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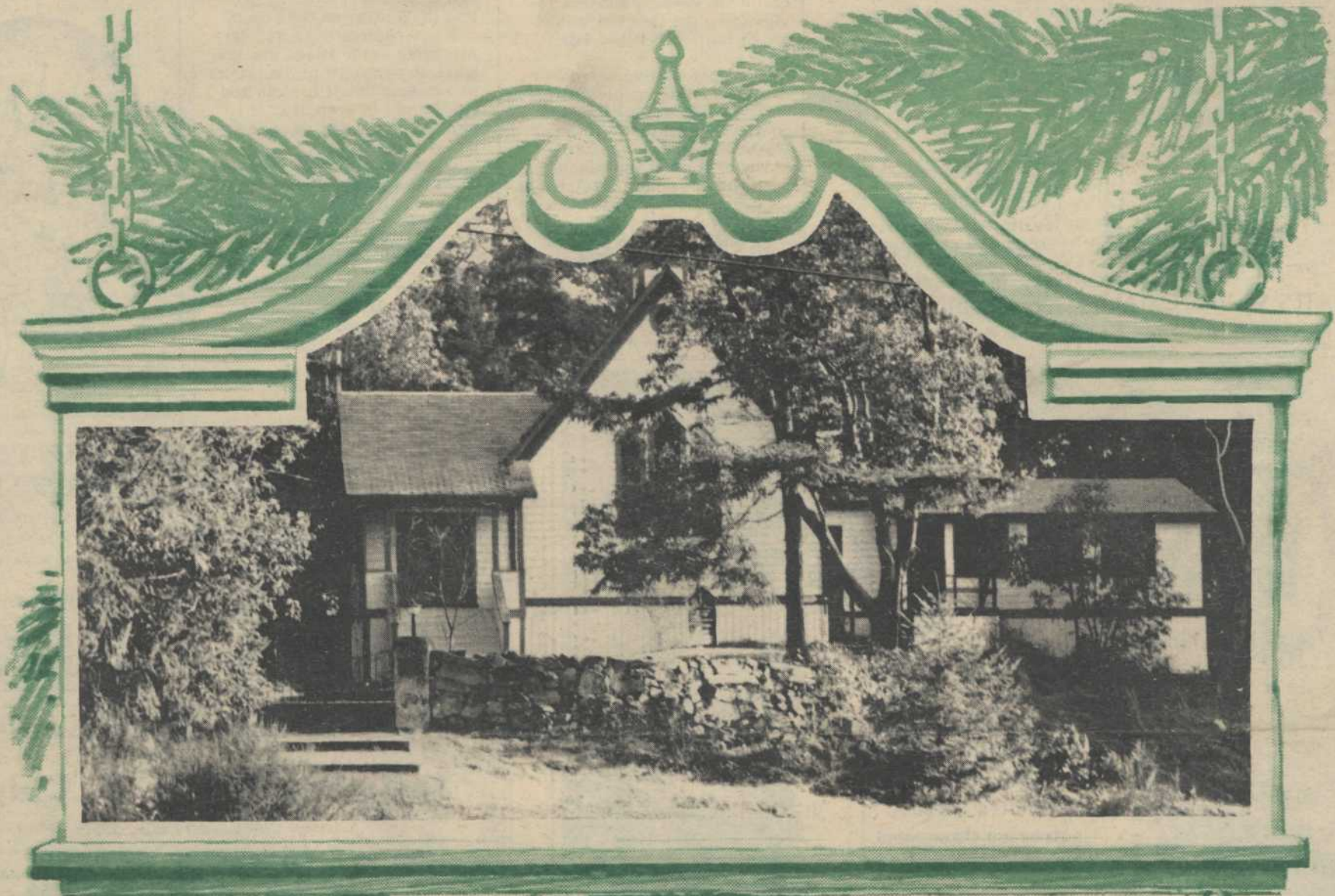
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GREETINGS

To All Our Readers

NEXT ISSUE
JANUARY 5

NO PAPER

NEXT

WEEK

There will be no issue of Driftwood next week.

Staff will enjoy a holiday between Christmas and the New Year and the next issue of Driftwood will be printed on Thursday, January 5.

WATCH EXPENSES!

Warning from the Provincial Government was read out to trustees at last Thursday evening's meeting of the Gulf Islands School District.

Education Minister Leslie Peterson called for the construction only of essential buildings.

The board is aware of the problems facing the country today, commented the minister's letter, and co-operation in keeping capital projects to a minimum is requested.

The letter also explained that where a district was prepared to launch its own bond issue it would be done at prescribed interest rates.

It should be easier to sell bonds for education than for war, suggested the minister in comparing school bonds with wartime victory bonds.

George Heinekey suggested that the classrooms and industrial arts facilities could be considered essential. He did not cite either the dormitory or the teacherage in this category.

Retiring trustee Sam Woods asked his colleagues to give every consideration to the minister's plea next year.

"I hope the board will delay any part of the building projects that can be held up," he suggested.

NO LATIN

Letter read to school trustees on Thursday evening was sponsored by educational television authorities, teachers, school trustees and other.

The sponsors were apparently without Latin, when schools were invited to express interest in "this media".

TWO TALES OF THE PAST

CHRISTMAS

AND BOTH WITH A BACKGROUND OF WAR

**GUNS STILLED
BY MELODY
ON CHRISTMAS
EVE**

By Ada Ryan

Christmas Eve, 1914! The stage was set, the world was the audience. Waiting to see the outcome of one of the most tragic dramas known to history.

A hush had fallen upon those trenches occupied by the British Royal Field Artillery and their Saxon foemen, as though the combatants had paused for a

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**HUNGRY, COLD
AND HOPELESS,
THEY FOUND A
BIBLE**

Christmas past. Christmas is hope to most of us, but it is also memory. Every adult remembers a Christmas some year when events were more than normally difficult or exciting or hopeless. No exception is Alfred Temmel, Fulford artist and painter. An Austrian who became a Canadian by choice, a veteran of

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CHILDREN AT NIGHT

ROAD IS DANGEROUS

It has been noted that children living on or near the Fulford-Ganges Road in the Fulford area who walk from their homes to the Fulford Community Hall for evening entertainments are creating a hazard for themselves and for approaching motorists, observes a Fulford driver.

These children are usually very careful and comply with the rules of the road, but in many places there is very little

room between the edge of the blacktop and the shoulder of the road. The mailboxes along the side of the road, of course, do not help in distinguishing oncoming pedestrians in poor light condition, he noted.

If the parents of these children would see that the children carry a flashlight or wear an armband which is luminous, it might lessen the hazard and perhaps save a life.

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B.C. Hydro crews were warmly commended last week by directors of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Peter Arnell commented that the hydro and telephone company crews had done an excellent job of keeping services going during the series of storms which struck the island last week.

The story of wind-driven trees and lashing cables started on Friday night, Dec. 2, and continued until the following Wednesday night.

Whole areas of the islands were without power or telephone for hours on end, but the line crews were untiring.

By late Wednesday the last break in service had been repaired.

Travellers were stranded and trees were down; a few homes were hard hit and a number of

MUTINY
ON THE
BOUNTY

Another screen giant comes to the screen next week at Fulford Movies, when Marlon Brando will be seen as Fletcher Christian in "Mutiny on the Bounty".

The technicolor spectacular will bring to the island the near-legendary exploits of the sailors who rejected their captain and set him out in a small boat when his discipline was excessive.

The picture shows the temper of the crew rising as the captain exercises his absolute authority to the utmost. The details of the mutiny, which went down into naval history are vividly shown.

small vessels were damaged. Few reports were heard of major damage due to the persistent storms.

Lieut.-Col. Desmond Crofton has been named president of the Salt Spring Island Conservative Association.

The new president was named at the meeting of directors on Saturday at Harbour House.

Other officers are Mrs. A.E. Roddis, vice-president; Tom Marcus, secretary-treasurer. Also serving on the executive are Warren Hastings and Grant Cruickshank.

The association is planning another dinner meeting in March.

Although torture, according to Macaulay, was always forbidden by British law, it was only eliminated in England during the 17th century. It continued in ships for many years longer. This story and the true incident about which it is written, would never have occurred otherwise.

The picture will be seen at Fulford Wednesday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 21 and 23.



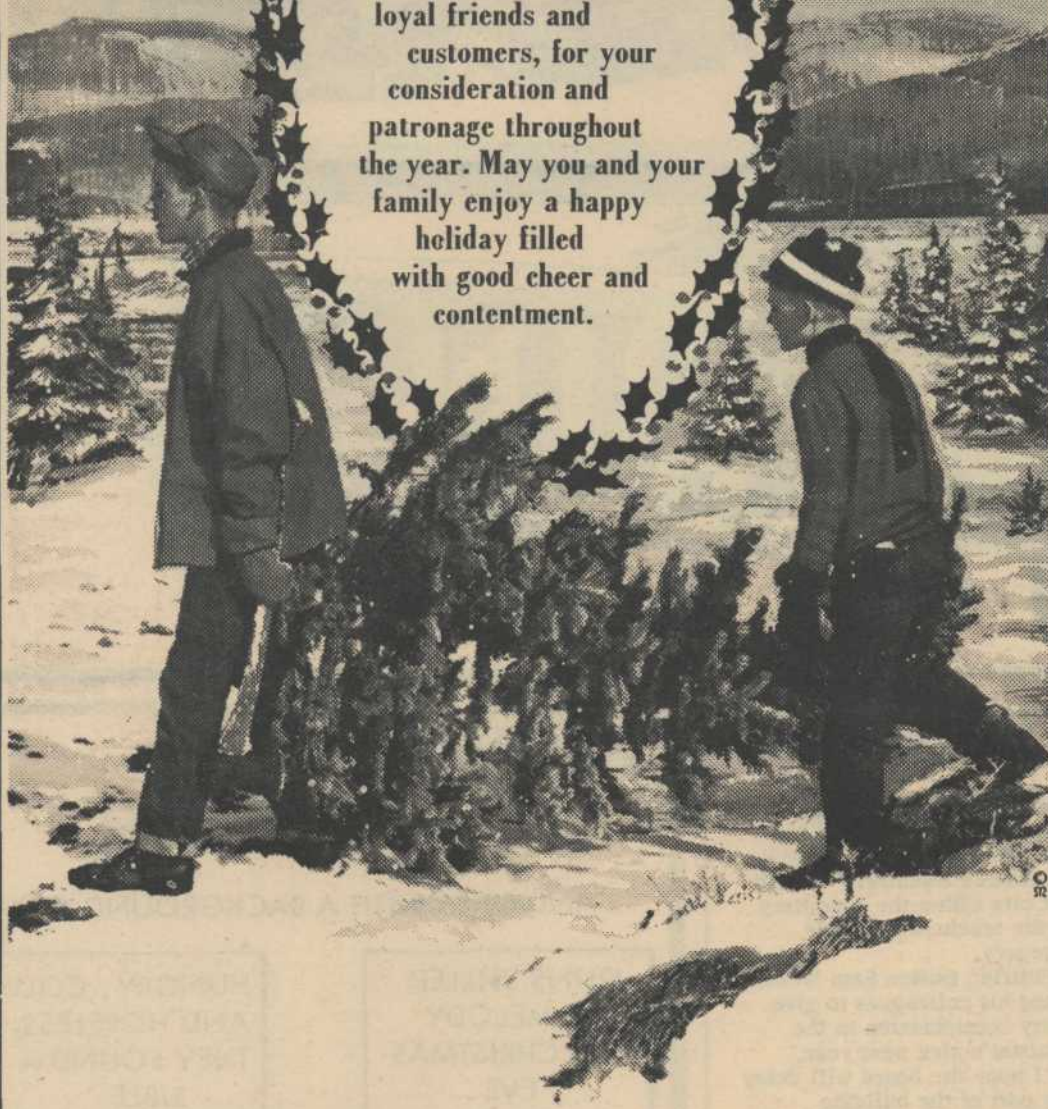
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GREETINGS

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DORMITORY

School District Matron Resigns

Change has been made in staff at the school dormitory on Ganges Hill.

Matron resigned recently and a new appointment has already been made. Matron is Mrs. Severne, a former teacher in the district.

"She was an unqualified success here", observed G. S. Humphreys.

Last Thursday evening trustees of the Gulf Islands School District heard some comments on the administration of the dormitory.

J. M. Campbell urged a modification to the evening pattern.

Students are at present allowed out after supper until 7 p.m. Mr. Campbell suggested that this pattern was not as desirable as a plan whereby students were fed later and restricted to the dormitory after the evening meal.

