawkins, treasurer, reports that the Association now has a building insured for \$10,000, over 5000 books and only one outstanding debt, a bank loan for \$1,650. Says Mrs. Hawkins, "This is due to the generosity of the business firms, organizations, members and their friends."

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FISH STORY

The best non-derby fish story of the week is Sidney Jones'. Young Sidney, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mick Jones, Rainbow Rd., caught a 2 lb. cut throat while casting from the beach near Beddis. He landed the big fish by himself. Sidney is only 6.

Local RCMP are presently making a survey of hazardous road conditions on SSI. Cpl. Rhodes would like to hear of any examples of potentially dangerous roads, especially corners and intersections. When the survey is completed, recommendations will go forward to the Department of Highways for remedial action.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITORIAL

Another milestone marking the end of another era, nostalgically faded into the past last week with the change-over to new automatic phone service. Apparently it hasn't passed by without the usual small painful cries of protest.

There are those on the Island who recall the old telephone 'exchange' in the little white house just past the entrance to the Legion. Its first operator was Miss F. Aitkens now retired and living here on Salt Spring Island on Bittan-court Road. Miss Aitkens operated the board from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Under normal circumstances, of course, it was necessary to get all your phoning done within these hours, but it was often possible to count on Miss Aitkens good offices to get an important call through during the off-hours. This is the kind of thing involving person-to-person kindnesses that all the automatics in the world will never replace and that most people feel a real sense of loss about, although it is rarely put into words. The more's the pity.

DRIFTWOOD has heard a score of comments on the cheerful, co-operative and friendly service relations between the recent staff of operators, just retired, and the rest of the Island community. We are already missing them in the 'bug period' of crossed lines, wrong numbers and strange calls from Langley and other odd places.

Speaking of strange confusion, we were one of a number of invited guests to the Telephone dinner last Saturday evening at Harbour House and a very nice affair it was too. What with listening to and chatting to various officials of the telephone company, we enjoyed the 'do' very much.

However, we came away somewhat at a loss to know just what the purpose of it was. We suspect a 'public relations' pitch, in the main. We think it would have provided an excellent opportunity for both company officials and the guests to honor the retiring staff of operators, but they were conspicuous by their absence with one exception. How come?

Some weeks ago, DRIFTWOOD forecasted changes coming up in the format of our paper. In an effort to make the issues more compact and readable, while at the same time, coming more in line with modern news format, we have been experimenting with a five-column sheet. Numerous bugs in the camera machinery, all of which have not been solved, have been wrestled with and the result is page 11 and 12 this week.

We like what we see here as an experimental beginning and we hope our readers will agree.

Such a format will solve some of our production problems as well, enabling our limited staff to give wider and better coverage of Salt Spring Island doings.

We are planning that the entire issue will soon be in this five column form.

COMING EVENTS

- FRIDAY, August 21st - Dance, Fulford Hall
SUNDAY, August 23- Ladies Softball, Fulford vs. Lady-smith, 2 p.m. Fulford Sports Field.

Dear Editor: "May I, through this column, express my personal thanks to the operators of the now defunct telephone system. Their unfailing courtesy and quick sympathetic help in times of emergency will not soon be forgotten.

A word of commendation should go to the L.A. to the Royal Canadian Legion, whose efforts provided the only opportunity for expression of the public's thanks to these women who have so faithfully served the community."

(Signed) Elsie Worthington

Dear Editor: "Now that the automatic dial phone system has come into effect, we shall miss the services of the grand team of telephone operators and I would like to pay tribute to them for the efficient and courteous way they have handled all our business and local calls during the past years.

At times they have worked under very adverse conditions with an inadequate switchboard and perhaps sometimes criticized.

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce and many other organizations, I would like to thank them most heartily and sincerely and with them all the best of luck in the future."

(Signed) D.G. Crofton.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Rogers & family, Rainbow Rd. have returned home after a trip through the interior which took them to Revelstoke and as far north as Dawson Creek.

Mrs. C.W. Austin, Vancouver is visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Fendall, Cranberry Road, for a few weeks.

Miss Joan Bidwell, following a visit to Los Angeles and San Francisco, spent a few days visiting her mother, Mrs. R. Bidwell, before returning to her home in North Vancouver. Mrs. L. Kett of Pleasanton, Calif. arrived recently to spend a few days with Mrs. Bidwell and Bob.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.H.M. Lamb during the week was Mrs. G. L. Mortimer-Lamb, Vancouver.

