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DRIFTWOODS

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SCOTT - CROFTON

Naval officers with crossed swords formed a guard of honour on the steps of St. Mark's Church, for Lieut. Robert Montagu Scott RCN and his bride, the former Sharron Diane Crofton, following their marriage vows made before Archdeacon G. H. Holmes last Saturday afternoon, August 22.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dermott K. Crofton, Ganges. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ian J. Scott, Victoria.

Given in marriage by her brother, Lieut. P.D. Crofton RCN, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, the tall dark-haired bride made a charming picture in her floor length gown of pure white French brocade, designed with classic simplicity. The fitted bodice, dipping to a point at the back, featured rounded neckline and elbow length sleeves. The graceful line of the skirt's plain front was accentuated by soft wide pleats at sides and back falling into a short train. The bride's full length veil of illusion net, held in place by a chaplet of filigree lace net, was worn over her face during the ceremony. She carried a shower bouquet of pale yellow roses and stephanotis.

The bride's cousins, Miss Daphne Williams, Vancouver, as maid of honour, and Mrs. Peter Bowsfield, Shawnigan Lake, matron of honour, with bridesmaid Miss Gillian Scott, Victoria, sister of the groom, wore identical full length gowns of champagne gold French brocade, designed with straight line front and worn with back-buttoned bolero, matching shoes and headdress. Tangerine carnation.

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MISS JOSEPHINE OVEREND RETIRES.

Miss Josephine Overend chief telephone operator for the Ganges exchange since 1958, retired this month when the telephones changed to the dial system.

Admired and respected for the efficient and careful way she did her work, Miss Overend's friendly voice answering calls will be greatly missed by patrons of this exchange.

Miss Overend took over as chief operator from Miss Effie Turner after working as operator since 1943. She and her sister Miss Mary Overend came to the Island from Vancouver in 1939.

Their early years were spent in Ninette, Manitoba where Miss Overend received her education. She worked in Winnipeg as secretary to the principal of the Success Business College for some time before coming to B.C.

Miss Overend has taken a keen interest in photography and is a member of



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SSI PIQNEER.

A Memorial Service in memory of Mr. Harry Noon who died recently in Victoria, is announced by Archdeacon G.H. Holmes, for this Sunday, August 30, at 11:15 a.m. in St. George's Anglican Church.

Taking part in this service will be the Old Age Pensioners Ass'n. and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92. It will provide an opportunity for the many friends of the late Mr. Noon, who were unable to attend the funeral in Victoria last week, to pay tribute to his memory.

MAYNE ISLAND FALL FAIR WELL ATTENDED SAT. AUG. 15

Mayne Island Fall Fair was attended by over 600 people in bright sunny weather August 15th. The event was officially opened by Mr. Dave Stupich, MLA, who also awarded the trophies assisted by Mr. W. Hunt-Sowrey.

Main attractions of the fair this year was the White Spot Junior Boy's Pipe Band of Vancouver, under instructor Don Bellamy; and Madame Gressel's Highland Dancers, also from Vancouver. Performances of these youngsters was a major highlight and greatly enjoyed.

122 people entered 560 exhibits in the various classes of home arts, cooking, livestock, needlework and photography.

Miss Sylvia Aldridge took major honors by capturing four of the nine trophies offered for competition. The Foster Cup for most points;

the Camera Club. She also enjoys her garden and needlework as hobbies.

McGill Trophy for Best Bread; Mathews Trophy for most baking points and the Williams Trophy for most Home Economics points.

Mr. G. Jennens of South Pender Island took the McGrath Trophy for best Lamb or Ewe and the Bank of Montreal Trophy for most points in livestock and produce.

Colleen Piggott of Mayne Island won the Dodds Cup for most children's points. The Memorial Trophy went to Mrs. M. McAmmond for most Floral points. The Photolec Trophy for photography went to Miss M. McConnell and Michael McConnell who tied in this event.

Door prizes and draws were won by Mrs. J. Brown, North Surrey, B.C., Mrs. A. Picco, Portland Ore., USA, Miss H. McPherson, Vancouver and N. Georgeson, Victoria, B.C.

At present she is enjoying a well earned holiday in Vancouver.