Further debate arose over the question of students smoking. Two newcomers to the board's deliberations sought advice on

discipline and policy.

Superintendent R. S. Price wanted to know the pattern of expulsion from school or dormitory and P. A. Frattinger was sharply concerned over the attitude towards smoking at any time.

The rule is that no student may have smoking materials in his possession from the time he leaves home until he returns.

Mr. Frattinger suggested that prohibition brings the need for enforcement.

"The minute you make a rule you've got to police it," he warned.

As far as the dormitory is concerned smoking is against the regulations, observed Chairman L. J. Armstrong. Student entering the dormitory sign an agreement to abide by the rules. Smoking is a breach of those rules, he added.

Smoking is not in itself the offence, trustees were reminded. The offence is contained in the breach of regulations, rather

than the actual contravention which makes that breach.

Smoking carries the automatic penalty of expulsion and is the only offence for which summary expulsion is enforced.

Rules are up to the principal commented J. C. Campbell. If the principal feels that any specific rule is merited in either school or dormitory, the board must uphold it, he urged.

Mrs. James Ross, of Mayne, expressed endorsement of Mr. Frattinger's opposition to the ban on smoking.



Ted Earwaker, Ganges shoeman, is a well-travelled man. He is particularly familiar with the geography of the Gulf Islands. One week he took a practical course in island geography. Mr. Earwaker got up early and boarded a ferry at Long Harbour. He visited Mayne Island, Pender Island, Galiano Island and Vancouver Island. After a short holiday on Vancouver Island he sailed away again to Mayne Island, Pender Island and Galiano Island, finally returning late in the day to Salt Spring Island. The weather was vigorous and the breeze was brisk. The day's outing was the more rewarding for its unexpectedness. Ted had originally planned to go to Vancouver, but the Queen of the Islands was beset by storm.

Storm was not all misery. During the height of the Wednesday afternoon's gales a couple and small infant were disappointed when they found the Salt Spring Queen was not sailing to Swartz Bay. They just wanted to go along for the ride.

The storm was not plain sailing for two hard-worked Ganges grocers. When the high tides, invaded Ben's Lucky Dollar Store, Big Ben and Little Ben swung a laden freezer up on boxes. The freezer contained about 400 pounds of meat as well as its own weight. But when the waters had gone down and the floors were clear, the father-and-son team couldn't lift the freezer down again. It stayed up on stilts until part of the contents had been used up.

Another Ganges grocer was overwhelmed last week, but not by storm. Bob Blundell, who has taken over Harbour Grocery was not concerned with the high winds and tides so much as the people of the community. After a week in business here he was astounded at the universal friendliness he has encountered everywhere. Business in Vancouver was never like this!

Post offices among the islands were holding the tough end of the stick. There was a desperate shortage of people in post offices to handle the Christmas mail as it started to build up last week. Despite extra staff, the mail proved too much for most of the offices and sorting was a long-drawn-out job.

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

From the Luverne (Alabama) Journal

We are in an age when everything is overdone, especially with the government. Millions upon millions of words are printed, where only a few would tell the story better.

Let's compare: The Lord's Prayer consists of 56 words; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 366; The Ten Commandments, 297; the 23rd Psalm, 118. The United States government's

Weather was not the only topic for Fulford Movie man Gordon Simmons recently. When he showed King of Kings on Wednesday evening he was competing with the weather. The weather won and his hall was scarcely used. By Thursday the weather had quietened, but the response was poor. By the weekend Gordon Simmons was pretty well resigned to the conclusion that Islanders just don't want religious shows. Few churchmen attended and the showing of the spectacular on the birth of Christ and christianity was a complete and utter flop. He is confident that Mutiny on the Bounty will draw a bigger interest.

Weather was black in other directions earlier in the month.

While the winds beat the windows with a staccato rattle of rain, President Les Ramsey sat in his presidential chair looking for directors of Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce. By 8:15 he gave in to the weather man and sadly cancelled the meeting.

Merry Christmas
and a
happy New Year.
To all our friends
CLIFF & GLADYS LEE
FULFORD

There were no superstitious trustees at last Thursday's meeting Gulf Islands School District. Trustees and officials sat 13 at the table.

It was Thursday, Dec. 14. orders on cabbage prices 26, 911 (Nebraska Press Association)

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PEACE ON EARTH

Peace on earth, says the carol...Peace on earth, echoes the service...Peace on earth, reads the Christmas card...and peace has gone from the earth.

For once each year each community within Christendom pauses in its everyday tasks to mark the season of good will, or the anniversary of Bethlehem.

The observation has become an interesting tribute to an ancient custom. This generation in this community, this year, is taking part in a celebration thoroughly familiar to their forebears for centuries back.

"Merry Christmas...Peace on earth and another piece of white meat, if you don't mind..."

There is a mixture of sentiments and feelings and beliefs around the season of Christmas.

One day, perhaps, we will, all of us, mean what we say. Until that day, we can dream of a white Christmas and we can dream...perhaps of an earth that is peaceful. These things are unlikely to come into being until we can speak from the heart and not just the lips.

"Peace on earth! And thank you very much, I couldn't eat another thing!"

HALL OF FAME

There is none of the aggressive team player about Mr. Jack Wood when he is away from the field of sport. A quiet, pleasant sportsman, he recalls his past accomplishments in the world of Canadian sport without boastfulness.

Mr. Wood has been named to the Lacrosse Hall of Fame by the Canadian association.

When he recounts his accomplishments in the past 40 years of national sport, it is not surprising to find his name selected for the Hall of Fame.

The retired Island sportsman has taken part in 13 Mann Cup finals, both as player and coach. He has been a member of the Canadian Olympic team and he has proved his prowess in soccer after gaining note as a lacrosse player. In both games he has been featured as a national champion.

These accomplishments are impressive on their own merits.

Mr. Wood is also a fervent disciple of sportsmanship. He can still recognize and acknowledge a gallant gesture on the field of sport.

This approach to games and sports enhances his accomplishments during the past years.


The nomination has been a signal honor to Jack Wood. And, we are confident, he will grace the Hall of Fame!

In ancient Germany, the Yule log was known as the "Christbrand." One belief held that if the charred log was placed in a cornbin, it would act as a charm to ward off mice.

If the weather turned stormy, the Christbrand was quickly brought back to the fire. While it burned, superstition said, the house was safe from lightning.

Here is a group of youngsters and oldsters waiting for the Santa Ship at Vesuvius on Sunday afternoon. Yes, that's real snow on the wharf!

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LET'S STOP & THINK WHAT IT'S REALLY ABOUT & KEEP THE FLAME FROM BLOWING OUT!

Hi-Lites of Island Life

- THURSDAY and SATURDAY December 21
 Mutiny on the Bounty - Fulford Hall
 FRIDAY December 22 Valcourt Nite - Legion Hall
 SATURDAY December 23 Lions Carol Singing, Ganges
 MONDAY December 25 Christmas Day
 WEDNESDAY December 27 Free Movie Show - Flipper Fulford Hall
 FRIDAY December 29 Holiday Cabaret - Fulford Hall
 SUNDAY December 31 Legion New Year's Eve Party Legion Hall
 SUNDAY December 31 Golf Club New Year's Eve Party
 SUNDAY December 24 Turkey Shoot - Rod and Gun Club House
 SUNDAY December 31 Trap Shoot

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR WAGON WHEELERS STAGED IN MAHON HALL ON SATURDAY

BY CALLER

The Ganges Wagon Wheelers Square Dance Club held their Christmas party in the Mahon Hall on Saturday, Dec. 16. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce we had a lovely large decorated Christmas tree and a special chair for Santa on the stage. The walls were decorated by our special symbol of friendship in square dancing which consists of interlocking squares. This was done in red-berried holly surrounded by cedar boughs. Our new dancerclass, the Buggy Wheels were out in full force as guests of the Wagon Wheelers. We also had 3 couples from our neighbor club, the Salt Spring Squares. Several of our past members who are now in University also dropped in to see us. Our youngest visitor was

Carol Anne Cunningham, 16 months, whose mother Cathy and father Ronny Cunningham met and married while members of our club. The club caller, Bert Bacher almost rivalled Santa himself in his red and white shirt complete with a sprig of holly.

The crew of the Santa Ship joined us in some mixer dances amid great laughter. Santa drew out numbers for 2 hampers. These were won by Joyce Stevens of Beaver Point and Herb Strain from St. Mary's Lake. Cakes which were made and decorated by our club president Robert Taylor were served to about 60 people. Robert also called a set of squares for us.

Legend says that St. Nicholas and the Italian gift-giver, Befana, rang bells on their way down the chimney to deliver Yule gifts.

more about

CHRISTMAS MELODY

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moment in a world gone mad, to remember that there was still such a thing as peace on earth, good will toward man.

The sun was slowly sinking, and the stark branches of the trees were silhouetted black against the horizon.

Suddenly from the enemy trenches a bayonet was hoisted with a white flag attached and a slim figure in a field grey uniform climbed out, holding under his arm - a violin! Slowly he walked toward the British trench. Midway he paused, removed his helmet, turned and faced the setting sun, the last rays of which turned his blonde head to gold.

Lifting his violin he commenced to play, accompanying himself in a rich tenor voice. Over that particular section of the battle front, for the sound carried far in the hush of the evening, stole the plaintive haunting refrain of "Love's Old Sweet Song"

Forgotten was the war, forgotten all the misery and bloodshed as every man listened breathlessly.

"Even today we hear love's song of yore, Deep in our hearts it dwells forever more."

The last lingering notes died away, the sun sank below the horizon, and for a brief moment there was a silence so intense that, according to one who was there, "You could hear your own heart beating."

The musician bowed toward the British trench, then turned and walked back to his own.

And after this brief interlude the play went on. But the singer and his song were never forgotten by those who heard, although the war drama thundered its way towards a "to be continued" finish.

But for a few brief moments love instead of hate had held the centre of the stage, and like a golden thread running through a cotton warp this fact remains.

Later it was discovered that prior to the outbreak of war and his being called back to Germany the singer had been an orchestra leader in one of London's largest hotels!

For Decorations

Not all peoples use living greenery in their festive holiday decor. In Scandinavia, where greenery is symbolic of mourning, people use bright colored papers, ribbons, fringes, fancy balls, sweetmeats, flowers and fruits for Yule decorations.



"Christ Is Born"



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FAITHFUL TO THE SPIRIT OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS is "The Nativity," by the Florentine painter Mariotto Albertinelli (1474-1515). The simple scene presents the Christ Child, with Mary and Joseph, in a realistic setting, and background detail suggests a hillside manger, typical of the rocky caves which were used for stables in Bethlehem. Painting is in the Uffizi Gallery, in Florence, Italy.