Janet and Patrick Rixon

returned to Port Angeles after spending 2 weeks holiday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. St. Denis, St. Mary Lake and Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Rixon, Southey Point.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. & Mrs. F.H.A. Reid, Charlesworth Rd. were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Harold A. Reid, Edmonton with their daughters Patricia, Linda and Sheilaigh. Mr. Harold Reid is presently librarian at Victoria Vocational High School in Edmonton.

Also visiting the Reids were their daughters, Miss Dorothy Reid, Vancouver & Miss Beth Reid, Seattle.

Mrs. Edith Barber, Rainbow Rd., visited Mrs. R. Rickwood, North Surrey last weekend. Returning with her for a few weeks visit was Mrs. E.F. Rickwood of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. R. Crombie, all of West Van- (Cont'd. to P.9, Col. 3 & 4)

CHURCHES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1964.

- ANGLICAN - St. Mark's: 8:30 a.m. St. Mary's: 11 a.m. St. George's: 2:30 p.m. St. Nicholas: 7:30 p.m.
UNITED - Ganges: 11:00 a.m.; Burgoyne Bay: 2:30 p.m.
ROMAN CATHOLIC - Our Lady of Grace: Holy Mass, 10:45 a.m. St. Paul's, Fulford Harbour - 9 a.m.
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE - Mahon Hall, 11:00 a.m.
FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL - Sunday School and Adult Bible classes, 10:30 a.m.; Evening service, 7:30 p.m.
JEHOVAH WITNESSES - Mahon Hall, 2:00 p.m.

by Bea Hamilton

The Fulford Athletic Club, says Jack Roland, are sponsoring a dance on Friday August 21st, at the Fulford Hall. Music will be featured by the Silver Beatles from Port Alberni. This should be a lively and good entertainment.

Well, Fulford married ladies team had their revenge for the beating given them by the Ganges married Ladies team at softball last week-Fulford ball team won 29-3 last Sunday!

The games were enjoyed and a good crowd were out to shout for winners and losers. Next Sunday, Fulford ladies play the ladies team from Ladysmith, so everyone turn out for a good game - 2 p.m. Aug. 23rd at the Fulford Sports Field.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Lyngard are off to Halifax, driving by car in the company of several other cars going that way. Jack Lyngard is in the Navy and is to be stationed at Halifax for the next two years. The Lyngards are visiting Jack's parents en route in Alberta and will see a brother in Ontario. A card home from Barbara Lyngard (nee Coopsie) tells the family that they were in Prince Edward Island and by now, they will have reached their destination. Jack Lyngard has to be in Halifax by Sept. 1st so they have been enjoying touring as they went. Inez Coopsie was visiting the Maxwells in Fulford over the weekend.

Mr. Harold Lacy, for

sometime now, assistant City engineer in Victoria, has joined the staff of the Provincial Dept. of Agriculture engineering division. He will aid the department in its program of making maximum use of engineering on farms. Mr. Lacy was born on Salt Spring Island, and is the second son of Mr. & Mrs. A. O. Lacy. Harold graduated from UBC in 1959 and is living in Victoria with his wife and three children. It is nice to get such good news of our young men from the Island.

MRS. WALLACE - 97 YEARS

Mrs. Wallace Sr. celebrated her 97th birthday on August 15th. She is staying at Wildwood Convalescent Home in Fulford and was happy to receive the congratulations and good wishes of her family, some of whom were present.

Her granddaughter decided 97 candles were too many for one cake, so settled for one candle in the middle.

Mrs. Wallace read all the messages on her cards without the aid of reading

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CROSSED LINES

by Bea Hamilton

Whilst we are keeping our fingers crossed for continuation of this good weather, the B.C. Tel have their lines crossed to add to the excitement of living with digits and dials. Party lines are having fun and will continue until the hard working linesmen can straighten out the tangle.

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Vesuvius Bay Beauty Parlour will close for holiday Sat. Aug. 22 to Sept. 9th.

BILL'S TAXI will not operate its bus service connecting Ganges and the 9:40 p.m. Long Harbour ferry after Labour Day, Sept. 7, 1964. After this date, service to & from the evening boat will be by individual taxi request only.