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tions and fern formed their bouquets. Four-year-old Marietta Crofton, niece of the bride, was sweet in a long, full-skirted frock of champagne gold sheer with matching sash and slippers, and a circlet of flowers in her hair. She carried a miniature bouquet of tiny yellow rosebuds with touches of tangerine carnation petals.

Lieut. Julian Rangel RCN, Ottawa, was best man. Ushers were Lieut. M. L. Crofton, Mr. C. M. Scott and Lieut. John Cameron. During signing of the register, organist Mrs. V. C. Best played "O Perfect Love" to the Crofton setting.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at "Winfrith", home of the bride's parents. Guests were received by Mrs. Crofton, attired in reseda green wool sheath, worn with wide-brimmed hat of fine biscuit straw, shoes en tone, and corsage of talisman roses. The groom's mother chose beige chiffon gown with matching picture hat. White roses formere her corsage.

Lieut. Col. D. G. Crofton proposed the toast to his niece. The bride used her husband's sword to cut the three-tier wedding cake, decorated with anchors and chain.

Pierre Belmain dress of mariner blue fine cotton worsted, styled with pleated skirt and fitted jacket with belt and buttons of supple black calf, was chosen by the bride for the honeymoon to be spent motoring in California. Velvet brioche style

A GOOD PHONY CHEQUE
by Bea Hamilton
Mr. W. Palmer tells a 'foney' story about the early days when the Government Telegraph started the telephone system on Salt Spring Island, (which was about 1913 or so).

Anyway, Willie was a young man and it was during the days when Miss Dona Layard was head-telephone operator: there was some trouble on the lines in connecting and Miss Layard wanted help pronto, so young Willie went down to Long Harbour to fetch linesman Jim Horel (who was the first linesman on the Telegraph). That being accomplished, Willie sent in his bill to the office. Well, two months went by and there was no response from the office, then one day an official looking registered letter came for Willie! With fluttering hands, he tore open the envelope and drew out a cheque from the head office in Ottawa - for all of ONE Dollar! It had taken the full two months to get the thing OK'd at Ottawa! (A large sum like that, the Government had to be careful of course). As for Willie, that was his pay at that time, and as he says, \$1 meant a lot and went a long way in those days. He didn't say what he bought with that \$1 but it would surprise the modern youngsters if they knew how much a dollar could purchase in the days when it was fun

hat and accessories en tone completed the ensemble, worn with white gardenia corsage. On their return Lieut. and Mrs. Scott will reside on Admirals Road, Esquimalt.

to shop. All the same, Mr. Palmer is a little sorry that he didn't have that cheque framed. "But I needed that \$1 then", he said.

That's one time a 'phony' cheque was a good one.

And old timers tell us that the first operator was Miss Mary Hughes, and T. F. Speed remembers when she was sworn in (or whatever they did to install operators). She was followed by Miss Dona Layard, then Miss Kitty Allen took over. Jim Horel, who was first linesman, died on the job outside a subscribers gate one day.

During the first telephone days, the hours were short, say two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Then shifts were taken from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 8 .m. etc. The late George West took over after Jim Horel passed on, about 1929. Miss F. Aitkens had been assisting Kitty Allen for several years, from 1922 and by 1925, Miss Aitkens was chief operator.

She spoke of the days when things went rather slowly in the office and Mrs. Weatheral, (Beryl Scott) was an assistant. She used to bring her peas to shell between calls! Miss Aitkens remembers getting the measles during an Island epidemic & she had to call Vancouver to send the late George West over, as he was the only one who could handle the switch board, outside herself.

So the Vancouver office decided to let "George do it" and that was the masculine voice we used to hear on the "Number Please" line. George used to go in and relieve the operator so she (Cont'd page 9, col. 4)

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VERY NICE BUT.

by Bea Hamilton

Just too late for the Garden Fete came the summer weather at long last. The St. Mary's Guild annual fete was held in the Fulford Hall, which was very nice but not a bit like having it at Roseneath Farm. However, as Archdeacon G. H. Holmes said when he opened the affair on Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, we were "lucky to have such a lovely hall to hold it in".