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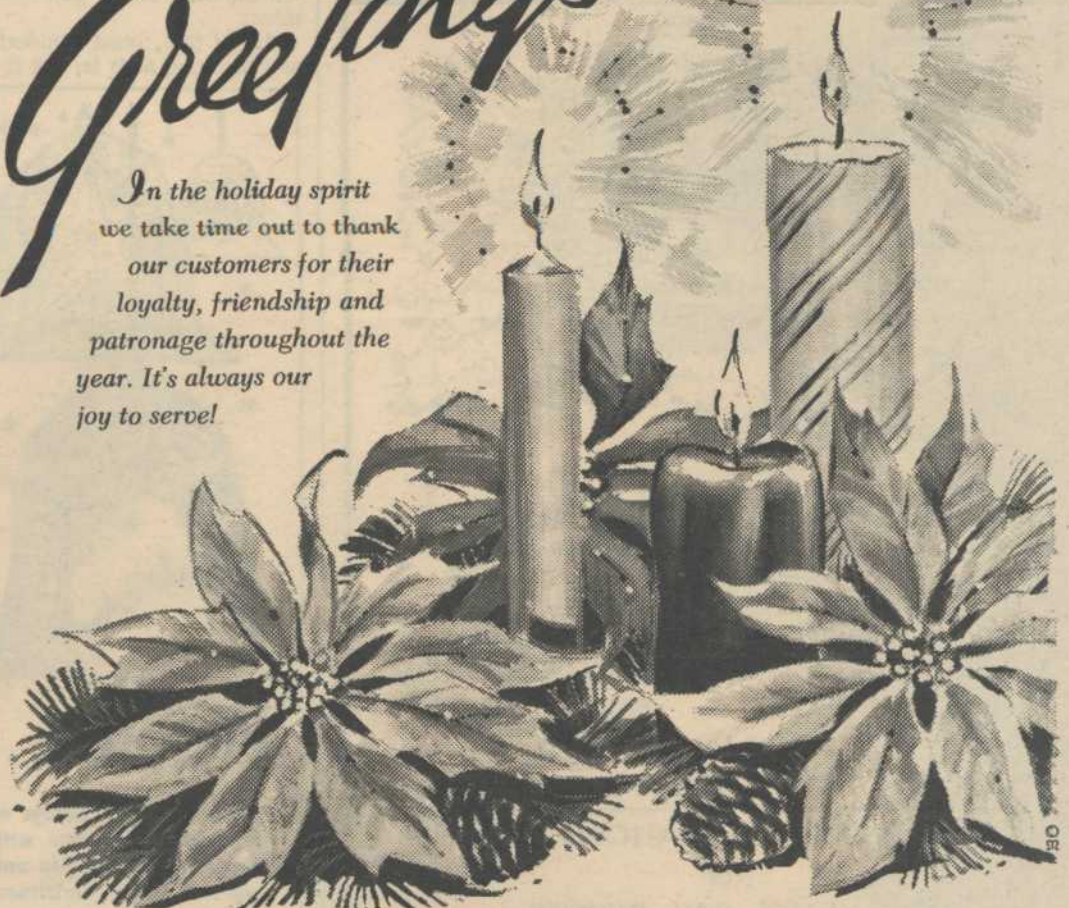
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Rev. H. Doody,
St. Margaret's

The Christmas season celebrates the Coming of the Christ Child, the Light of the World who came to save mankind from the destructive errors of human judgments. He illuminates and teaches the spiritual principle of life that must be followed. Because He was present at the Creation of all things, His way of life must be consistent with what God had in mind for man at the Creation.

When the "Light of the world" illuminated our mind all things are brought into sharper focus. The complete needs of body, mind and spirit are seen in proper relationship. No one phase of life is developed to the detriment of the other, creating and keeping a balanced, full, inspired outlook upon human endeavours.

When the "Light of the World" teaches the mind, He integrates spiritual, social and scientific knowledge which must point to Him who made them possible. Because truth had to be clearly

demonstrated, He came to live among men as a man. It is this Incarnation, or Coming into the Flesh, which we celebrate during this Church observance. How perfectly His Light did illuminate and teach men is evidenced by the fact we observe this Feast nearly two thousand years later.

The Incarnation above all assured "The Light of the World" ultimately provided salvation from sin, if we truly seek God's Divine Light which illuminates and teaches every generation. To the extent we long for the "Light of the World" will the social, mental and spiritual darkness of our Modern Age be dispelled. Our Lord's invitation in St. John 8:12 stands eternally, "I am the Light of the World; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of life."

Archdeacon R.B.
Horsefield,
St. George's

Makers of photographic gear suggest: "Give the gift only YOU can give - a photo of YOU

You can do better than that, though. You can give, not a likeness on a bit of paper, but your own self. This is truly the "gift only you can give" - anybody can take and send a pictured you!

At this time of the year we are reminded afresh that God was not content to send us a picture of Himself, but came His very Self to share our load, "to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Isn't that what we want more than anything?)

In return He asks of us - not a bit of paper, a certificate of baptism or confirmation, or even a receipt for contribution of money. He wants YOU - the gift that only you can give. - Your service in the place where you live; for nobody else is in your shoes but you; your witness in the conversation you find yourself engaged in; your help where you see need.

Make this your central Christmas Gift this year, and you will find that all your home will be brighter, those you love happier - and those you hate? Why there won't be any!

This is the way our Lord treats those who trust Him enough to give themselves.

Christmas is a good time to try it, too!

Rev. M.V.G. Gilpin
Gospel Church

Christmas greetings, to all at Salt Spring and the Outer Islands in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Christmas begins with Christ. He was the virgin-born Christ-child, our Saviour. The Babe of Bethlehem was not just a remarkable child but the Son of God; conceived by the Holy Spirit and born into this world as a man yet One who in truth is very God.

At this season, we hear and sing the Christmas Carols, then there is the expectant bustle which precedes the Christmas program; there is the colorful glow of the lighted tree, the anticipation of the gift opening time.

All of this, most wonderful and pleasing as it is; yet it



is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. This is the heart of Christmas. A Saviour is born which is Christ the Lord; born to bring men back to God.
A Happy Christmas - Rev. M. V. G. Gilpin, for the Community Gospel Church (Full Gospel) Ganges.

Rev. Leonard Schmidt, ofm.

"Christmas has been outlawed. The government has recently passed a bill discontinuing Christmas festivities, because of the alleged exploitation of the season to divest unwary citizens of their hard-earned cash during a period of imminent inflation. Greater taxation, less spending advocated."

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a **merry Christmas**

To you and yours, we extend our cheeriest holiday greetings and our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage, valued friendship and good will.

FROM ALL THE GANG AT **Esso**
ISLAND GARAGE

SANTA COMES TO STAY

When a Ganges businesshouse brought Santa Claus to Salt Spring Island last week, he proved to be difficult to get rid of.

Popularity of Santa was so great that he came back for a second helping last Saturday.

Valcourt Building Supplies Ltd. presented Santa in the store and elsewhere.

Before taking up his seat of honor in the Ganges hardware store, Santa Claus paid a visit to Lady Minto hospital.

He found lots of children young and old, eager to believe in him.

REMANDED TO JANUARY FOR TRIAL

Vancouver man will appear in Ganges Magistrate's Court on January 26 on a charge of possession of an offensive weapon.

Richard W. Flack appeared without plea on Friday, December 8 before Magistrate M. F. Peiler.

He was remanded for trial until January. Time of 11 a.m. was changed to 1:30 p.m. in view of the need for Flack to travel from Vancouver.

To all our friends on Salt Spring Island we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Evelyn & Ronnie Lee & Elizabeth

Aircraftman Keith R. Stevens, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stevens of R.R. 1, Ganges, is undergoing a comprehensive 16-week cooking course at Canadian Forces Base Borden, Ontario. If this serviceman is a successful graduate of the training, he will have a trade qualification equivalent to that held by junior chefs working within this country's modern restaurants, according to the national forces. On course at the nation's largest

military training centre, where more than 200 career and trades courses are taught, the program covers indoor classroom and many practical lessons in cooking. This student is also gaining an excellent knowledge of meat cutting and pastry baking. - Canadian Forces Photo.

CHURCH WOMEN NAME OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

Annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Salt Spring Island Anglican Church was held in the Parish Hall, Ganges on Friday, Dec. 8.

Mrs. Stewart Bannister was in the chair.

The rector, Archdeacon R.B. Horsefield and ten members were present. Dr. Horsefield and Mrs. Bannister took the devotional period.

Mrs. G.H. Holmes read the monthly bulletin and also a poem from the Living Message. Various reports were also given.

The rector took the chair for the election of officers for 1968: honorary president, Mrs. G. H. Holmes; president, Mrs. Stewart Bannister; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Barber; second vice-president, Mrs. Walter Norton; secretary, Mrs. W.M. Palmer; treasurer, Mrs. Harold Price; educational, Mrs. Holmes Dorcas; Mrs. H. Ashby; sewing Mrs. J. L. Horrocks; extra cent-a-day, Mrs. V.L. Jackson; United thanks offering, Mrs. W.H. Saunders; Living message, Mrs. V.L. Jackson; prayer partner, Mrs. E. Adams; calendars, Mrs. N. Howland; tea convener, Mrs. Norton.

Mrs. Norton presented Mrs. Jesse Byron a gift from members of the W.A. in commemoration of her golden wedding anniversary which she and her husband celebrated recently.

Mrs. W.H. Saunders was tea hostess for the afternoon.

The rector closed the meeting with prayer.

Statistics fell flat when Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. J. Sturdy read out some aspects of communicable diseases last Thursday's meeting of Gulf Islands School District. "Is that good or bad?" asked J. M. Campbell.

Incidence of some diseases has been higher this year, he was told.

MILITARY COOKING COURSE



Season's Greetings

God loved us so, He sent His Son,
A Babe of virgin birth,
To be the Hope of every one
Who dwells upon this earth.

While shepherds tended drowsy sheep,
This wondrous birth occurred,
Angelic choirs woke men from sleep,
And bade them spread the word.

Come ye! Rejoice! The Christ is born.
He is our Saviour King,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Salute the morn,
And glad hosannas sing.

- Grace A. Wright



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CHRISTMAS
TO ALL!**

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**SALT SPRING
AUTO-MARINE**

FUTURE IS ASSURED

SCOUT MEETING SETS PACE FOR NEW YEAR AT FULFORD

The first Fulford Sea Scouts held their third annual meeting at Nan's Coffee Bar recently and have survived for another term with new hope for a good year ahead. Scoutmaster Jimmy Stewart reported that all Scouts had passed the 2nd class tests.

Chairman Les Mollet gave the report of the activities and the enjoyable outings during the season. Plans were discussed to complete the small Scout Hall at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Horrocks.

Bob Patterson took the chair during the election of officers, when Les Mollet was re-elected Chairman. Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs. W. Mossop, committee, Mrs. Art Moulton, Bob Patterson, Bill Mossop and Mrs. Edward Lac.

INTERESTED IN TELEVISION

Principal Don Hartwig and Trustee G. S. Humphreys both expressed interest in attending a brief presentation at the University of British Columbia on educational television.

In passing, Trustee Donald New explained that one of the active sponsors of educational television is J. Tohill, a teacher of the Duncan area and a Galiano man.

Interest in the subject has been stirred up here by the possibility of bringing Channel 9 to the schools through Cablevision.

The recent bottle drive and Apple drive for the Scouts was very successful and the Scouts and Committee wish to thank all who contributed to the drives. In the bottle drive, when people were out of bottles (it DOES happen, you know-) they gave a generous donation of cash. For this the Group and officials are very grateful. B.H.

ROOMS TO BE READY FOR MATERIEL BY BEGINNING OF YEAR

Modification to rooms at Ganges elementary school are planned. Former industrial arts room is to be converted to a science room which will double as music or general classroom.

Classroom presently used as a science room will be converted back to its proper function.

Cost will be in the vicinity of \$4,000.

Work will start immediately, but the material supplies will wait until after the end of the year.

DRIFTWOOD IS PUBLISHED IN THE ISLANDS FOR THE ISLANDS

BUS INCIDENT IS DISCUSSED

Incident of a school bus running off the road was discussed by trustees of Gulf Islands School District last week.

Incident was not the fault of the driver, explained transportation chairman R. M. Patterson. The bus pulled over to avoid an approaching car and the road gave way beneath the wheels. The driver promptly switched off his engine and took every measure to prevent fire or damage. The students were also well behaved in the minor emergency, trustees were told.

Some parents had expressed concern over the incident, stated Mr. Patterson, but the incident was not unheard of and the driver had handled the situation in a satisfactory manner.

Board accepted the report and the fact that the driver has been retained as a relief driver.

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PRISON TRAIN

(From Page One)

The German Wermacht and a popular member of the Fulford Community, Alfred Temmel looks back on eight years of imprisonment in Russia.

Some Christmases were made of despair and some full of hope. Some were amusing even in privation.

The car was loaded with prisoners, some Finns and some Germans. They travelled south in bitter cold and misery. Christmas was eventful for the fact that they ate nothing at all for 48 hours.

It was also notable for the fact that they had cigarettes. The Russians issued tobacco in the form of the chopped up tobacco stalks. It looked like straw. This straw material was rolled in newsprint and smoked. When the Finns asked for cigarettes they were given the tobacco and a small book. Mr. Temmel recalls the guard examining the book, commenting that it would smoke.

When the Finns examined the cigarette paper they found it was a German New Testament. As the senior officer present, the 20-year-old Austrian prisoner read the Christmas gospel to the car-load of hungry, shivering prisoners before passing the paper back to the Finns. Every Christmas, for the next eight years, had its own incident or event for the prisoners. Now they are part of memory.

FULFORD TIDE TABLE
December, 1967 P.S.T.

