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Pert and pretty Clare Holmes as Card Girl

**CORNEY, BUT FUN
ALL THE WAY**

by Bea Hamilton

The Exquimalt High School students took Salt Spring Islanders back in time to another era on Friday night, when they put on an amusing and decidedly corny play, "Love Rides the Rails", on the stage of the Fulford Hall, March 12th.

Simon was portrayed by Mike Brownlee and howl of relief went up when he didn't get the lovely Prudence (and subsequent fortune and railway, which he was really after.)

Truman was played by Jack Stubbs. Fifi was portrayed by Pam Mezger, Carlotta by Marilyn Alderson, the mother by Linda Jackson.

Others in the play were Don Worsley, Len Knoke, Peter Banfield, Jim Forward, Nadine Stewart and Tony West.

Can-can dancers were Nadine Stewart, Hilary Fieldwalker and Pam Mezger. Cafe girls, Julia Cross, Lana Mofford, Irene Herman and Maureen McPherson. Byron Woods was on the piano with lively music and sound effects. The whole cast are to be commended for their excellent and lively performance.

Fifi, the pert French maid darted in and out of scenes with cute effect, the villains were captured, the situation saved and the lovers were dovey again.

Pretty Clare Holmes

**AIR CUSHION VEHICLES
ON THE WAY**

A report from the B.C. Automobile Association says a large research project has been started in Oakland, California, to investigate the feasibility of air cushion vehicles for fast transportation over both land and water.

The experiment will be carried out in the next 20 months with the aid of a Federal U. S. Grant. The project is to cost in excess of one million dollars.

According to the report the vehicles are designed to carry up to 19 passengers at speeds of up to 75 miles per hour and will cruise at 50/60 m.p.h. Such vehicles are claimed to be of particular value to areas adjacent to bodies of water because they have the capability of operating over both land and water at low heights.

**B.A. DEGREE AWARDED
TO FRANKLIN PORTLOCK**

The University of Oregon has announced successful candidates for degrees at a recent convocation in which local Franklin Thomas Portlock is to be awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Portlock of Ganges.

ST. MARY LAKE SCENE

Mrs. Rita Dods reports last week three youngsters were observed cavorting merrily in St. Mary's Lake, just as if it were July.

brought glamor (and whistles) into the scenes by being Card Girl and giving the audience cues when to howl cheer or boo. The really lovely daughter, Melody Dyer, a former student on Salt Spring and resident of Galiano was the heroine. The play ended Education Week and the proceeds will go to the Graduation Funds of the Student's Council. We owe these young people a vote of thanks for a mad and merry evening and hope they come again.

**SEWERAGE MEETING CALLED FOR
GANGES RESIDENTS.**

A meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is being called for Friday evening, March 26th, at the Mahon Hall, Ganges, to discuss the possibilities of sewerage for the Village area, and, it is hoped to elect a committee to forward the project.

LIONS CLUB

BOWLING DAY

Last Sunday, March 14th, Ken and Flo Ralph, owners of the new bowling alleys, generously donated the day to the Lions Club whose strenuous efforts were put to raising money for the Pioneer Village.

Nearly 60 members participated and the tally at the conclusion of this event proved Chuck Davis to be the Men's top bowler. His reward - a 50 ft. tape measure donated by Mouat Bros. The Ladies champion that day was Jean Vodden, who won a box of chocolates from the Ganges Pharmacy. To add to the fun a hidden score prize was included and three of the bowlers tied for the portable electric lantern, from the Salt Spring Island Trading Company. The draw-off was won by Walter Bridgen.

Dr. Whitbread of the Greater Victoria Board of Health will be present with a representative of the Water Comptroller's Office. The District Engineer for North Salt Spring Water District will also be present.

The area involved is tentatively set at commencing at, and including the Island Pride Bakery and Mrs. St. John's, and following the shore line including Mouat's Point around to the School, up Rainbow Road to Mrs. Hooks, taking in property owners on both sides of Jackson Avenue, then in a line across to Seaview Avenue and East to the Bakery again. It is suggested the area include the three houses on the extension of McPhillips Avenue. Anyone in doubt as to whether they can be included should attend.