FOUND

Skiff Found. Phone: 537-2859

Key (for house) on Geo. S. Pearson. Please contact mate

A lady's ring - Owner may phone: 537-2811

At a meeting of the Shooting & Trap Committees held in the Rod & Gun Club building on August 5th they decided to hold several shooting events starting October 25th. These events will be completed by Nov. 1st and will be for members only.

Shooters will compete for 5 trophies; Mollison & Scarff trophy for trap shooting; Salt Spring Motors (Art Young) trophy for big bore rifles; Mouat Bros. Limited trophy for 22 rifles; Salt Spring Lands trophy for pistol shooting.

The Shell Service (Alex McManus) trophy will be for the best score in all four events. No handicap in the all event championship shoot. The entrance fee will be 50¢ plus shells and targets.

wires were carefully cut at our house, all seemed to be in order until 1:30 a.m. when R/R/R/R. went the new bell - "Is Mrs. Murphy there?" asked a voice doubtfully. "No potatoes", says I. "Oh, dear!" exclaimed the voice, "all our numbers are wrong, it seems". And she hung up.

Well, thought I, here's a start! My first taste of "Sorry - wrong number". Only it won't be a voice in the future that says that - just a buz-buz-buz. Oh well, being a bee, I should be used to a buzz by now!

WITH SYMPATHY

by Bea Hamilton
Residents along Isabella Point Road were distressed to hear of the sudden passing of Art Smith, (Arthur Henry Smith).

Mr. Smith was found slumped over the wheel of the fishing vessel "Rae-John" at the fishing grounds in Prince Rupert. The discovery was made by the crew early on Friday morning, August 14th. They rushed the stricken man to hospital but he was dead, and they presume from a heart attack.

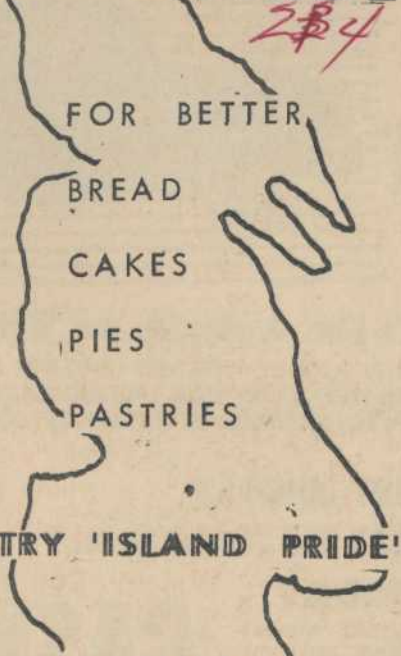
Mrs. Anne Smith was notified by the RCMP at Fulford. She was shortly joined by her two daughters who motored from Haney as soon as they heard the sad news.

Daughters, Mrs. B. Ruddick and Mrs. John Larsen were accompanied by Mr. Larsen and Susanne Ruddick.

The funeral will be held in Haney where the Smiths lived before they came to Salt Spring Island a few years ago.

Her many friends sympathize deeply with Mrs. Anne Smith and her family at this time.

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GARDEN CLUB PLANS SEPTEMBER SHOW

Mrs. Jack Fendall, show manager, reported arrangements well in hand for the chrysanthemum and fall flower show to be held Sept. 19 in Fulford Hall. The report was made to the Aug. 12 meeting of SSI Chrysanthemum and Garden Club, held in Ganges United Church Hall with Dr. R.W. Bradley in the chair.

Mrs. P.G. James outlined changes made in the show schedule to permit addition of several classes for autumn flowers; also a children's floral arrangement class. The chrysanthemum section is limited to club members, but the remaining sections, numbering some 24 classes, are open to the general public. Copies of the show schedule may be picked up at Driftwood office next week.

Mr. R.R. Alton introduced the guest speaker, Mr. E.J. Grieg of Royston Nurseries, whose illustrated address on species and hybrid rhododendrons proved both interesting and informative. Quoting from 35 years ex-

perience with thousands of plants in this branch of horticulture, the speaker gave much helpful advice regarding varieties most useful for garden culture.

Rhododendrons must have acid soil, said Mr. Grieg. They thrive on rotten wood and peat moss. The low downward and creeping types enjoy full sun. Other varieties prefer some shade.

Mr. P.G. James gave the vote of thanks. In reply Mr. Grieg invited members to visit his nursery located near Courtenay.