Day	Time	Ht.
21 Thurs.	0055	1.8
	0930	11.9
22 Fri.	0140	2.4
	1005	11.8
	1720	8.3
	1825	8.3
23 Sat.	0225	3.4
	1030	11.7
	1740	7.2
	2040	7.5
24 Sun.	0305	4.7
	1055	11.6
	1820	5.9
	2320	7.3
25 Mon.	0350	6.2
	1115	11.5
	1850	4.4
26 Tues.	0200	8.1
	0450	7.7
	1135	11.5
	1925	3.0
27 Wed.	0350	9.3
	0620	9.1
	1205	11.6
	2000	1.8



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Greetings

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JIM MERSTON AND THE STAFF AT

BANK OF MONTREAL

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Gulf Islands Driftwood

TRIBUTE TO CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



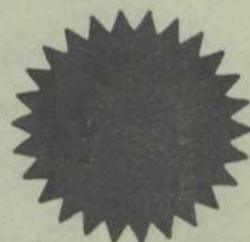
Scene of the new Centennial Park at Ganges with, inset, Col. M.F. Peiler (left) and Lieut.-Governor G.R. Pearkes, V.C. at the opening of the park in July.

The members of the Salt Spring Island Recreation Commission at their last meeting felt they would like to take the opportunity before the end of this Centennial Year to place on record their appreciation of the work accomplished by our Centennial Committee under its worthy chairman Colonel M. F. Peiler.

This splendid effort has resulted in Salt Spring Island having a public recreation ground for its citizens and for tourists and visitors second to none.

To Colonel Peiler we offer our warmest congratulations and thanks.

G.H. Holmes, Chairman,
P.H. Arnell, Secretary-Treasurer.



CHRISTMAS SHIPS



SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES FROM TWO PORTS IN DESPITE OF STORMS

Santa Claus spent a busy week end around the islands.

Santa, aboard SS. Christmas Ship, Bellingham, sailed one way round the islands and Santa, aboard SS. Santa Ship, Victoria sailed around the other direction.

Once they met, but far from the eyes of the young. At sea, off Mayne Island, the two ships met and the two Santas debated the needs of the young.

Santa from Bellingham sailed in and out of the islands all day on Saturday, reaching Ganges at 6 p.m. His ship

stayed overnight and Santa Claus became part of the guest list at Harbour House. He was accompanied by a former island resident, Sidney Kaye, who came home for a very brief visit.

The Bellingham ship has sailed international waters for the past 17 years, bringing gifts and candy to island children, many of whom have no other opportunity of seeing Santa Claus.

The tour of the waters is sponsored each Christmas season by the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Santa Ship has sailed for the past five years out of Victoria, calling at Canadian and American ports to bring Santa to places not on the list of the original sailing Santa.

Main feature of the island communities was the increase in numbers of children to greet Santa.

Both Santas were sailing late due to stormy waters around the islands.

SALARY SCALE AGREED

Negotiations between Gulf Islands School District and teachers have resulted in an agreement based once again on the Victoria scale.

New salary schedule is based on the city rate plus \$75.

Agreement is still a little vague because the city negotiations have not yet been completed.

STORM STOPS FERRY AND PLAYERS

Storm at sea cancelled out Gulf Islands Secondary school participation in Vancouver Island volleyball finals last week.

Students were indignant when they waited at Vesuvius for a half-hour before learning that the sailing had been cancelled. It was then too late to make a detour via Fulford, which was still sailing.

Children returned to their homes and the contests were played without them.

Care Tree Goes Over Top

George Pearson fund for CARE at Pender Island has already gone over the top. Mr. Pearson has a CARE Tree in his garden and he lights a lamp on the tree to mark every donation to CARE.

Last year saw a total of some \$630. This year Mr. Pearson started out with the hope of collecting more than last year.

On Monday the fund had reached \$700.50. Donations are still flowing in regularly. Mr. Pearson and the late Mrs. Pearson started their campaign together instead of sending Christmas cards. Mrs. Pearson passed away earlier in the year and Mr. Pearson is carrying on with the project.

MRS. ARCHER HEADS LEGION LADIES AFTER ELECTION AT GANGES MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92 was held in the Legion Hall at Ganges, on December 12.

Mrs. E. Barber conducted the election of the following officers, president, Mrs. C. W. Archer; vice-president, Mrs. E. Barber; secretary, Mrs. N. Skelton; treasurer, Mrs. R. T. Cook; Sgt.-at-arms, Mrs. T. Jackson; executive committee, Mmes. M. B. Johnson, W. H. Saunders, H. A. Emerslund,

F. W. Kirkham, A. E. Marcotte, W. G. Stone, H. Day, and Mrs. J. Netterfield. President of the Ganges Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, Fred Morris installed the newly elected officers and executive.

Tickets for the New Year's party to be held in the Legion Hall for members, their spouses and guests will go on sale shortly and will be limited to approximately 125 people.

The annual pancake race and lucky draw for an electric frying pan will be held Tuesday, February 27. Mrs. Kirkham will convene this affair.

WHAT?

a penguin?

When Gil S. Humphreys and three companions were strolling over the beach at Beaver Point on Sunday they were startled to find a penguin among the rocks.

Even the four companions were incredulous after seeing the bird.

Upon return to Ganges they enquired of Capt. V. C. Best.

The Ganges veterinarian explained that the bird was more likely a murre. Although similar to a penguin, it is smaller and requests the northern hemisphere. The penguin is strictly an Antarctic bird.

Found in the northern hemisphere, the murre is not a rare sight in these waters.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS



Organist for the afternoon will be Alita Tomlinson and the singers will be directed by Ed Richardson.

Mrs. Edna McLeod will bring her carol singing group from the school for the afternoon.

There will be no appearance of Santa Claus on Saturday.

Carollers have figured that Santa has been around often enough already without bringing him to take part in carolling.

Traditional Christmas carol singing will be featured in Ganges on Saturday afternoon when Salt Spring Lions Club will sponsor a small choir.

Sparking the carol singing is Walter Mailey, whose fervent support for the project won over his fellow club members at last week's meeting.

Group will entertain shoppers and passers-by during the afternoon commencing at 1:30 p.m.

GAINS AWARD



JAMES G. McNIVEN
James McNiven of Fruitvale Road, Ganges, is among those who have been honored with a centennial medal this year. Retired mining engineer, Mr. McNiven spent many years in the Yellowknife area. Later he took charge of operations at the uranium mines at Great Bear Lake. When the award was announced earlier, Mr. McNiven's name was wrongly spelled.

DRIVER FINED

William-Mollison was fined \$15 in Ganges Magistrate's Court on Friday afternoon for failing to signal a right turn.

IT TOOK TWO MONTHS

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation spent two months investi-

gating the circumstances of a television program originating on Salt Spring Island.

Last week the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce received a reply from CBC to its October protest to Secretary of State Judy LaMarsh.

The chamber protested the program which centred on the disposal, by the federal government, of property held by Canadians of Japanese heritage towards the end of the Second World War.

Telegram from the island protested the story of the Iwasaki property and the omission of various taped comments which conveyed a different impression from that which the CBC had embraced.

The CBC letter explained that some tape was bound to be left out because of the shortage of time. The choice of the CBC editor in his selection was borne out, concluded the letter, because only half those who wrote to Driftwood concerning the matter were hostile to CBC.

Program showed the former property of the Iwasaki family around which an appeal to the federal government has been lodged.

The former owners are protesting the payment received for the property which was confiscated by the government at the end of the Second World War. They have pointed out that had they been permitted to retain their own property they could have benefited from the major increase in value which has taken place since that time.

The late Gavin Mouat was acting for the government custodian at the time when he acquired the Iwasaki property.

Critics of the program contended that the emphasis was taken from the subject of the appeal and transferred to the late Salt Spring Island realtor.

ROLLER HOCKEY GETTING UNDER WAY

BY WAYNE TAYLOR

Plans are already under way to start the roller hockey season early in January.

There are three divisions of play, the Pee Wee, Intermediate and Senior Leagues. Teams and coaches for the Senior League have already been lined up.

Each team has been set up on a regional basis to assure that the teams will stay basically the same next year.

This will give the coaches time to build up team spirit and develop players. Also, it is hoped the new divisions will stir regional interest in teams for other sports.

Fulford will form one region, with Pat Slingsby acting as player-coach, assisted by D. Slingsby and Laurie Hollings.

Ganges has been divided into two teams. One will be coached by Terry Slingsby and assistant coach Mike Bonar and the other team will be coached by Dennis Beech assisted by Bruce Fiander. The North Zone team will be coached by Bill Delong. A campaign for club membership in the Salt Spring Roller Hockey Association is well under way. Membership cards can be obtained from any senior hockey player.

There is need for officials to act as coaches and assistant coaches in the intermediate and pee wee leagues and a need for timekeepers, goal judges and penalty box attendants in all leagues. Anyone able to help asked to call Mike Byron at 537-5359 any evening.

CRITICAL OF APPOINTMENT DELAY

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District have approved a letter to Education Minister Leslie Peterson criticizing the delay, of the department in appointing a new superintendent to the school district.

James Campbell has pointed out that the new superintendent, R. S. Price, was available in August, but that he was not named to the district until the day after the retirement of former Superintendent F. A. McLellan.

The opportunity was open for

the department to have Mr. Price spend many weeks learning the ropes. This opportunity was denied and the department avoided any overlap.

"I don't believe it is possible for him to do his duties as the board would expect for at least 12 months," said Mr. Campbell.

He stated that he was making no possible criticism of Mr. Price. The superintendent was blameless for the situation, he emphasized.

Merry Christmas to Everyone!

Here's to a Yule that's brimming with fun, in the season's special and joyful mood. Our best to you!



Norman & Carolyn Mouat, and daughters Brenda, Barbara, Susan, Karen and Kathy Art & Daphne Topping

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whose loyal good will we greatly value.

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FULFORD

AND IT'S CHRISTMAS WEEK!

BY BEA HAMILTON

Merry Christmas, all readers! I'll never get my cards off so please accept all good wishes for health, peace and prosperity for Christmas and the New Year.

Looks as if we might really have a white Christmas so Old Santa may yet be able to come via sleigh and Reindeer to patter over our roofs.

A special Christmas wish goes to the firemen, B. C. Hydro and road gangs who never know when they may be called out to rescue the people from fire, power failure or road troubles.

May they enjoy an interrupted Christmas dinner at least!

I know of one young business man and his family - he has two small children - who will be celebrating Christmas with real old fashioned enthusiasm and fun. This young man and his wife join the children in hanging up stockings - everyone in the family hangs a stocking up - Mother and Dad as well - (its a bit of a shock to old Santa when he finds four when there should be two, but he comes through nobly.) Anyway, this family "deck the halls with holly", have a Christmas tree, gather round the fireplace and enjoy a real honest-to-goodness Christmas with their children.

"I remember the joy we youngsters had when our parents did the same for us - we believed in all the old traditions of a family Christmas - and I want our children to have the joy of this season too," said the young father

The excitement and mystery of Christmas lives for weeks in that happy home.....

Sort of restores ones faith in family life, doesn't it? There will be fun in other homes where there are small children and old Santa will be kept busy all the long night through....

Church bells will ring out for Mid-night Holy Communion and Holy Mass, and ring the glad tidings of Christmas Day... Peace on Earth (we hope) and goodwill to men... families will meet again in family celebrations and gift exchanges... At St. Mary's in Fulford, at the 11 a. m. Sunday service, Dec. 24, the children will sing special carols accompanied by accordion music supplied by one of their own age group. There will be a little Christmas ceremony and - aren't children wonderful?

Their Sunday School will start after the New Year, with Mrs. Edward Lacy and Mrs. John French as instructors, more power to them!

We had a dramatic halt to putting in Christmas lights on a string out on the front verandah the other day when the Roland youngsters were helping to decorate. Three of the young people stood around an empty socket - "Whats matter? Is it rusted?" we asked.

"No - there's a spider asleep in there," explained the children. So we left the socket with its sleeping blond spider until it chose to evacuate. (It did - the next day.) So now a light burns brightly in the spider's bedroom! As I mentioned before, children are wonderful. An insect or a lame bird or animal they will always save their lives if possible.

A surprised little bird went to get a drink in the bird-bath one morning and found itself clearing instead on a frozen rink. Tow came next and he started chipping along the edge until they could all get a drink... then yesterday, Mrs. Davis was sitting in the dining room when she heard a song sparrow singing

(Turn to Page Twenty One)



He's still the same old Santa Who came in Grandma's day, He drives the same old Reindeer In just the same old way.

His coat is red, his beard is white, His bag is full of toys To bring along at Christmas time To give to girls and boys.

Best wishes to you for a joyous day

May your Christmas be bright and happy

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BRIDGE

BY ALICE HAMMETT . . .

THE PREPARED RE-BID:

When the auction is opened by the Dealer or the second player, (the dealer having passed) in a suit bid and the partner responds in a new suit the bid is forcing for one round and the opener should have a prepared rebid.