**GALIANO WOMAN
RUSHED TO HOSPITAL**

Mrs. R. Hepburn, Galiano was rushed by ferry and ambulance to Jubilee Hospital in Victoria last Wednesday, after being found in a semi-conscious condition at her home on Galiano that morning. Mrs. Hepburn had been a recent patient at the local hospital and had just returned home.

When she arrived at the local hospital last Wednesday her condition was considered serious and she was transferred to Victoria by ambulance.

**FULFORD TIDE TABLE
MARCH, 1965**

Day	Time	Ht.
18	0551	10.5
Th.	1152	5.0
	1744	9.2
	2340	4.2
19	0613	10.4
Fr.	1231	4.2
	1849	9.2
20	0024	5.3
Sa.	0637	10.2
	1313	5.6
	1958	9.2
21	0108	6.4
Su.	0659	10.0
	1355	5.2
	2111	9.2
22	0202	7.4
Mo.	0721	9.8
	1457	5.0
	2251	9.3
23	0309	8.2
Tu.	0745	9.4
	1526	5.0
24	0001	9.6
We.	0447	8.6
	0811	9.0
	1619	5.2

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I. O. D. E.

With 20 members present and Regent Mrs. F. K. Parker in the chair, the monthly meeting of the H.M.S. Ganges Chapter to the I.O.D.E. took place March 9th in the United Church Hall.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A letter of thanks and acceptance as Honorary Regent was received from Mrs. D. Perry and it was announced that Mrs. C. W. Abbott would be the Honorary Vice Regent.

The Provincial Annual Meeting is to be held in Vancouver B.C. April 6th, 7th, and 8th and delegates to this would be Mrs. F. K. Parker and Mrs. G. C. Mouat.

Mrs. C.S. Hewett, Mrs. J. Pitts, and Mrs. R. Horsefield were received as new members, the latter as a transferred member from the Cowichan Lake Chapter.

Educational Secretary, Mrs. G. Cruickshank, reported that more books of Knowledge had been sent to the school at Tatlayoka.

Mrs. E. Hardie, Services Secretary, disbursed wool for sock knitting, and reported on the greeting card project. The meeting approved the purchase of a Blanket for the Chapters room in the Lady Minto Hospital.

Discussion on the Scholarship resulted in a motion approving \$125.00 for a student of the graduating class of the Ganges High School. The money raising project for this to be left to the committee of three, Mesdames G. Cruickshank,

CHRYSANTHEMUM SOC

Many members of the Salt Spring Island Chrysanthemum Society and Garden Club were privileged in hearing one of the finest addresses of many years when Mr. J. A. Siggers spoke on Dahlia Culture at the March meeting Wednesday, March 10th, in the United Church Hall with Captain Luth, Vice-President, in the chair. Mr. Siggers' lecture was well constructed and clearly set forth all one needs to know about the successful production of good dahlias. He illustrated his address with specimen tubers, then showed projected pictures of exotic blooms in great variety.

Planning for the April meeting, it was decided to have a club show and plant sale preparatory to the Spring Flower Show May 1st. It was felt that if each member would bring some plant, blooms and/or arrangement much could be learned from the more experienced competitors about showing, and what Flower Show judges look for in arriving at their decisions.

E. Hardie and L. Mouat. Mrs. G. H. Holmes, World Affairs Secretary, gave a most interesting reading on the Winston Churchill Trust Fund.

It was decided to have the Annual Dinner meeting in June.

Under the convenorship of Miss H. Dean, the Talent table realized the sum of \$5.22.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem, and tea was served by Mrs. M. Fellows.