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PICNIC PLANNED FOR OAPO

Another outing sponsored by OAPO, Branch 32 is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 1. The bus will leave Bill's Taxi office at 7:55 a.m. for Englishman River Falls. Take your own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee will be served at the park.

They will return on the 6 pm ferry from Crofton. Fare will be \$3. For reservations phone Mrs. Monk - 537-5629.

FERNWOOD NEWS

by Doris DeLong

Mr. & Mrs. L.G. Kennett are returning home today to Kelso Sask. after spending the past month at their summer home here.

Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Thompson and children, Shelagh, Brian and Dierdre of Aldergrove spent the last week at the home of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. S.A. Thompson at Journeys End.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Winter and son Keith spent a few daysholiday in Victoria.

Mr. Alan Waterfall and friend Hugh McRae have returned to Surrey after spending two weeks with Alan's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Waterfall.

Miss Paula Waterfall of Dawson City who has been visiting her grandparents for the summer plans to stay on with them for the school

OLD TIMER PASSES AWAY

Craven Henry Wilson

Noon died in Victoria at the Veterans Hospital on August 16, 1964 in his 76th year.

Mr. Noon came to Salt Spring Island early in the century and remained resident on the Island until last fall when he moved to Victoria. For some years and up to the middle '40s, Mr. Noon operated a taxi business on the Island.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Enid Haynes in South Africa, a cousin, Mr. B. Wilson in Victoria. Mrs. Noon predeceased him eight years ago.

Mr. Noon was an active member of St. George's Anglican Church and the Royal Canadian Legion. He served in the First World War with the 143rd Battalion C.E.F.

Funeral services will be held today, August 20th at 9:30 a.m. in Thomson & Irving Funeral Chapel, followed by cremation. Padre D. Kendell will conduct the service.

term.

Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Burr have returned home after spending two weeks on the prairie visiting relatives at Dauphin, Man. and Langbank, Sask.

Mr. T.W. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Smith and Miss Beverley Jochen of Calgary were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Adams for a few days.

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couper were weekend visitors at Arbutus Court.

Weekend visitor at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Graham Shove, Lower Ganges Rd., was Mr. P.D. Crofton of Victoria.

Mr. Barry Crofton, Victoria was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morris, Lower Ganges Rd. last week.

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VICTORIA TRIP FOR OAPO

A full bus load of OAPO ... August 11th ... they spent the day ... Mrs. J. Monk had arranged for a private dining room at T. Eaton Co. where the group enjoyed lunch.

The day previous, August 10th, Branch 32 had entertained two bus loads of visitors from Connaught Heights, Vancouver. Following lunch at the local restaurants, they took a two hour tour of the Island. Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. Thacker, acting as guide for one bus, says she inadvertently, but gently guided the driver the wrong way and they ended up on top of Mount Maxwell where everyone enjoyed the view. Provincial president of the OAPO, Mr. Vincent Yates was among the group.

Tea will be served to Duncan Branch at St. George's Hall on Thursday, Aug. 20 between 12:30 and 1:30. Anyone who may have friends on this trip will be welcome to join them at tea.

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

PROVIDES BIBLES TO HARBOUR HOUSE HOTEL.

Mr. Fred C. Lucas, Vancouver, of Gideons International will be the guest speaker at the afternoon service at St. George's Church this Sunday. Mr. Lucas is to speak on the work of the Gideon's and Mr. Doug Luff, another Gideons visitor, will present the bibles to Col. D.G. Crofton of Harbour House.

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THE GOODLY HERITAGE

by Elsie Warthington
Erection of fine modern homes on the beautiful old Beddis estate, now subdivided, marks the end of a treasured link with Salt Spring Island's romantic past.

The property lies at the end of Beddis Road, named after the intrepid pioneer, Samuel J. Beddis, who with his wife and family came to Salt Spring Island in a sailing sloop eighty years ago and chose this site for their home.

The couple, originally from England, had lived for a time in Nebraska. A year after the birth of their only daughter, Boadicea - destined to become a well-loved nurse throughout the Gulf Islands - Mr. & Mrs. Beddis with their five children set sail from San Francisco bound for Victoria. They were accompanied by Mrs. Beddis' brother, Raffles Percy, who later taught school at Central Settlement. His three daughters are well-known Salt Spring Island residents.