This bid is really more important than the original bid as it describes the size and shape of the hand. The original bid of One in a suit is ambiguous, likewise the response of One in a suit.

To show a minimum hand - 13 - 16 points, including distribution, one may rebid there are at least five cards in that suit with two honors, give a single raise to partner's response or bid One No-Trump.

The reason the "short" Club or Diamond bid is used is merely to provide for a convenient rebid.

Again, one never asks if one uses the "short Club". It is the most abused bid in Bridge. It is used more frequently by players who do not play Goren.

These players will not open on 4-card major suits so the opening bid and first response may clash with the Goren player. To show an opening hand with 17-18 points (including distribution) one may jump in his own suit, this is not forcing but simply shows the size of the hand and the partner acts accordingly.

With 19 points in high cards -

too strong to open One no-trump the rebidder jumps to Two No-trump over a one-over-one response or to three no-trump over a bid at the two level, assuming a fit in a suit has not been reached meantime. To make a jumpshift as a re-bid, and this is forcing to game, the rebidder shows a hand worth 21-22 points, including distribution, which is just short of a forcing two-bid opener.

Opening in third or fourth place, the partner having passed, a re-bid is not called for and the partner, who has already passed may be left with his bid. It is very important to remember this. Having already passed do not bid on a worthless suit merely to show an Ace, with AXX, or something just as stupid - it is not a forcing bid.

There is no merit to making games, in spite of poor bidding, winning rubbers and defeating the opponents when one holds strong hands.

The test of the good bridge player is showing what can be done with poor to mediocre hands. With these hands one is always on the defensive and having the knack of finding the key card to defeat a contract is all one can hope for. This applies to Rubber Bridge.

Bidding

N.	E.	S.	W.
1C	P.	2H.	P.
2NT.	P.	3C.	P.
3NT.	P.	4NT.	P.
5S	P.	6C.	P.
P.			

Opening lead by E. Diamond 10. North has a minimum hand and opens with 1 Club to ensure a re-bid of 1 Spade. Had there been a fifth spade with another honor the opening bid would have been spade and rebid (prepared) 2 Spades. With a 5-card rebiddable suit it is incorrect to open with a "short" Club. South has a large hand and sees slam possibilities so makes a forcing bid of 2 Hearts - a jump-shift which is forcing to game and suggesting slam. North's rebid; is 2 NT showing a minimum hand. South discovers that N. has 3 Aces so bids slam.

(b)

N.	E.
AQJ10	765
J9543	76
654	QJ109
A	Q764

W.	E.
K9832	765
10	76
A32	QJ109
KJ109	Q764

S.	W.
4	AKQ82
AKQ82	K87
K87	8532

Bidding

N.	E.	S.	W.
1S.	P.	2H.	P.
4H.	P.	P.	P.

North holds a minimum hand and treats the 5-card weak heart suit as a 4-card suit and for the purpose of a convenient rebid opens with 1S. The South hand shows ten or more high cards and the Heart response promotes the North hand so he is justified in bidding game. Although minimum North now values his hand as "dummy" and adds one point for the Heart J, and an extra point for the Singleton Club A. South assured ten points and with 16 now in North, game was bid.

(a)

N.	E.
A732	KJ6
J86	Q9
AJ4	10983
A98	7652

W.	E.
Q9854	KJ6
10732	Q9
765	10983
3	7652

N.	E.	S.	W.
1C	P.	2H	P.
2NT.	P.	3C	P.
3NT	P.	4NT	P.

(c)

N.	E.
532	AQ94
AJ10	K653
J1087	32
Q7	AKJ

W.	E.
K876	AKJ
82	
Q95	
10942	

S.	W.	N.
J10	IS.	P.
Q974	P.	P.
AK64		
8653		

Bidding:

E.	S.	W.	N.
1C.	P.	IS.	P.
3S.	P.	P.	P.

With only one 4-card biddable suit East opens with 1 club. If the hand held as little as the Heart J, the opening bid would be 1 Spade with Hearts as the prepared re-bid. West has sufficient to bid one-over-one having six points played in spades. East now shows his hand is more than a minimum and jumps the spade bid. This is not forcing but merely showing strength of the hand. With 8-9 points or more West could proceed to game but with a minimum response in the first place must pass. There is no

such bid as "Partner we will try for game". This type of bid usually calls for a "Double" by opponents.


(d)

N.	E.
QJ10	AQ76
Q6	K52
K10843	Q2
A83	QJ54


East opens with 1 Club and his prepared re-bid is 1 Heart. This is in cases where partner responds with 1 Diamond. Should West open with 1 Heart and partner responds 2 Diamonds he is then stuck for a re-bid as 2 NT. would be showing more than a minimum hand.

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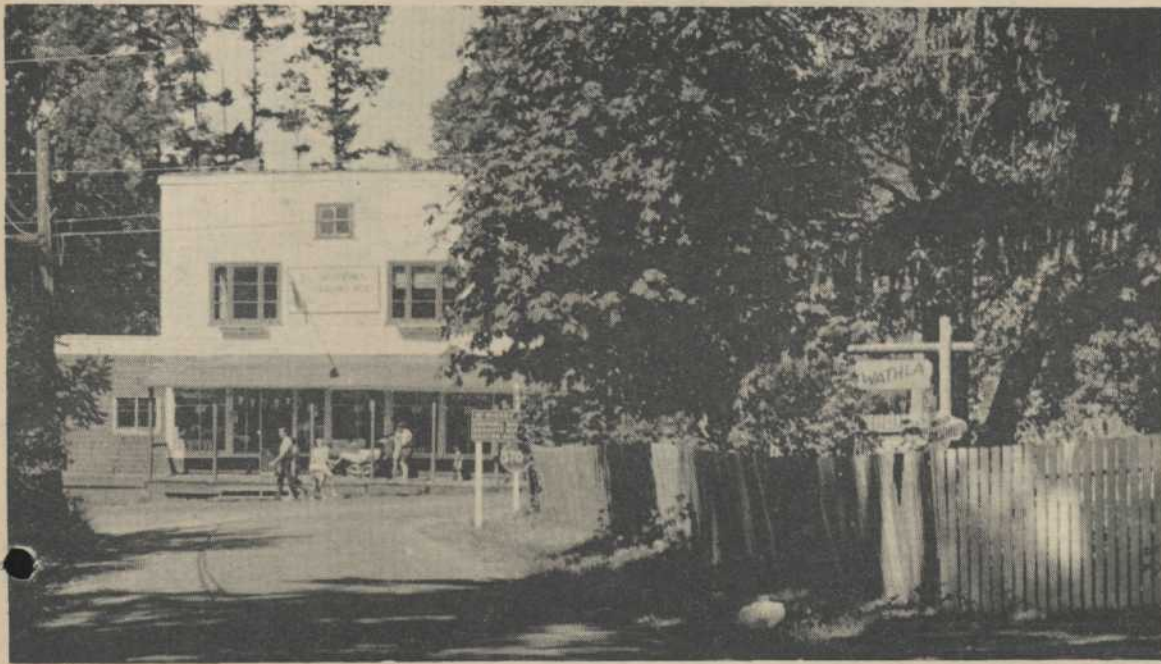
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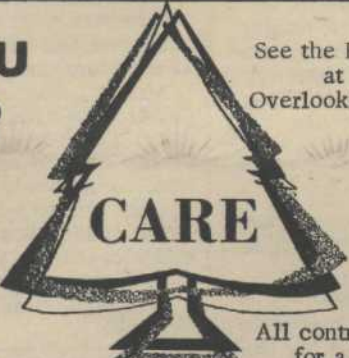
Mayne Island family is off to North Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hopkins and their children will leave Mayne Island this



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KENT'S STORE
Port Washington

month after having sold the Trading Post at Miner's Bay. The former store operators came to the island from North Vancouver and have been active in Mayne affairs for the past two years and more. New owners of the store are Dick and Sallie Pugh.

URGES NO MORE REFERENDA AS ELECTIONS HELD

Slow response on the part of the department of education cost ratepayers of the Gulf Islands additional expenses during the recent voting. Returning officer, Jean Vodden, told trustees of Gulf Islands School District last Thursday that her expenses were higher because of the department's slowness. The department of education held up approval of the three buildings referenda until the last day. Approval was so late that special transportation and advertising had to be undertaken to meet the legal deadlines for advertising a referendum. She blamed the same slow response by the department for the failure of a referendum by-law in Saanich School District. Mrs. Vodden urged the board to avoid presenting a referendum in future at the same time as the annual elections.

FRENCH SCHOOL SUPERVISOR TO VISIT ISLANDS

School superintendent from a district in Quebec will be visiting Vancouver Island in the early weeks of the new year. It is the plan of Superintendent R. S. Price to bring him to Salt Spring Island.

APPRECIATE WORK OF RESIDENTS

Trustees of Gulf Islands School District expressed commendation of many residents of the district who contributed to the success of the three school buildings referenda last week. Trustee G. S. Humphreys, in charge of the referendum committee, thanked his colleagues.

Chairman L. J. Armstrong spoke warmly of the contribution made by the principal at Pender in working towards the approval of the referenda. G. M. Heinekey added a note of commendation for Salt Spring Lions Club who provided transportation throughout the day.



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THERE'S THE CHRISTMAS SHIP, NOW... YOU CAN JUST SEE THE LIGHTS OVER THERE!



There was a wind blowing on Sunday night and the Christmas Ship from Bellingham seems to be on fire in this picture as the camera is showing the movement. The small part of a large crowd is peering into the bay to look at the 17th visit of this international ship to the Gulf Islands.



TELEPHONE PROBLEMS ELIMINATED AS YOUNGSTER GETS HIS MONEY BACK

Problems of telephone service at Lady Minto Hospital are a thing of the past. This week the B. C. Telephone Co. told Driftwood that arrangements have been made

to keep a close eye on the public telephone in the hospital. A comment appeared in these columns several weeks ago recalling the unfortunate young patient who spent a substantial

part of his pocket money on coins for the telephone. David Carpentier, of Saturna Island, will also get his money back. The company explained that the refund is made auto-

matically when a complaint is made about losing money in an inoperative telephone.

Going "Mumming"

"Mumming" is a Yule custom that originated in early England. Mummers, masked and in costume, silently enacted ritual plays about the death of winter and the old year.

The custom still survives in some parts of the world, although the plays are no longer performed. Today mummers usually entertain with dancing and instrumental music. They are rewarded with treats.

"San Tan Lou Yin"

In Hong Kong, Santa Claus goes by the name of "San Tan You Lin."

The Hong Kong department stores employ elderly men who are specially costumed for the season. Just like Santa Claus, San Tan You Lin is present for the purpose of holding the

NORTH PENDER

J. D. T. Tisdalle M.L.A. was over to visit his constituents on the Island. He had a luncheon at the Lettner's in the morning, and then showed some pictures at the school in the evening. They were two very interesting films on forestry and mining.

The Social Credit Association was formed with H. Johnson as chairman and Leslie Bowerman as secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. V. Georgeson had house-guests from Victoria for the weekend. There were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sidwell and Sylvia, and Mrs. Georgeson's daughter, Shirley Phillips and her son Danny.

Mr. Tavernor and Mr. Dyer came over from Victoria at their summer homes.

And there is no news at South Pender

youngsters on his knee and listening to their requests for gifts.