Introduced by Miss Doris Anderson, head of the Guild, the Archdeacon spoke of the many years of hospitality shown by the Shaw family and the enjoyable garden fetes held there. He spoke of the progression and won-

derful community work in both the Church and the Fulford Hall, and of all the changes during the last twenty odd years. The Hall was full and teas were served at prettily decorated tables by members of the Guild, with Miss Gladys Shaw as tea convener.

Col. Des Crofton and many others from Ganges were present and they collected the sum of \$247, during the afternoon, from various stalls, teas, sales, etc.

Mrs. B. D. Gallagher of Morningside Road turned out to be a good guesser and she won a 5 lb. 10 oz. plum cake by guessing its weight. Mrs. B. Gibson of Wildwood Home, was another clever guesser - she won 383 pennies

in a bottle - she came with in three of being correct. Conveners at stalls were: home baking, Mrs. A. Stevens, assisted by Mrs. L. Mollet and Mrs. J. Lehbauer; sewing, Mrs. A. Davis. Garden produce, Mrs. D. Sling-sby and Mrs. A. McManus, Sr.; flowers, Mrs. F. L. Jackson; miscellaneous, Mrs. J. French, Mrs. A. D. Dane & Gillian French; candy, Jayney French; cake raffle, Mrs. W. Mossop; penny guessing, Mrs. J. Fraser. Mr. Reg Price was at the door.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to all who convened and helped with the fete - and to those who took the trouble to come and brighten the afternoon with their smiles and chatter -- and pennies.

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FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLED?

For weeks on end they came and went
On our new dialing system bent,
Up and down our wooded Isle
Stringing cable by the mile,
Invading homes and farms and stores,
Interrupting plans and chores,
Dialing out, rewiring in,
'Till you felt you couldn't win.
August sixteenth was their aim,
"It will function", was their claim.
So with two phones, one not working,
And the other barely perking,
Operators strangely silent
While you waited - meek or violent,
Somehow we managed to survive
'Till midnight D-day did arrive
When, triumphant with our pliers
We cut the designated wires,
And by doing so did sever
All that agony forever -
So we thought - But Sunday morn
With our patience roughly shorn,
We in horror did discover
Gone was neighbor, friend, or lover,
In their place came strangers bleating
Like lost sheep, or came the fleeting
Phantom of a voice beseeching,
"I did NOT dial for Mrs. Lard!
I wanted Mouat's Lumber Yard."
"I'm TRYING to locate Dr. Cox -
I never heard of Mr. Rocks!"
"There must be Gremlins in the cables,
I DIALED the Duncan Riding Stables!"
"I ASKED how do you dial North Pender?
I do not KNOW a Mrs. Bender!"
"You say they're coming on WHICH ferry?
And hope I feel like making merry?
But what NAMES did they give you? WHAT?
A family by the name of RUTT?!"
"My name is Mary Ellen Shaksie,
They must mean Harry's Water Taxi!"
And so it went the Island 'round
'Till lines were cleared and lost were found.
By Monday night most lines were stable,
The Gremlins ousted from the cable.
For whom the bell tolled? Now you see,
It did NOT toll for thee or me.

by Jean Lambert,
"Kenerin", Ganges Hill.

EDITORIAL

BEATLEMANIA

Last week the Beatles came to town to kick off the annual PNE celebration in Vancouver. Their particular contribution lasted one-half hour for which they became reportedly \$90,000 richer, and left leaving a trail of damage, injury and emotional disturbance which can be impossible to estimate.

The arrangements made for their safety and security were more elaborate and bizarre than would have been the case if it had been Mr. Kruschev. Barbed wire entanglements on the fire escapes to the hotel in which they were supposed to stay; dozens of policemen, who could ill be spared from busy PNE duties, plus many other security officers; a 'moat', no less, and a high wire fence between the stage on which they performed and their audience of yelling, screaming, fainting, hysterical youngsters.

All this in the name of good clean fun and so-called highly popular and acceptable entertainment fare for our young folk! In this writer's opinion, at least, this spectacle was highly symbolic of the sickness of our age.