After their arrival in Victoria a 'colonizer' persuaded Mr. & Mrs. Beddis to settle at Salmon River on Vancouver Island. The day they sailed from Victoria for this land of promise a sudden storm blew up, so violent it drove the little vessel off course toward the San Juan Islands. The unfortunate travellers, cold, wet and unable to cook a meal, suffered miserably all that day and through the night. Loss of the dinghy added to their troubles.

Next day they managed to land the boat on a rocky shore of a small island, made a fire and prepared hot food. When the meal was almost ready an American coast guard appeared and ordered the party to leave the island immediately, but gave permission for the hot coffee to be taken along. He pointed to a distant shore and told the stranded travellers that THAT was Canada. (Tension between the United States and Canada caused by the boundary disagreement some years previous, still remained high in the disputed area).

Setting sail again they came off the shore of North Saanich and, sighting a small sawmill decided to land and purchase material for a new dinghy. Mr. Beddis asked permission to camp on the beach, but the hospitable mill owner invited

the family to his home, where they remained for several days. He strongly advised against settling at Salmon River, and introduced the newcomers to the local butcher, a Mr. Ruckle from Salt Spring Island, who, with Mr. Brackman (founder of the firm of Brackman & Ker) persuaded Mr. Beddis to try homesteading on Salt

D R I F T W O O D

on the voyage up the coast. The tiny trees were grafted with scions of 42 apple varieties shipped by mail from Ireland; the end of each slip firmly embedded in a potato.

Marauding bears and cougars - a common occurrence - were a trial to the struggling pioneers, but they were spared the heart-break-

ourite camping ground for the Indians on the way to and from their fishing grounds, or hop picking in Oregon. They held great feasts on the beach, leaving behind piles of clamshells measuring yards across. Highlight of these feasts was a drink made of foaming soapalali berries. This potent beverage filled the celebrants with steadily mounting exu-

ers came in large swift cedar dugouts, with ten paddlers - bucks and squaws - to each canoe; the boat almost level with the water at the gunwales. In heavy seas the paddlers kept the canoe afloat by skilfully shifting the weight of their bodies to permit the craft to meet the huge waves.

The Beddis children soon learned enough of the language to be able to converse with their Indian friends, and heard fascinating tales of tribal customs and legends. They found many Indian artifacts on the beach and by the stream. Of special interest is a rare and beautifully carved knife made of ivory or bone and believed to have belonged to a great chief. This treasure is still in the possession of the Beddis family.

Although the Indians were scrupulously honest regarding their friend's property, it seems they were not above cheating in other ways. On one occasion Mrs. Beddis gave them a sack filled with washed wool for carding, at which they were experts, expecting two or three bags of carded wool to be returned. Several weeks later the well-combed wool came back - but only one sackful. At the same time the Indian children were all decked out in new sweaters!

The Indians were also clever at spinning wool into yarn. Using the knee and palm of the hand, they cleaned wool was rolled into a rope, then pulled through a hole in a tin lid to form yarn.

Care of the sick was a problem easily settled by the Siwash. Seriously ill or handicapped members of the tribe were abandoned on some shore or island to die of starvation. Remains of such unfortunates were found by the Beddises in a small cove adjoining their beach; an area they named Siwash Cove.

Serious illness among early Salt Spring Island settlers caused great concern, made more acute by the lack of a resident doctor. On one occasion when a member of his family became very ill Mr. Beddis made haste to Burgoyne Bay on the opposite side of the Island, where he obtained a boat, then rowed across Sansum Narrows to fetch a doctor from Vancouver Island.

To be concluded in next week's issue.



ORIGINAL LOG HOUSE ON OLD BEDDIS FARM

Spring. He accepted this advice and filed for 149-acre tract of land. On August 11th 1884 the sloop dropped anchor off the white shell beach of the new land which was to be the Beddis home for almost eight decades.

The family set up a tent on the beach and lost no time in making a clearing in the thick forest for a house, choosing a site by a stream running from Cusheon Lake. The house, built of logs, was put up in a day by neighbours who came from all over the Island. About half of them were negroes, including freed slaves, whose families had settled on Salt Spring a quarter of a century before. While the men worked the women prepared a big picnic meal. The building bee closed with a lively dance in the evening.

Sheep and cattle were obtained from neighbouring farms. There were no horses then on Salt Spring. All land clearing and ploughing was done by hand with the help of oxen. An orchard was planted with apple seedlings raised from pips saved from fruit bought and eaten



MRS. BEDDIS BRINGING THE OXEN IN FOR PLUGHING (OLD Beddis Farm)

ing raids by thieving Indians suffered in earlier years.