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MEETING

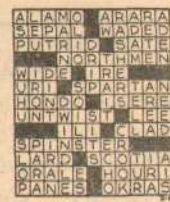
The above meeting was held on Friday, March 12th at the Rectory with Mrs. Laundry in the Chair. There were 15 members present. Mrs. Laundry and Mrs. E. Adams took the devotional period. Mrs. G. H. Holmes read an interesting article about the work of Canon Whitbread. Mrs. A.W. Barber gave the sewing report. It was decided to give her \$25.00 to purchase more material. Mrs. Holmes reported on the World Day of Prayer Service. Mrs. Best was given a hearty vote of thanks for playing the organ at that service.

Plans for the Wayside Sale to be held at the Parish Hall on March 27th at 1.30 p.m. Convenors of the stalls will be - Homecooking, Mrs. Ashby and Mrs. Saunders; Plants Mrs. J. Byron, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Howland; Sewing Mrs. V. L. Jackson, Mrs. Barber Tea, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Banister, Mrs. L. Palmer and Mrs. H. Price.

Mrs. Laundry and Mrs. Norton gave interesting reports of the Annual Diocesan Meeting. Mrs. Norton presented Mrs. Horsefield with a silver teaspoon commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Diocesan Board. The Rector closed the meeting.

Tea Hostesses were Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Barber.

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Driftwood has been informed that San Mateo, California has a large drawbridge in good condition that they plan to sell to the highest bidder.



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DEREK HARKEMA AND JIM O'DONNELL LEAD BRENTWOOD TO VICTORY

In a recent annual B.C. independent schools cross-country championship race, Derek Harkema ran the 2-1/2 mile race in 13.02 minutes with another local boy, Jim O'Donnell close behind. The two boys took first and second places to give Brentwood Boys School the victory over Shawnigan Lake.

Brentwood won with 27 points. University school was third, and followed by St. George's School in North Vancouver.

IN HOCKEY

by Morry Akerman
Cruickshank takes Lead in Midget League

Last Saturday, the third Midget game of the F.A.C.R.H.L. played between the Fulford Hotshots and Larry Cruickshank's force resulted in a 3-0 shutout for Jay Rozzano goalie of the Ganges team. The three stars, 1st Erin Booth, 2nd Bill Storey, 3rd Larry Downley. This victory put Cruickshank's force out in front with a total of four points.

The outcome of the 4th Midget game played on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. was an 11 to 1 victory for the Fulford Warriors over Grant Faganello's squad. The 3 stars as chosen by referee Pat Kyler were, 1st Paddy Akerman, 2nd Tono Faganello, 3rd Dave Moulton.

The 5th Senior game of the F.A.C.R.H.L. played

at 1.00 p.m. last Sunday resulted in a three all tie between the Ganges Dynamiters and the S.S.I. Leftovers. The three stars as chosen by Mike Byron were 1st Bob Moulton, 2nd Bob Motion and 3rd Dick Bates.

The Fulford Cougars defeated the Central Hawks by a score of 9 to 8 in the 6th league game; to put the Cougars out in front with a total of 6 points. The three stars as chosen by referee, Cpl. Rhodes were 1st Danny Akerman, 2nd Chuck Davis and 3rd Ken Kyler.

This Saturday at 4.00 p.m. the Fulford Hotshots take on Les Wagg's team. The following Sunday at 1 p.m. the Fulford Cougars

ACROSS

1. Santa Anna besieged it
6. Brazilian macaw
11. Leaf of a calyx
12. Walked through water
13. Decomposed
15. Satiated
16. Natives of Northern Europe
18. Broad
21. Anger
22. Swiss canton
23. Thermopylae defender
27. Largest Japanese island: var.
29. French river
30. Straighten out
32. General at Appomattox
33. Asian river
34. Dressed
35. Old maid
39. Grease
40. Scotland: poet.
44. Silk scarf: Eccl.
46. Nymph: Moslem Paradise
47. Parts of windows
48. Gumbos