Even more frightening is the almost universal illogical frenzy with which a large group of our young people defend these fugitives from the barber chair. Asked what is so all-fired wonderful about these entertainers, it is readily admitted they have little talent so far as stage presence goes, and even less vocal or instrumental ability. The answer to this question, the only specific one I've heard, seems to be, "Who else could stand up before an audience in the thousands and get \$90,000 for half an hour's effort?" This gem was offered as an answer by an adult to this question in a TV interview just prior to last week's debacle.

It's beyond us. Something seems to be very wrong with the way we teach human values. The worst of it is there doesn't seem to be any great protest or willingness to come to grips with the problem.

Shades of Sodom and Gomorrah!

DEFINITIONS FROM THE DEVIL'S DICTIONARY

PHILISTINE, n. One whose mind is the creature of its environment, following the fashion in thought, feeling and sentiment. He is sometimes learned, frequently properous, commonly clean and always solemn. Ambrose Bierce.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord". Job 1:21

We are ready to praise when all shines fair; but when life is overcast, when all things seem to be against us, when we are in fear for some cherished happiness, or in the depths of sorrow, or in a season of sickness, or the shadow of death is approaching, -then to praise God; then to say; "This fear, loneliness, affliction and pain are as sure tokens of love, as life, health and joy: 'The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;' on either side it is He, and all is love alike; 'blessed be the name of the Lord.'" - this is the true sacrifice of praise. What can come amiss to a soul which is so in accord with God? In all the changes of this fitful life, it ever dwells in praise. H.E. Manning.

CHURCHES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 1964.

- ANGLICAN - St. Mark's: 9:30 a.m., Matins; St. George's: 11:15 a.m., Memorial Service; St. Mary's: 7:30 p.m. Evensong.
- UNITED - Ganges, 11:00 a.m.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC - Our Lady of Grace: Holy Mass, 10:45 a.m.; St. Paul's, Fulford Harbour, 9:00 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.

FULFORD NEWS

by Bea Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. W. McCulloch of Port Alberni, have been recent guests of Mr. & Mrs. R. Gibling.

Back from a weeks holiday are Capt. and Mrs. L. Mollet and family - they travelled to the Okanagan, had a lovely time, some exciting experiences, and took Ronda Lee with them for the trip.

And visiting Mr. & Mrs. R. Lee and family last week were Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Wakelin and family from Penticton. The Wakelins visited relations and friends before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer of Vancouver were over visiting Mrs. Archer's father, E.H. Smith recently.

Mrs. P. (Lois) Nadin and her wee daughter Dawn, were on Salt Spring Island visiting. They stayed with Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee and family. When Mrs. Nadin returned to her home in Lund (north of Powell River) she took her little sister Elizabeth Lee back for a visit.

Miss Mhora Hepburn spent the week end at her home here. She returned to Vancouver on Tuesday.

Ladysmith married ladies softball team didn't show up on Sunday at the sports field - the hot weather must have melted some of them, and it's no wonder. Anyway, it seems they couldn't rustle up enough players. So what happened? The local girls played the grandpas in a sizzling game & the grand-

pas won - a hot 35 or so to 19. That should hold the girls for once!

"The men have such strong batting arms and sent the ball so far," explained one lady player. They had a good time and lots of fun. One thing about it, those Fulford gals are game - they'll take on anyone and win or lose, they always come up smiling and ready for the next ball game.

The Fulford Hall and Athletic Club are getting together on a Seafood Smorgasbord coming up on September 4th, in the Fulford Hall. So if you like clams, fish, oysters and the like, remember the date, about supper time - Sept. 4th which falls on a Friday.

The Roller Skating is continuing as usual in the Fulford Hall just to keep things going round.

The day before yesterday always has been a glamor day. The present is sordid and prosaic. Time colors history as it does a meerscham pipe.

Vincent Starrett

PURPLE PEOPLE???

Did you ever see a "purple people"? I've heard of a purple cow, but some time ago, about May, I saw a warning printed in the Colonist, "if you turn purple get out of the sun." It seems a Dr. Stuart Maddin quite seriously explained to the Ontario Medical Assn. that people could turn purple in the sun (instead of brown) if they had been taking too many tranquillizers, certain drugs or foods, even eating carrots or figs - or drugs such as sulfanilamide or antibiotics, can cause this purple shade, but only to very few. But how does one know if one is one of the 'few'? Imagine coming in from a day in the sun and looking in the mirror to face a "pur-

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ple people!" Anyway, this doctor warned against too much sun. He needn't have worried all these months of cool weather, but now that the sun is hot, be careful!