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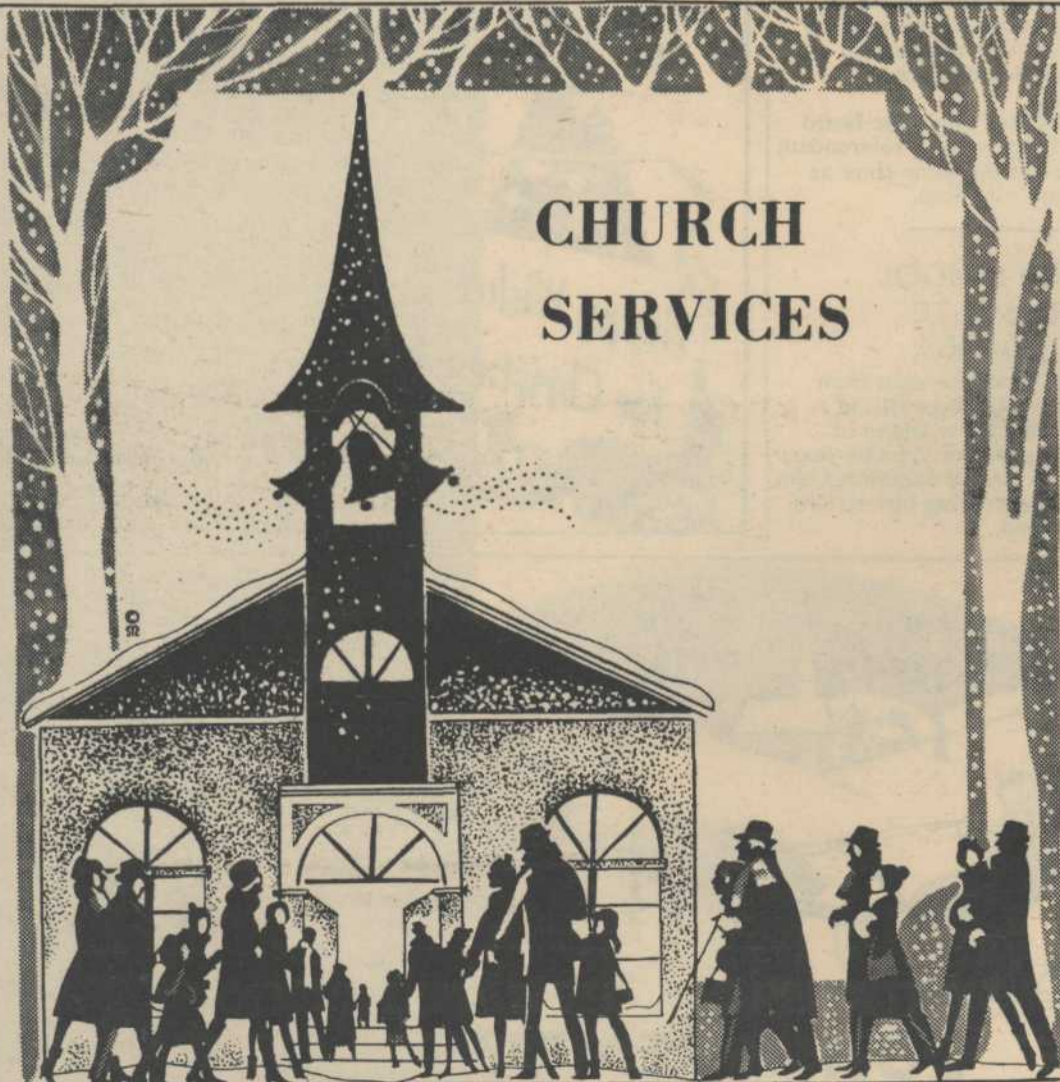
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ANGLICAN - SALT SPRING ISLAND - DECEMBER 24			
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Communion	8:30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Family Service	11:00 am
St. George's	Ganges	Carol Service	2:30 pm
St. George's	Ganges	Midnight Communion	11:30 pm
DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY			
St. Mark's	Central	Choral Communion	10:30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion	10:30 am
DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE			
St. George's	Ganges	Parish Service	11:00am
St. Mark's	Central	Watch Night Service	11:30 am
ANGLICAN - GALIANO AND MAYNE - DECEMBER 24			
CHRISTMAS EVE			
St. Margaret of Scotland	Galiano	Holy Communion	8:00 am
St. Margaret of Scotland	Galiano	Holy Communion	11:30 pm
St. Mary Magdalene	Mayne	Holy Communion and sermon	11:00 am
DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY			
St. Margaret of Scotland	Galiano	Holy Communion	9:30 am
UNITED DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE			
Ganges		Morning Worship	11:00 am
		Carol Service	7:00 pm
Burgoyne Bay		NO SERVICE AT	2:30 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC - DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	9:00 am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11:00 am
DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY			
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Midnight Mass	12:00
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	11:00 am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL			
DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS DAY			
Ganges		Christmas Day Service	10:45 am
DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE			
		NO SERVICE AT	7:30 pm

MAYNE

BY ELSIE BROWN

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" on Mayne Island these days and a great deal of activity is going on at the school in preparation for the annual Christmas Party.

Mrs. Betty Ross is in charge of arrangements, assisted by parents and friends. The affair starts at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Sounds like fun!

The visit of the Bellingham Christmas ship was a huge success and Santa was given a warm welcome by the children - young and old.

Mrs. Margaret Bennett and Mrs. Val Baldwin were in charge of the refreshments which were enjoyed by the large gathering at the Agricultural Hall. Over 25 children received gifts from Santa Claus and they have many happy memories to look back on.

A hearty vote of thanks to those responsible for this wonderful service to the community!

The Victoria Christmas ship sponsored by the Victoria Jay Cees also docked at Miners Bay and a very pretty sight it was so we are told.

Boarding the ferry last Wednesday evening was Mrs. Irene Girardi of Centre Island Store, Mrs. Gladys Houghton, sister, Mrs. Vi Brown and a friend, J. Fredericks of New Westminster. Bo Mayne, the Jesse Browns and Debbie Wein.

Gladys wasn't taking any chances on Old Man Winter arriving with frosty weather and was clad in red flannels top to toe. Sister Vi has an inspir-

ation for a song about Mayne Island. Hope to hear it one of these days. It should be a hit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Filtness are expecting their daughter, Sandra from Manchester, England, where she is in training. Sandra is in her third year and will then spend another year specializing in Pediatrics. She is expected by B O A C this week. Son, Rodney who is attending Vancouver Pacific College is also expected home for the holiday. A welcome to them both and a Happy Christmas to them all!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Bradley on the arrival of a baby daughter, Carmel Elizabeth who weighed in at 7.2 pounds, November 20. The Bradley's will be spending Christmas with Mrs. Bradley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gair of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Barron, of "The Boulders", are celebrating Christmas on the island and just about the whole family will be on hand. Among those expected will be Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wein and son Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wein, Fred and Robbie, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Martell, Holly and David and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lindela. Mr. Barron Sr. will assist with his usual efficient manner aided by Debbie and Don.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Johnnie Angus whose husband passed away recently. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKenny and small son Joey of North Surrey and pres-

ently staying at the Mummery's residence at Oyster Bay.

Visiting the Neil Imrie's recently at Bennett Bay was Clara's brother, John Goodall of Wilkie, Saskatchewan.

We hear on good authority that the sea wall built on Foy Miles property, Miners Bay, is very satisfactory. Responsible for the workmanship is a Vancouver stone mason. A swimming pool is planned for next summer. Congratulations Foy!

Spending Christmas with the Carl Agars, Cherry Tree Place, will be daughter Dorothy of Vancouver. Looking forward to her visit will be French poodle, Mitzy.

The Jack Evans, Heather and Bill will be visiting their families in Clearbrook and White Rock over Christmas. Grace's mother, Mrs. E. C. Hambly has been recovering from surgery during the past few months and is getting around with aid of husband Casey and a walker. Jack's mother, long time resident of Whiterock, is looking forward to a visit from her family. Interesting parcels have arrived from Evanston, Illinois, home of Aunt Celeste and Uncle Harry. Heather has had a couple of trips over to Lady Minto Hospital recently. Just for tests Grace says. Hope all is well.

Visiting the Fred Bennetts recently were daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren, Corp. E. J. and Mrs. (Doreen) Gurski, Vivian and Allan of Spruce Grove Alberta. Also visiting during the past week were another daughter and son-in-law and grandchild, Mr. and Mrs. Don Webb (Peggy) and son James,

FERNWOOD

BY JESSIE SAYER

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cartwright have returned home after an enjoyable holiday spent in Indio, Calif., where the temperature reached 92 degrees. Quite a difference to the Island!

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

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3/4 c. brown sugar
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Mix as usual and make into two rolls and chill. Slice good

1/4" thick and bake in 325 oven until lightly brown. Makes about 50 cookies.

POTATOE SCONES

2 c. all purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
4 tsp. baking powder
1 c. mashed potatoes(left overs)
3/4 c. milk
2 tbsp. melted shortening.
Mix and sift dry ingredients, blend in mashed potatoes, add milk and melted shortening. Pat out on board about 3/4" thick cut into squares and bake in cast iron fry pan on top of stove until brown - turn and bake again, altogether 10 or 12 mins. Makes about 1 dozen. Good hot or cold.

of Cobble Hill. Don was formerly with the Air Force stationed in Germany. Freddie is home on holidays from Mount Newton Secondary school. The Bennetts will be spending Christmas with daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. (Marie) Elliott, Carol and Bobby at West Vancouver.

Mrs. Margaret Seigner of Victoria is spending the holiday season with her daughter and son-in-law and grandson Mr. and Mrs. Al Baldwin and Denis of Arbutus Lodge.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Betty Taylor is a patient in Lady Minto Hospital. Best wishes for a speedy return to good health!

Spending Christmas on the Island are the Harvey Drummond; the Harold Reids, the Mac Ammonds, the Jim Ross's,

Nancy Jones and the Bill Wilks. Newlyweds, Doug and Lesley DeRousie of Burnaby will be over on the Island during the Christmas season visiting their families.

Bill and Marguerite Morson, Cherry Tree Bay will spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law Doug and Shirley Forman of North Vancouver.

Over for a short stay at their Cherry Tree Bay domicile are Stu and Betty Fry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my news gatherers and contributors during the past year. A special thanks to Bob Sauerberg who gets my newscast over to Editor, Frank Richards. Thanks to said Editor for printing same. Merry Christmas to all from the Jesse Browns.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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MINISTERS

(From Page Six)

Such could be a headline in the near future perhaps! Our big brother government must protect its citizens from its puerile weakness of spending beyond its means.

The immediate reaction of the citizens was difficult to assess at first; some admitted they needed this protection; others felt that Christmas was sacred; still others claimed that there was unnecessary interference on the part of the government into personal matters.

As usual a small percentage had no opinions; they couldn't care less about Christmas, taxation, or government. They were the bums, hippies, welfare people, etc.; however, they did confide that they would miss that free turkey dinner.

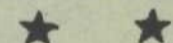
The latter showed however, a spark of appreciation for what Christmas had become known: a time for generosity, love, peace, good will, prayer, inspiring music, twinkling lights, turkey trimmings, laughter and good cheer.

For me, Christmas is a time for love, not war. That love which puts the needs of others before oneself.

In the event of a conflict of interests between two people who wish to guard their personal identities, the one who is filled with this type of love, a Christian love, suspends at least momentarily his own needs and turn his attention towards fulfilling the needs of that other person, be it his wife, child, brother, sister, friend or enemy.

When the needs of that other person becomes identified as his own, his love has reached the heights that Christ scaled on the Cross at Calvary. For without Calvary, Bethlehem would only be still-born.

A Holy, happy Christmas to all Islanders.
Father Leonard O. F. M.,
Our Lady of Grace Church



The other day, a daughter of mine received a Christmas card from a Japanese lady. They had met on the train coming back from Expo and parted in Vancouver, each to go to her own home on opposite shores of the Pacific. It wasn't the card itself so much as the traditional greetings it contained that stirred my interest. Of course the friend in Japan may be a Christian whose greetings truly expressed her feelings at this great Season of the Christian faith. But I wondered... Is this just another example of the Japanese way of adopting certain customs of the West? They've observed how we exchange greetings and gifts along with considerable good cheer, so they've joined in the custom? Fine, fine... so far as it goes and probably, at that, it goes as far and as deep as with many in our own country.

So I got to thinking about how we keep Christmas. This led to the thought of what we might keep from Christmas. And this is not just a matter of deciding, out of the gifts we receive, that we may keep some and discard others. After the first recorded Christmas it was written, "But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19) Haven't we all remarked that it is a pity we can't keep the spirit of Christmas the year through? Well, what will you keep at Christmas? What will go with you throughout the days of the coming year?

First, let's keep the wonder
(Turn to Page Seventeen)

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(From Page Sixteen)

of Christmas. Children do, when they are permitted to be children and not little adults. And Jesus was sure that only the childlike can enter God's Kingdom. Perhaps only the childlike can grasp the supreme wonder of the Incarnation of the might God into a human life. In Charles Wesley's hymn, "love divine, all loves excelling", he speaks in the closing line of being "lost in wonder, love and praise". Go from this Christmas keeping the wonder of it that God's own Son should stoop to "become man for us men and our salvation".