Indians encountered by the Beddises were mainly the peace-loving Cowichans (called "Siwash" by the settlers). They were never known to steal anything. The family could safely leave the house unlocked with Indians about but found it necessary to secure their premises against transient whites.

Beddis Beach was a fav-

berance until the pressure became unbearable, at which point they eased matters by drinking oolichan oil. The oil was obtained by filling a derelict canoe with the tiny fish and leaving it on a hot sunny beach until the fish were reduced to oil.

Raids on fishing grounds made by the fierce Haidas from Queen Charlotte Islands resulted in frequent battles with other tribes. The attack-



Dave Stupich, MLA, presenting trophy donated by Alex McManus, to Cecil South, captain of Duncan Horseshoe pitching team. Duncan beat S.S.I. team.

NOT FORGOTTEN

by Bea Hamilton

The Salt Spring Festival and Sports Day may be over but not forgotten. There wasn't room for all the news or pictures last week so here we go again for the last round-up. One of the most popular spots was Art Moulton's hot dog stand, which filled in with the barbecued beef sandwiches. Those hot dogs were good and the youngsters (and oldsters) kept the cheerful chef and his helpers busy most of the afternoon. The grins that accompanied each hot dog were free-and by far the most cheerful thing on the field that day.

There wasn't time to get all the babies pictures at the Baby Show, but we managed to get the four first prize darlings, and Dr. O. Stanton



1st prize - Baby Loretta Dods, and mother, Mrs. Ken Dods - 9 to 16 months.

was heard to declare that ALL babies ere the best and bonniest.

Our congratulations to all the mothers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices in all ages, and we marvelled at the good behaviour during the baby contest. Mrs. R. Simard has several first prize babies in her family, we understand - and her little Andrea walked off with the prize for the Best Baby in the show, so it certainly seems to run in the Simard family. Congratulations to all of them!

Congratulations also, to Jack Roland and Bob Akerman, and all those who helped get the Festival on its legs, for putting on a show to be proud of.



Young Mark O'Donnell, 1st prize boy, and mother Mrs. T. (Darlene) O'Donnell.

CHARLIE HORSES

NOTWITHSTANDING

Two members of the Ganges Belles Ladies Softball team, having suffered charlie-horses on their way to first base had to retire to their dugout en route for treatment. Mr. Bill Evans, local vet, administered a potion of his muscle elixir and presto, the ladies returned to the fray.

In spite of their indomitable courage, however, the second game of the SSI Lad-

ies Liniment League, ended in a rout on Sunday 29 to 3 for Fulford Ladies First Aid Kits. It was sweet revenge after the Ganges ladies embarrassed the Fulford nine in the first game at the Fulford Sports Day.

This second game set the stage for the tie breaker to be played on Labour Day at the Fulford Sports Field for the Rose Bowl Trophy, donated by Bob Akerman.

The largest crowd to witness a game was present on Sunday when over 30 cars



Best Baby - Andrea Simard, two years and mother, Mrs. R. Simard, Fulford.



Baby Debbie Crückshank, under 8 months, and mother, Vesuvius Bay Road - 1st prize.

Looking ahead, we can see wonderful possibilities in an Annual Salt Spring Island Festival, and the getting together of all districts to bring fun, feasts and sports, where young and old can enjoy the out-doors events in fine weather.

ART EXHIBIT PLANNED

Local artists are invited to display their paintings at the forthcoming Chrysanthemum and Fall Flower Show to be held Sept. 19 in Fulford Hall. Interested persons are asked to contact Miss Gwen Ruckle; phone 537-5477.

CALLING ALL DRESSMAKERS

Donations of remnants of dress goods and oddments of other sewing materials will be appreciated for the Hospital Bargain Sale, Sept. 12. Please phone Mrs. A. M. Brown at 537-5360.

1st GANGES SCOUT TROOP

Just a reminder to all boys between the ages of 11 and 13 years who are planning to join the Scouts this September - contact Don Lawley at 537-2821 or 537-2133 before August 21st, to enable your participation with the troop on a hike the Sept. 4th to 7th weekend.

parked around the field.

Make a date now to attend the final on Labour Day. It's bound to be another spectacular.

The Fulford First Aid Kits take on the Ladysmith Married Ladies Team in a 'friendly' game come this Sunday.