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JOHN ROBERT MURRAY
 Mr. John Robert Murray, age 76 years died at Ganges August 25, 1964.
 Mr. Murray, born at Picton, N.S. spent the past 7 years on Salt Spring Island.

For many years of his life, he worked on the railroad, receiving an injury to his leg while so occupied. He also worked at logging and fishing on the west coast.

Funeral arrangements are not yet completed.
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Many ideas grow better when transplanted into another mind than in the one where they sprung up.

Oliver Wendell Holmes.

A report of vandalism in St. Peter's Church, North Pender Island is presently being investigated by RCMP.

An accident on the Fulford-Ganges Road resulted in four cracked ribs suffered by Mr. Ronald Bonar, Ganges when his car left the road and plunged into an adjoining field. The injury was treated in the local hospital.
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POLICE NEWS

Allan Horne was fined \$10.00 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Mr. James Reid, Vesuvius, had a traffic violation charge dismissed by Magistrate Ashby.

John Quesnel was fined \$30.00 and costs as a minor in possession of liquor.

Tuesday last, Mr. David Smith of the top end of Lang Road on St. Mary Lake, had his summer cottage driven into by an unknown vehicle. The rear wall was pushed in about 13 inches causing about \$500 damage. Assistance of anyone who may be able to supply information as to the owner of the vehicle responsible is requested by RCMP.

Mr. R.M. Olson of Beaver Point has found a 10 ft. plywood rowboat floating near Russell Island. The boat is freshly painted green and grey and is in new condition. Owner is asked to contact RCMP.

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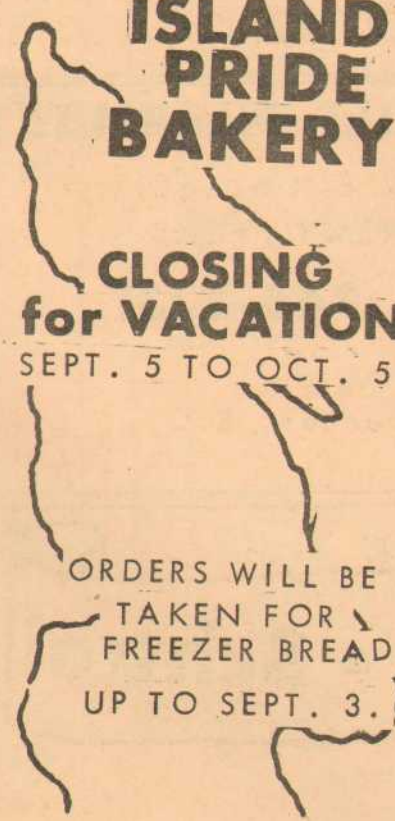
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FERNWOOD NEWS
 by Doris DeLong
 Visiting Mrs. R. Amison, Walker Hook Rd., are her daughter and 3 grandchildren who have just returned from the east. They will spend a few weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Fleury of Kyle, Sask. are visiting at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. P. Blais.

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GANGES - THEN AND NOW

Through the courtesy of Lieut.-Col. Alan-Williams we have been loaned a very fine picture album depicting life on Salt Spring around the early part of this century. It is a most interesting volume, containing many personal mementoes of Col. Alan-Williams, but also many early pictures of general interest.

Recently we were taking some shots of Ganges village two of which are published here. These are in high contrast to the Ganges views found in the album.

Ganges village, at that earlier time comprised mostly the dock area with Mouat's Store. One picture shows the Inn that occupied the present parking lot immediately west of Mouat's and probably taking up some of the space now occupied by Salt Spring Lands. Another building pictured is another hotel which lasted exactly three months, since after it was barely completed it caught fire and burned to the ground. It looks like a very modern structure for its day and had its own water system complete with separate outside tower for water pressure.

And her interesting view was the shot of the old S.S. Joan. She is one of the first boats to ply the waters around the Island; steam of course. She was described by Rev.