Then again, what about striving to keep the simplicity of Christ? We sophisticated Western people often lose the essential simplicities of the Christmas gospel. Christmas is as simple and elemental as a baby's birth in a stable, with shepherds and a pilgrim star, and a mother and a father loving the wee one. Christmas may be "out of this world" in a profound sense, but it is also down to earth... "this shall be a sign unto you" was the angel's directive, and the sign was one of simplicity. God came to simple folk to make known his self-giving. Throughout the earthly career of Jesus, it was the common people who heard him gladly. Surely this was

CARD OF THANKS

MY GRATEFUL THANKS TO all my neighbors and friends for their loving kindness and help in the recent death of my husband at the Lady Minto Hospital, also to Dr. Jarman and staff. Mrs. N. Marquis

IT IS FITTING AT THIS TIME and occasion to thank Dr. Oakley, the Matron and staff, also Bill Trelford, his mate of the ambulance service for their kind and dedicated help and attention during my wife's recent illness at the Lady Minto Hospital. May we both wish a very happy Christmas and New Year to these good people. Tom and Margaret Power

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because of what he said and how he said it. God tells the story simply. He comes to us in simple, homey ways.

Finally, let us keep the heart of Christmas, the event that makes Christmas... not just the Yule log, the carols, the lights, the gift-giving... but the heart of Christmas, Christ Himself. As G. K. Chesterton once put it, it is a gift of God that can be seen and touched. It is the Christmas gift. Let us keep Christ in our hearts, at the centre of our thinking and at the centre of our worship. Let us keep these things and this fact and (Turn to Page Eighteen)

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— IN LETTER TO SCHOOL BOARD

Child taking a school bus at 7:30 makes a 10 minute run and then hangs around at Ganges elementary school until 9 a. m., trustees of Gulf Islands School District were told last week by an irate parent.

Complaining was Harold Van Dack, Vesuvius Bay, who explained that his daughter was among the students suffering from the system.

Children are not allowed in the classrooms during recess or lunch hour despite the Canadian winter, he commented. Toilet facilities are out of bounds and a teacher is engaged only to keep children out of their rooms said the latter.

J. M. Campbell stated flatly that such a letter should not come to the board. It should go to the principal for his comment or correction, said Mr. Campbell. It should only be considered by the board if the writer is dissatisfied with the co-operation he has received from the principal.

Principal Donald Hartwig

reported the bus arrives at school at 8:15 or 8:20. In wet weather students are allowed straight into the school.

In wet or inclement weather the school is open to students throughout the day, but when the weather is fine students are required to get out in the open air whenever possible.

He added that the toilet facilities are available at all times and that the students are told of this fact repeatedly.

His comments will be forwarded to the writer.

MARKSMEN MEET AT GANGES FOR VARIOUS CONTESTS

Island marksmen have been busy at the ranges of the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club lately.

A number of competitions have been run off already this month and two more are planned before the close of the year.

Winners at the December 17 .22 rifle shoot were Gavin Reynolds, W. Page, W. Trelford, L. Mouat, J. Reynolds, A. Steward, Mayne Island; and H. Bradley.

Trap shoot winners included J. Reynolds, Con Skerman, K. Stevens, Vic Jackson, G. Scarff, A. Kaye, G. Reynolds, W. Trelford, R. Fraser, H. Bradley, Mr. Finch, Mac Mouat, L. Mouat and J. Mollison.

Off-island trap winners were A. Steward, Mayne; Fred Robson Galiano, G. Robson, Mayne and G. Steward, Galiano.

Next event by the Salt Spring marksmen will take place at the club grounds on Scott Road on Christmas Eve, Sunday. It will be a .22 rifle and big bore shoot at 11 a.m. A trap shoot is planned for New Year's Eve.

In both cases the event will be subject to weather conditions.

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MINISTERS

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force and love which is God in Christ, at Christmas and on every day. He is our Emmanuel God forever with us. He will keep us and keep beside us every step of the way ahead if we confide ourselves and all we have and are to His keeping. Good Christian men, rejoice!

Rev. E. W. MacQuarrie,
Ganges United Church

GALIANO

The Bellingham Jaycees' Christmas Ship braved strong winds and heavy seas last Sunday to make its 17th annual call at Galiano.

Nearly all of the island children and most of the adults were on hand to welcome her when she arrived at Sturdies Bay. There was Santa Claus with his clowns, pirates and treasure chest of toys and all the props needed for an exciting visit.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by the Jaycees as much as anybody else.

In the first eight months of its existence the Galiano Ladies Service Club has given an excellent accounting of itself. It is a hard-working and enthusiastic little group and all its affairs in 1967 were most successful.

On December 13 the club members met and voted to distribute a good portion of the year's earnings towards a number of good causes.

Donations were approved for the following: Unitarian Service Committee, Cup of Milk Fund \$25; Central City Mission, Vancouver, \$25; Salvation Army, Vancouver, \$25; year's rental of cablevision for Lady Minto, \$35; Galiano children's Christmas party, \$30; silverware for the community hall at Galiano, \$40.

A large number of islanders have left or will be leaving to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives elsewhere. However, we are pleased to learn the large number of part-timers who are coming over to spend their holiday on the island. Several private parties and seasonal get-togethers have been planned, but here are some of the important events to be noted.

Annual Christmas party for members and friends at Galiano Golf Club on Saturday evening, December 23. Fancy dress or comic costume to be worn and a late supper will be served.

At St. Margaret's church there will be a midnight service commencing at 11:30 pm on Christmas Eve with the celebration of the

Holy Eucharist. The regular carol service will be held the following Sunday.

On New Year's Eve the Galiano Club holds its annual cabaret. Accommodation is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance.

And that's the last word for this year, except warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday, Everyone!

TRUSTEES LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Theory of financial statements was examined by trustees of Gulf Islands School District last Thursday evening. G. S. Humphreys presented his summary and discussed it at length with his colleagues.

The whole statement could be simplified, suggested Sam (Turn to Page Nineteen)

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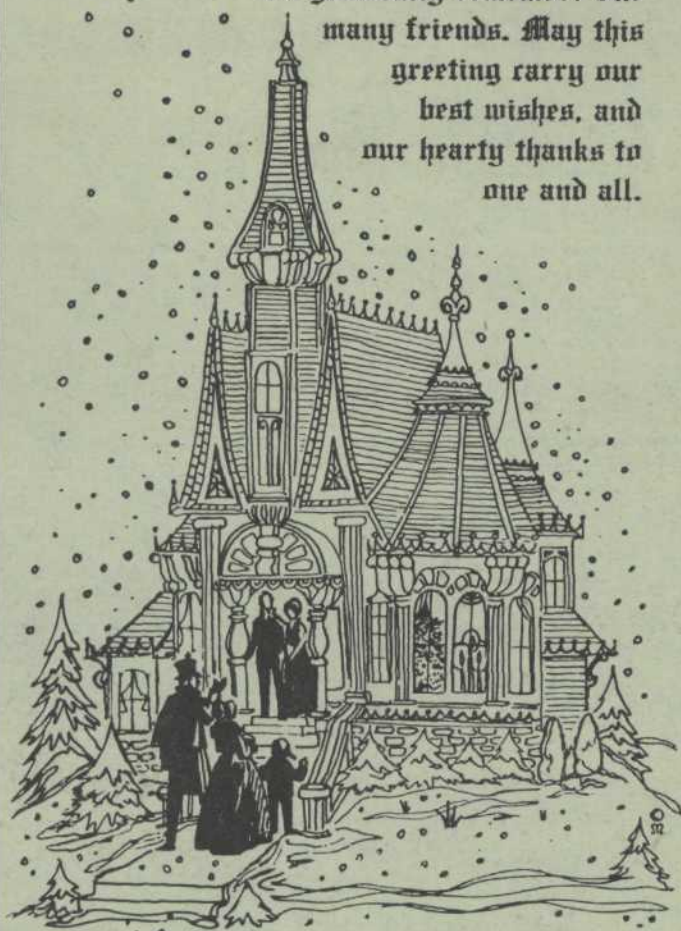
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Blanche Kilborn.

GREETINGS

As we approach the season of peace and good will, we gratefully remember our many friends. May this greeting carry our best wishes, and our hearty thanks to one and all.



Goody and Isabel Ganges

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls! Each Has Story to Tell

"It's fun to get a doll for Christmas."

This statement comes from a real authority, who is a former Marine, a world traveler and international airline executive — and who is also a man who has more dolls than almost anybody except Santa Claus!

Collector Samuel F. Pryor is the founder of the International Doll Library in Greenwich, Conn., where more than 8,000 dolls are gathered in fabulous variety.

Begun in 1953 when he inherited 300 dolls from a friend, the still-growing collection includes hundreds of dolls searched out by Mr. Pryor himself, and it has also been augmented by gifts from some of the thousands of visitors to the Doll Library — hence Mr. Pryor's personal knowledge that a doll under the Christmas tree is truly a source of delight.

The Doll Library, so named because every doll has a story to tell, is attractively housed in a 1792 barn, remodeled to provide appropriate settings for the dolls. Visits to the Doll Library are by appointment only.

Here, there are antique dolls, historic dolls, craft dolls, religious dolls, dolls of every land and every era. The dolls indeed have much to tell to the serious student of world history and world civilization.

But to Mr. Pryor, the important thing about the dolls is that they are objects of affection — cherished by little girls waiting for Santa, and by everyone who loves dolls, to play with and admire.

Along with their legacy of love, the dolls bring a record of mankind's ingenuity.

Among the antique dolls in Mr. Pryor's collection is a 19th-century beauty who turns her head, flutters her eyelids, heaves her bosom and plays a lyre, to the tune of a hidden music box.

Many other dolls in the Pryor collection make it plain that mechanical accomplishments are by no means limited to the dolls of today. For instance, a group of early American dolls includes the "Auto-peripatetikos" — a walking doll patented in 1862.

Another kind of ingenuity is manifest in the craft dolls, lovingly fashioned by thoughtful hands from virtually any and every convenient material — pen wipers, shells, newspapers, wishbones, sponges, corn cobs, pine cones, pipecleaners, clay pipes, even an old potato masher.

Among them are "Mr. and more about

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...ghes. He was torn to pieces for the suggestion.

Discussing the possibility of a surplus, trustees learned one aspect of ending up the year with a surplus.

The operating costs of the district are borne by the district and the province.

District contributes 96% and the province 4%. If the year's balance shows a surplus, this is set against next year's operation, 50% allocated to the government share and the other half to the local share. Hence, trustees were told, the government takes half of any surplus, although contributing only 4% of it.

Mrs. Crab," dolls with faces made from crab claws. These do-it-yourself dolls were featured in "Godey's Lady's Book" for May 1867, with illustrations of Mr. and Mrs. Crab and "how to" instructions.

Among the Library's little inhabitants, dolls of other lands form a miniature United Nations. A turbaned Brazilian dancer, a Spanish matador with cape and sword, a Japanese geisha, a Belgian lady, a German tourist, an Arabian desert prince, an Argentinian gaucho — the list is seemingly endless.

Differences may divide nations — but not in the Doll Library. Mr. Pryor's dolls get an opportunity to enact the holiday spirit of peace and good will, all year. As a pastime, he likes to bring dolls of many nations together in friendly groups.

Symbolizing Victory

In legend, the laurel and the bay have told the story of victory and triumph since the days of ancient Greece.

Ivy was the convivial green of pagan holidays, and was supposed to express the joyousness of Bacchus. The yew and the cyprus symbolize eternal life.

DEATH OF JOHN ANGUS IN CITY HOSPITAL

Veteran of the 16th Battalion, Canadian Scottish, and a member of the Red Chevrons, John R. Angus, of Mayne Island, passed away in Royal Jubilee Hospital on December 11.

Mr. Angus was 72 years of age. He was latterly residing on Laura Point Road, Mayne. He was a former resident of Victoria.

He had been associated with McDonalds Consolidated and the Hudson's Bay Company. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 13, in Victoria, with Rev. J.L.W. McLean officiating. Cremation followed.

He is mourned by his wife, Evelyn, at home.



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Students attending Gulf Islands secondary school and residing in the dormitory on Ganges Hill take part in an evening program of supervised study.

On Thursday evening last week Trustee G. S. Humphreys made a proposal offering similar supervision to other students of the district.

This supervision could be of value to students other than those in the dormitory, he suggested.

Sam Hughes was sceptical. "More cost to the taxpayer?" he enquired.

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They Go Together— Feasting and Festivity

During the Christmas season, merry sounds ring out, pleasing sights greet the eye — and tantalizing aromas fill the air. Good food is as much a part of holiday tradition as bells and carols, greens and gifts.

At this festive time, people delight in serving their families and friends an abundance of choice foods. The custom probably began with the ancient winter festivals.