DOWN

1. Viper
2. Silver coin: Rum.
3. Likely
4. World War I battle site
5. Medley
6. Word of disgust
7. Slices of bacon
8. Famous British furniture maker
9. Network
10. Gland: comb. form
14. To fall in drops
17. Characteristic
18. Chinese city
19. Press clothes
20. Force
23. Stains
24. Narrate
25. Region
26. Require
28. Diminish
31. Perches
34. A swindler
35. Spill over
36. Rubber
37. Persia
38. Reverberate
41. Wild goat
42. Mr. Gershwin
43. Sloths
45. Plural suffix



play the Salt Spring Island Leftovers. At 2.30 p.m. the Fulford Warriors battle the Larry Cruickshank squad At 3.30 p.m. the Central Hawks verse the Ganges Dynamiters.

Those entering the Salt Spring Island Royal Canadian Legion Bowling League at "Leisure Lanes" commencing Thursday, March 18th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. are Mr. & Mrs. F.W. Kirkham, Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Archer, J.H. Lamb, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Sutton, Mrs. McKay, Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Waterfall, Mrs. H. A. Emerslund, Mrs. L. Marcotte, Mrs. E.J. Monk, John R. Sturdy, E.G. Meaden, Mrs. Walter Jameski, Mrs. A.L. Campbel, W.E. Dipple, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bates, Jim Hedgecock, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Atkins, Fred Gilman, Mr. & Mrs. Butch-Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. F. Empey, Steve Wawryk, Mr.

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COMING EVENTS

March 18th
 O.A.P.O. Meeting - St.
 George's Hall, 2.30 p.m.
 March 18th, 19th, 20th
 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, 21st
 March 7.30 p.m. Moody
 Science Films at Full Gos-
 pel Chapel.
 March 20th
 St. Mark's Chancel Guild
 Tea, 2.30 p.m. at Mr. &
 Mrs. A. Millner's
 March 24th
 Legion Meeting at Legion
 Hall.

CHURCHES

Sunday, March 21, 1965
ANGLICAN: Third Sunday
 in Lent. 8:30 St. George's,
 Ganges- Holy Communion.
 11:00 - St. Mark's Centre, -
 Matins. 2:30 - St. Mary's,
 Fulford- Evensong. 7:30 -
 St. George's, Ganges-Even-
 song.
UNITED: Ganges, 11:00 a.
 m. Sunday School - 9:45
 a.m.
ROMAN CATHOLIC: Our
 Lady of Grace, Holy Mass -
 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's -
 Fulford - 9:00 a.m.
FULL GOSPEL CHAPEL:
 Sunday School and Adult
 Bibl. Class - 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Service-7:30 p.m.
JEHOVAH WITNESSES:
 Maion Hall - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18th, 1965

ST. MARK'S CHANCEL GUILD TEA

St. Mark's Chancel Guild will hold its third Annual Donation Tea this year on March 20th at Summerlawn Farm, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Millner. This setting, we feel, is particularly appropriate, as this house was originally the first Anglican rectory to be built on Salt Spring Island. The property has been sold; we are very pleased to know that Mrs. Beth Woods, ex-Mayoress of New Westminster, who will be the new chatelaine of Summerlawn Farm, will be present at our Tea.

Again this year the entire proceeds of the Tea will go to the Primate's World Relief Fund, that splendid organization which does so much for the alleviation of distress and hunger throughout the world. During 1964 the Anglican Church of Canada allocated \$268,000 for this global relief and rehabilitation; the increase of \$70,000 over the previous year was raised by the Primate's World Relief Fund. To bring its immediate response to direct appeals closer to home, I cite the example last Spring of \$5,000 sent to the victims of the Alaska earth quake.