E.F. Wilson, minister here about 1894, as a comfortably fitted passenger ship of some 544 tons registered.

She came up from Victoria on Tuesdays, calling at Burgoyne Bay at noon enroute to Nanaimo and Comox. She made the return trip on Saturdays, taking the route

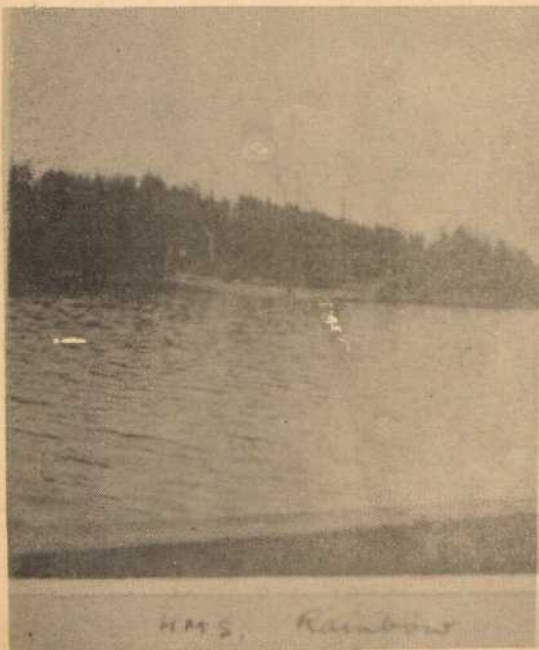
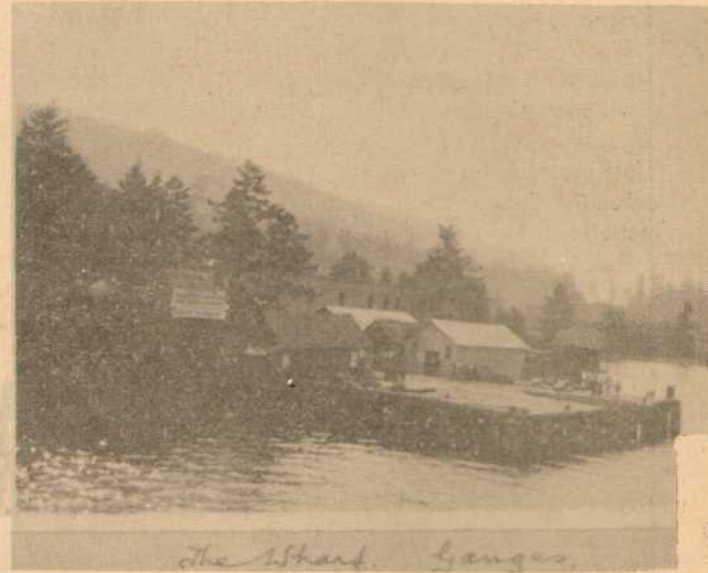
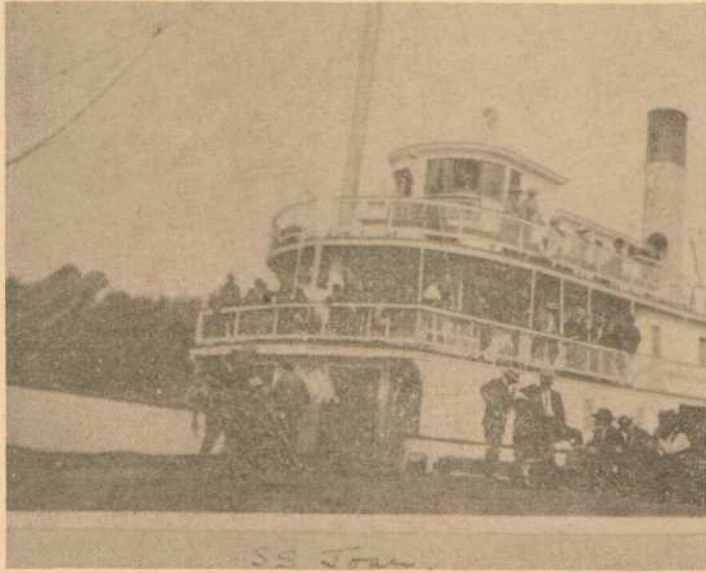
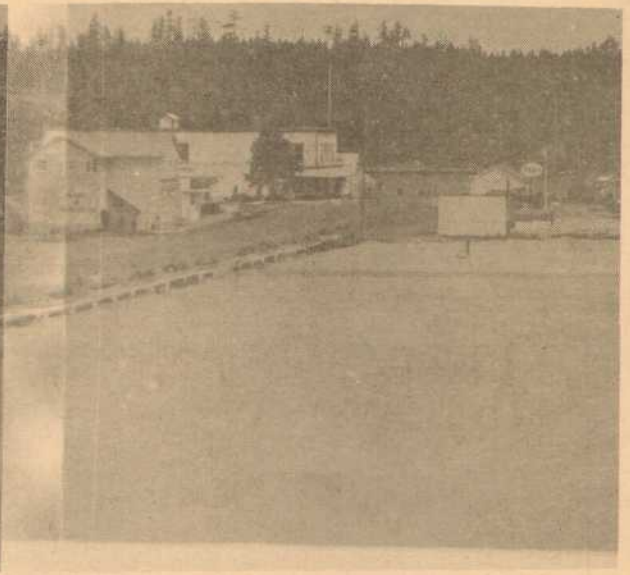
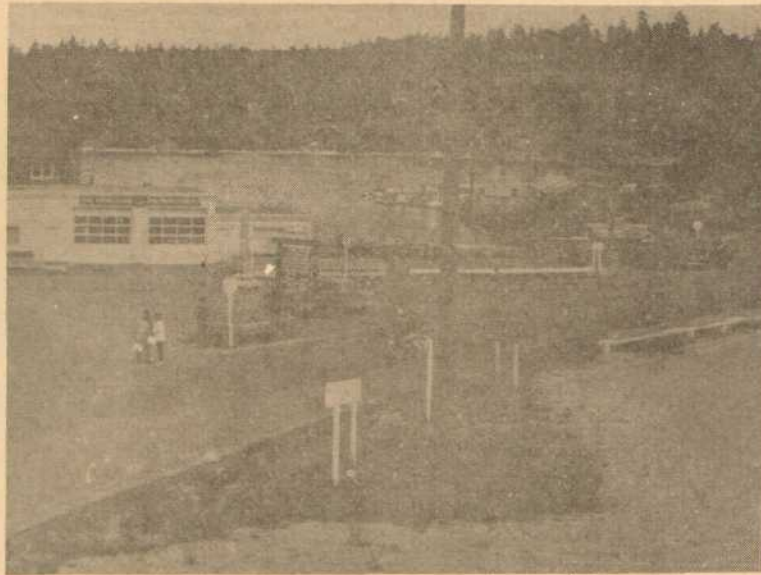
down the east side of the Island, calling at Fernwood, Ganges and Fulford Harbour. The fare for the full passage was two dollars one-way or three dollars return. Meals on board were described as "very good, well served for 50¢". Staterooms were also available to passengers, for an extra 75¢.