Presiding at the tea urns on March 20th, will be representatives from the United Roman Catholic, Full Gospel, and Baha'i Churches as well as Anglican. We

ST. PATRICK MADE A BOO-BOO

It all happened about A.D. 427, and all because St. Patrick played an Irish trick on a certain King Lear (or Leogair) at Slane. It was really St. Patrick's greatest boo-boo in the history of his missionary career. He ruined traditional plans of King Lear - the festival of the "Return of the Sun and Fire" a yearly superstitious rite performed by the King to impress his subjects with his supernatural powers. So you can imagine he wasn't in too good a mood that day after all preparations were made - every fire had been put out three days previously and the grand gesture was a simultaneous lighting of ALL fires at once, at a given signal. The flame was to be taken from the sacred fire left burning in the Temple of Temora on Tarah Hill.

With everyone posted as to their duties in this ceremony, and all waiting for King Lear's signal, St. Patrick pulled his trick. He lit his own fire outside his tent in Slane but some distance from the waiting king. St. Patrick didn't believe in these shenanigans anyway and he was cold and hungry and his fire blazed merrily and brightly. King Lear flipped.

The consternation at this hope many islanders, regardless of faith, will attend to support this deserving cause.

sacrilege and infringement of precedent became general says history. There was a historical uproar.

The king and his priests and men galloped furiously towards the offending fire, then King Lear ordered all to sit and show no respect to the firelighting spoil sport who dared to defy him, and he demanded that the upstart be brought before him. All obeyed the king but one and he was a mere lad, called Herc, son of Drogo (later Herc was Bishop of Slane) but he had recognized St. Patrick. St. Patrick faced the irate king and with his soft Irish blarney he somehow pacified him and this is where the Shamrock came into history. St. Patrick benched down and picked a tiny leaf and used it as a symbol of the Triune God to illustrate his plea for Christianity. It worked too; a number of the men were converted and though he wouldn't commit himself, King Lear at least was more friendly after he got over his anger.

And that's how the Shamrock became a sacred symbol and luck charm in the history of Ireland.

"See!" say the Irish, "how the darlin' leaves fold up in prayer at night. As for the fourth leaf, that's

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took place during consideration of the Minister of Labour's estimates. Leo Nimsick, N.D.P. member from Cranbrook, led the fight for an increase in pensions to widows and their children. I believe some members of the House were shocked to find out for the first time that these widows were receiving only \$90.00 per month plus \$35.00 per month for each dependent child. The government argued that nothing could be done as a Royal Commission had been appointed to look into the whole matter of Workmen's Compensation.

It was unfortunate that Chief Justice DesBrisay suddenly passed away while his enquiry was in progress. The new appointee had to spend a terrific amount of time going over all of the evidence that had been presented. It is no one's fault that the report has not yet been presented. However, as Mr. Nimsick pointed out, if the report did come in shortly after the Session closes, as is expected, it would then be another year before amendments could be made to the Act so that these very needy persons would get some adjustment to their pension.

It is inconceivable that the Royal Commission will not recommend some increase in pensions. We argued that the Government should introduce legislation at this Session providing for some interim increase rather than wait until a

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year from now. As the Opposition pressure built up two or three members on the Government side spoke in support of our position. The Minister of Labour, Mr. Peterson, acknowledged this pressure by saying that he would recommend to the Cabinet that any legislation introduced next year to increase pensions should be made retroactive to January of 1965.

We continued the pressure on the grounds that this would not help pay bills during the current year. Finally, Alex Macdonald, one of the N.D.P. members for Vancouver East, suggested that the Government introduce enabling legislation at this Session which would give them the authority to increase pension rates as soon as they had an opportunity to consider a Royal Commission's Report.

The Minister, to his credit, immediately replied that he would be pleased to take this under consideration and the subject dropped with the Opposition feeling that we had completed a job well done.

W. I. NEWS

By Bea Hamilton
On April 28th, the W.I. are sponsoring a sale of home cooking and plants. This was arranged as the members gathered at the home of Mrs. W. Mossop for their monthly meeting last Thursday. Fourteen members turned up. Missing were Mrs. R. Lee and Miss V. Sallis, the former away at Lund and the latter not quite fit yet after 'flu. Members are sponsoring a tree prying demonstration on St. Patrick's Day, and Mr. Alan Littler will be out with his shillelagh and wisk the

POLICE NEWS

Mr. Gordon Kelly, Vernon, was fined \$15 and costs for speeding on the Lower Ganges road.