One of the pictures here suggests that Ganges Harbour was a more popular swimming beach than it is now. The

swimmers shown appear to be enjoying themselves greatly in the saltchuck.

The last picture, another view of the Ganges coast area, is practically devoid of buildings such as one now sees from the water. Also in the picture in the distance is the British man-o-war, HMS Rainbow, which was a frequent visitor to these coasts.

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Members of the above Branch are requested to attend a Memorial Service for our Late Comrade and Charter Member, Craven Henry Wilson Noon, On Sunday, August 29th, 1964, at St. George's Church, Ganges.

Members will assemble outside the Church at 11:15 a.m. Berets and Medals will be worn. The public is invited to attend this service.

W.H. Saunders,
Secretary.

THE GOODLY HERITAGE
(Concluded from last week)
by Elsie Worthington.

As the anxious man fought his way through the dense bush he blazed a trail for his sons, while they, following behind, slashed a path for the returning men. The doctor's courage is worthy of note: the report states he had only one leg! Once every three months the Beddises set sail in the sloop to bring mail and supplies from Victoria - a real family outing and shopping expedition!

Mariners of those days had few beacons to guide them. Large schooners were taken through Active Pass by tugs guided chiefly by echo sounds and "Beddis Light" - a lighted lamp placed in the farmhouse window the year round as a guide to ships. Today, an official marine signal, the Beddis Buoy, stands on a shallow rock near Beddis Beach.

In common with many of their contemporaries the Beddises were a devout family. About 1890 Mr. Beddis with his sons and brother-in-law, Mr. Purdy, helped with the building of St. Mark's Church at Central. The family worshipped regularly; rowing each Sunday morning across Ganges Harbour to Fruitvale (now the Scott Rd. home of Mr. & Mrs. Ted Parsons) and then travelled by foot to St. Mark's some four or five miles further on.

Mr. Beddis passed away in May 1893 at the comparatively early age of 43. The epitaph on his tombstone in St. Mark's Cemetery reads: "My sun hath set while it is yet day". During his fatal illness when it became evident that Mr. Beddis was in need of hospital care, his two eldest sons and their uncle wrapped the sick man in blankets and tarpaulin, placed him in an open boat, and accompanied by Mrs. Beddis, rowed to Victoria, a journey lasting from mid-

afternoon until 7 a.m. next morning. A month after Mr. Beddis' death his son Geoffrey was born.

The farm remained as the family home until 1961, when Miss Beddis and her ailing brother Geoffrey moved to Duncan to be near other members of the family. The recent passing of Miss Beddis (Decie) recalled many stories she told of her "wild friends" and their antics: The cougar who dined on two choice spring lambs and then rolled on the grass under Miss Beddis' window purring with contentment: The coon who tore shakes off the henhouse roof, finished off the bantams, then went through boxes of apples and pears picking out the best fruit for dessert: The night, when alone in the house, Miss Beddis was awakened by loud squeals from the pig-pen. Suspecting a bear attack, and armed with lantern and gun, she reached the pig pen in time to see Mr. Bruin disappearing into the bush and not a pig left in the badly battered pen. Next morning, however, all the pigs turned up for breakfast, each in a sad state of disrepair - mangled ears, torn limbs, badly gashed backs and sides, but none missing!

Looking over the peaceful settlement now rising on the old estate it is hard to believe that such things actually happened. How much we owe to our undaunted pioneers who conquered the wilderness; faced peril day and night; endured loneliness and suffered many privations to wrest a home and living from what they knew to be a well-favoured and pleasant land. Truly they left us a goodly heritage. Is it not time that we paid tribute to their memory in some definite and lasting form? Plans will soon be considered for Salt Spring Island's part in Canada's Centenary celebrations. Could we not use this opportunity to express our gratitude to the brave

men and women who by their lives, and sometimes with their lives, laid the foundation for this strong and prosperous country we call home?

The writer is indebted to Mrs. A.H. Lowe, Victoria, who provided the inspiration and material for this article from notes which Mrs. Lowe had taken in an interview with Miss Beddis in 1951. My thanks are also due to Mr. Lionel Beddis and his daughter, Mrs. Clive Justice, Duncan, who supplied pictures and further notes; and to Mr. Purdy's daughter, Mrs. Guy Cunningham, St. Mary Lake, who helped to place related incidents in chronological order. E.W.

CENTENNIAL SUGGESTION FROM FULFORD.

A number of people are favoring the possibility of using the Indian Reserve as a public park or marine park, for the 1967 centenary. It is an ideal spot and could be fitted up with picnic facilities. Fresh water is running nearby and it all seems like a feasible and practical idea.

The suggestion comes from several directions and those in authority might look into the matter - it would be a most suitable project for the whole Island and be to the benefit of everyone. It's a nice thought.

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After Miss Aitkens retired, Miss Turner was the chief operator, followed by Miss J. Overend.

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Isabella Point to Swartz Bay. So you see, the Island was well hooked on the telephone system. The B.C. Tel came in 1932. Mr. Arthur Hepburn has been trouble shooter on the B.C. Tel since 1940 or so. And that brings up up to date pretty well, with maybe a few mix-ups but it's the way it was told to me.

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