Philip Watts, Victoria was fined \$35 and costs for speeding on the Fulford - Ganges road.

Walter Krembrink, Vancouver, was fined \$15 and costs for driving a truck in poor mechanical condition.

Edmund Crocker, Chemainus, charged with contributing to juvenile delinquency had the action dismissed by Mag. Peiler.

An 8' dinghy has been found adrift in Lyall Harbour, Saturna. It is in poor condition, blue hull. Owner can claim through RCMP office, Ganges.

Police report that all local businesses in the Gulf Islands area are required to have trade licenses under the Trade License Act. Such licenses can be obtained at the Provincial Assessor's office.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

by Doreen Morris
Mrs. B.D. Griffin, Kelowna has been the guest for the past week at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Acland, Baker Road.

Miss Frena Aitkins, Bittancourt Road, returned to the Island last week after spending the winter months in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Gilbert, England, were recent shamrocks, or sham-branche off fruit trees up at C. Lee's farm at 2 p.m. that's March 17th in case you are unfortunate enough NOT to be Irish, and not up on Celtic lore and order.

Serving tea after the meeting were Mrs. W.R. Low and Mrs. P. Middlemiss.

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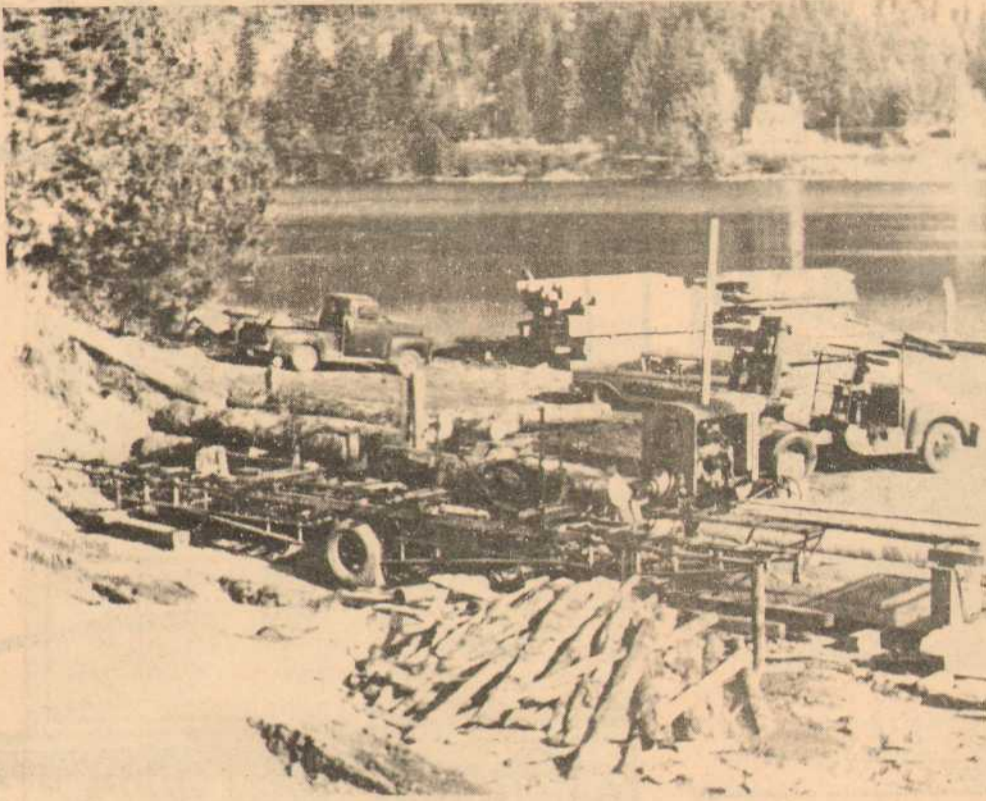
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Mrs. A. Wolfe-Milner was a recent guest in Vancouver where she was the guest of Mrs. E. E. Jones.

This past week-end Mark Williams, Victoria was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. A. Wolfe-Milner.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Guinever and young daughter, Dolores, Richmond B.C. were week-end guests on the Island, where they had a family reunion with Mr. & Mrs. P.D. (Inky) Humphreys, Mr. & Mrs. Gil Humphreys and Mr. and Mrs. R. Rylands.

Mrs. C. Archer, Vancouver, is spending a few days with her son and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Archer of Lower Ganges Road.

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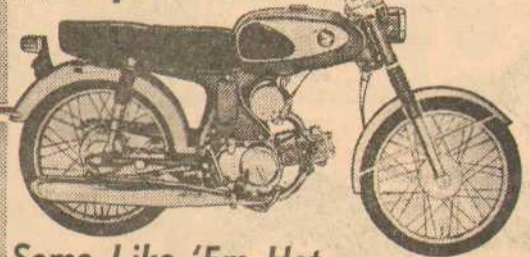
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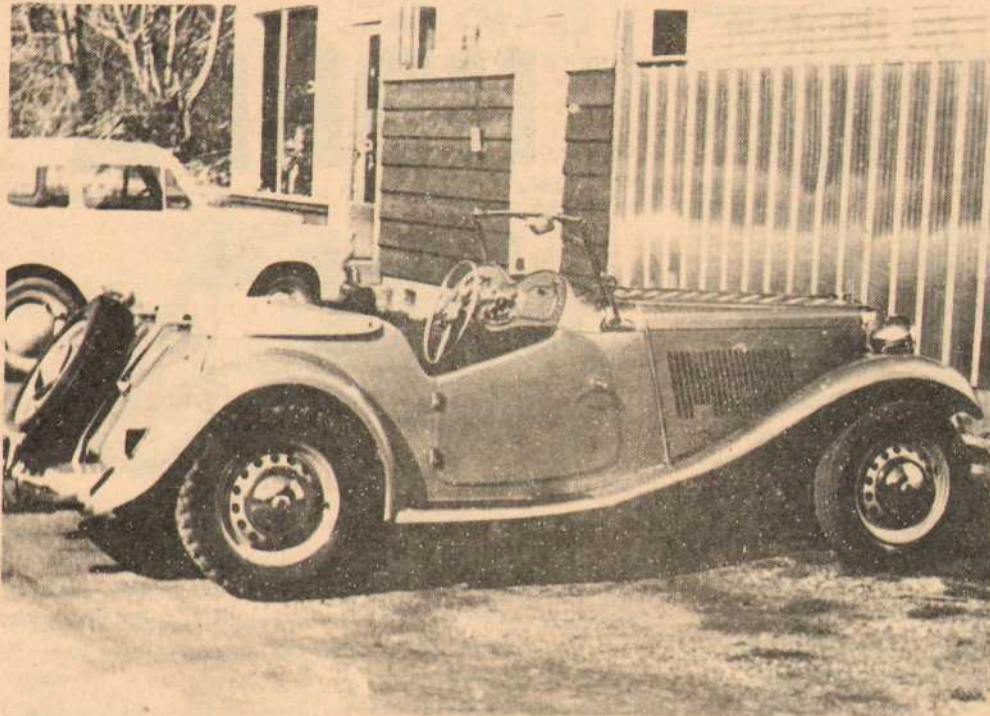
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EDITH GERTRUDE ROBB

Mrs. E. G. Robb, 66, died in Lady Minto Hospital March 6th. Mrs. Robb was born in Ontario and was a resident of Salt Spring for the last four years. She was pre-deceased by her husband about 18 months ago.

Services were held in the Ganges United Church on March 8th with Rev. Norah Hughes officiating. Burial was in Ganges Cemetery. Goodman's were in charge of arrangements.

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