In the course of time, naturally each nation developed its own treasured customs in connection with the Christmas dinner.

Serving the "Bird"

On American tables, the center of attraction is usually the turkey. This custom has its origin in the English "Christmas bird" — usually a goose, capon or chicken, rather than a turkey.

In medieval times, a large bird was standard fare at English Christmas dinners among the common people. In castle and manor, however, a "bird" wasn't always the main dish.

To the tune of the old carol, "The Boar's Head in Hand I Bear," the boar's head was borne to the table in solemn procession. Then followed other courses — and what courses! The most lavish of dinners usually featured a boar's head.

For a medieval feast, a typical menu included 17 main dishes — everything from roasted swan to a kid with a pudding in its belly!

Breaking Bread

Everywhere, a widespread use of breads and pastries is customary for the Christmas feast.

This has its origin in pre-Christian and early-Christian customs of the agricultural nations of Eastern Europe, where peasants offered thanksgiving for a good harvest, usually of grain, during the winter season.

Special holiday cakes were thought to bring good fortune and good health.

More directly connected with the religious meaning of the season is the "Christ-bread" traditional in many countries. This is a long cake, and its shape is meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Both mince pie and plum pudding began as national Christmas dishes in England. Like the "Christ-bread," early mince pies were baked in symbolic shape — an oblong meant to represent the manger.

Toasting the Holiday

As today's punch or eggnog bowl attests, favorite beverages and friendly toasts go along with the good cheer and good feasting of the holiday.

It all began with the English "wassail" bowl. The wassail, a holiday beverage of medieval times, was served hot in a large bowl, and it was compounded of ale, apples, eggs, sugar and spices.

The name comes from "Was Haile," a Saxon greeting which means, "Your health." Gradually, the word "wassailing" began to mean any kind of Christmas revelry accompanied by a festive beverage.

LITTLE FOLK PRANCE

For Icelanders, Christmas Eve is the holiest night of the holiday season.

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softly. She looked around in astonishment and there was the tiny bird, perched on a twig in the conservatory and singing away to itself, basking in the warmth of the coloured lights and the heat lamp. Now it comes and goes when it likes, slipping in and out where the grape vine has pushed the glass away.

It gets a bug here and a snack there as it flutters amongst the flower pots and small trees. It even has its own private bath in a cracked soup plate. By the time this issue comes out, Santa will be on his way to see the children at the Fulford Hall at 4 p.m. Hope all parents remembered to help the jolly old Santa with gifts

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for their own children. Thursday, Dec. 21, 4 - 6 p.m. Don't forget! Motorists didn't find the light fall of icy snow much fun - cars were stalled on hills and slippery roads on Sunday... Bit of a mess, wasn't it? I imagine a few un-Christmasy thoughts were floating around. It is good to know Mrs. Truffitt is home again after her stay in the Vancouver Hospital. She sounds quite perky on the phone so must be feeling better.

I like to think of George Pearson's Christmas tree shining with CARE lights out there on Pender Island. A special Merry Christmas wish to you, Mr. Pearson and to all who contribute to your wonderful cause. Please put a light on for me as I am sending you a contribution - and it may not get through the Christmas rush mail in time. May your own light ever shine as brightly as your tree... I am thrilled to think I can have a light of my own shining over the waters!

Dressing Dolls

France, famed for its fashions, early gave attention to dressing dolls known as "fashion babies." First created about 600 years ago, the "fashion babies" in later years became ambassadors for French styles.

In the early American Colonies, for instance, the arrival of a group of "fashion babies" from France was greeted with great excitement. For payment of an admission fee, Colonial women could see the dolls displayed, and observe the newest fashions, in miniature.

1st GANGES SEA SCOUTS

SEA SCOUT CORNER

BY SCOUTER KEVIN
Hello readers; I, Scouter Kevin Luton have been given the headache of Public Relations Officer for the local Scout group.

In carrying out this job, I have decided to write this column "Sea Scout Corner". This, I hope will help everyone form a better understanding of the Scout movement of today and tomorrow.

This column will not always talk of scouting as such, but will cover all related fields.

So if there are any questions the readers wish to have answered please forward them to the "Scouter Kevin" c/o Driftwood.

Now, on to local news. On November 18 last, my Scout group, 1st Ganges Sea Scouts and Cubs had their semi-annual bottle drive.

This was a complete success, especially since the majority of our contributors did not know about this drive. We collected well over 2800 pop bottles, netting \$56.34, 640 dozen beer bottles netting \$172.80 and cash donations of \$8.60, making the grand total of \$234.74. WOW!

We give special thanks to Howard Byron of Leisure Lanes Bowling Alley for the use of his garage as a collecting depot, to Salt Spring Trading Co. for storage and purchasing all the pop bottles, to Mount Bros., especially Dave Winters for transporting all the beer bottles to Victoria without charge, and to all those parents and friends who assisted with the sorting, stacking and transporting of these bottles. Last but not least, I, and my group, thank all those people who saved and gave their bottles and donations to us.

With this pleasant spirit of giving, I leave you all until next week. To all my friends and Scouts, I wish you all a very merry Christmas. Good sailing and God bless you!

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SATURNA —SEEN BY PAPAJOHN

Our tranquillity seems to have been replaced by a state of mesmerism with frequent flurries of activity. The weeks before Xmas are wonderful, petty things are forgotten and the music seems to fit our moods. Sorry we are for those who cannot let themselves go and join in this happy spirit.

Benny Begon of ye Shale Plant has a new truck; Allan Kerr home on Monday from Lady Minto; Fletc Fletcher Bennett flew over from Ganges and had a small B'hai service here with Bernice Crooks and Averil Kelly; The Shale boys will be off over the Xmas holidays;

Guest of Manson and merry Mary Toynbee, just out of Lady Minto, is Manson's mother, of Salt Spring. At the Fred Hall's over Xmas season are Fred and friendly Freda's grandchildren, Jennifer and Reece, and of course, Papa Fred, Jr. Guest of elfin Elsie Dangerfield is Kute Kathy Porter of Victoria. Xmas Island guests in next week after our annual Christmas PARTY in the Hall.

The Christmas Ship from Bellingham with their jolly Santa Claus landed at noon on Sunday and the Jaycee Boys put on a real Christmas show for the kids AND the adults too. As one of the Bellingham boys put it last year "The looks on the faces of the children are worth many times the effort". It is truly a wonderful event and may it continue for many more years!

A goodly number of names on our big Christmas Card in the Store in our small effort to help the Pearson Pender Island Christmas Tree. It is much easier and better to put some money in a box for The Tree than to have to sit down and

write out Christmas cards. Doing this lets us share in a small part with the wonderful job Mr. Pearson is doing. At this Season we are grateful to those who have helped us all year; I would like to thank Lynn Connor for faithfully carrying these epistles over to Ganges every Sunday for me; To our Editor for his firmly gentle patience; to the Ferry crews for their understanding and consideration ALL YEAR, day in and day out; and last, but not least, to my young lady friends next door, their sayings are beyond price.

May delight in the myriad little joys at Christmas be yours! In the year ahead may your road be smooth and solid, may gentle curves be there where it rises, the sun and wind be always on your back and the storms ahead be as a soft Island rain on your face that will refresh and sustain you.

PAPA JOHN

MR. AND MRS. MAC MOUAT TOP TOURNAMENT

Bridge Tournament for the Centennial Park Maintenance Fund has closed.

Winners are Mr. and Mrs. Mac Mouat, who won all bridge sessions. The runners up are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Swanson, Fulford, who lost only one session.

Prizes will be distributed at a bridge evening which will be open to all tournament players. The date and place will be announced later.

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ISLANDS TORIES TO BE INVITED TO GO IT ALONE

Conservatives of the Gulf Islands are facing a more active life. In past years the outer Islands party supporters have been in the habit of sending a delegate to various meetings and conventions with Salt Spring Island contingents, a Salt Spring Tory recalled, recently.

At the annual meeting in Ganges, director of the Salt Spring group, Lieut. -Col. D. G. Crofton suggested an increased participation by the islands.

"We shall urge them to form their own associations where there are enough members to justify it," he told Driftwood.

Carol Can Be Tongue-Twister

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me a partridge in a pear tree."

So begins "The Twelve Days of Christmas," a traditional and favorite song of the holiday season. The ballad tells the story of the gifts a lover sends to his lady on each of the 12 days from Christmas to Epiphany.

The first gift, a partridge in a pear tree, may have been inspired by an old drinking song, "A Pie sat on a Pear Tree."

As a ballad, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an example of the "number chain formula" in folk songs. As a carol, it is of the type that marked the change from formal hymns in Latin to musical poems in the vernacular of the people.

The song can be sung in a variety of ways. In Great Britain and the United States, it often becomes a game song in which each person, following a leader in repetitions, must pay a forfeit if he misses a line. Sometimes the descriptions of the gifts turn into mouth-defying tongue twisters!

Greetings for Christmas

One of the real joys of Yuletide is the chance to put aside the routine and customs of daily business and with sincerity wish our friends a very Merry Christmas.

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NOISY LIONS BRING PEACE

Noise promotes peace, explained a distinguished visitor to Salt Spring Island Lions Club last Thursday evening, at Harbour House Hotel.

One of the most colorful figures in the west coast Lions clubs and among the most popular, District Governor Jack

Tang made his formal visit to the island.

They Are Left Out Again

Armand Quesnel and Sidney Quinton have more in common than a shared initial letter in their names.

Mr. Quesnel, of Jackson Ave. and Mr. Quinton, of Vesuvius Bay have both been left out in the cold by the B.C. Telephone Co.

In the current telephone directory, as in the last, the alphabetical order is broken in order to avoid listing the names beginning with "Q" under the "Q's".

The listings go from M_N_O-P-R, and so on.

However hard the user looks through the Ganges section he will never find the "Q" heading, mainly because there isn't one.

FOUR NAMED BY CATHOLIC CHURCH HERE

Four parishioners were named to the parish council of the Catholic church of Our Lady of Grace at Ganges last week.

Newly appointed are Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Lamb, Mrs. B.I. LaFleur and Jim Spencer.

Committee is headed by Chairman F.C. Rhodes, who will serve a second year.

Annual meeting heard a report of the past year's finances.

Relinquishing their seats on the parish council were Mrs. E.E. Groff, Alfonso Sencio, C.F. Yzerman and Mrs. W. Jameski.

NO PARKING

Parking is restricted at the Long Harbour ferry wharf.

B.C. Ferry Authority has erected "No Parking" signs at the wharf to control the leaving of cars in the vicinity.

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Prominent member of the Victoria Chinatown Lions Club, Mr. Tang is in demand as a speaker and entertainer. He was accompanied by two members of the city club, Philip Chan, and Harry Seti.

The Salt Spring club is one of the noisiest he has visited, explained the governor. Noise makes good fellowship and good fellowship is the only guarantee of peace, he explained.

In recounting the accomplishments of this club and others within his jurisdiction, Mr. Tang observed that the Lions Clubs of the west coast are growing and many new clubs are sprouting.

He urged all members to encourage others to join the club.

Fellowship is the basic symbol of membership, said the speaker.

"Only by working together can we accomplish anything," he stated.



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SALT SPRING FIGURE FOR 60 YEARS

DEATH OF MRS NORMAN WILSON AT AGE OF 93

BY DOREEN MORRIS
Funeral services were held in St. George's Church, Ganges, Friday December 15, for Mrs. Ethel Layard Wilson, 96, who was a resident of Salt Spring Island for the past 60 years. Mrs. Wilson was predeceased by her husband, Norman, in 1955.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Clyde (Lois) Brewsauh, Mrs. Walter (Shirley) Mailey, Miss Bryde Wilson, all of Ganges, and four grandsons. Also a cousin, Mrs. A. R. Layard, Ganges.

The service was conducted by Archdeacon R. B. Horsefield. Pall bearers were Lieut.-Col. Desmond Crofton, Lieut.-Col. Paul Layard, Captain W. G. Stone, Douglas K. Wilson, Kenneth Butterfield, and Graham Shove.

Cremation followed at Royal Oak, Goodman's Funeral Home, Ganges were directors.

Mrs. Wilson, a well-loved lady with her husband, Norman, were previous owners of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

They were gracious hosts at

the family home or barnsbury. Mrs. Wilson was also a charter member of the Womens Institute on Salt Spring and a member of the Sunshine Guild.

She arrived on Salt Spring in 1908 and visited her relations Lieut. Col. and Mrs. B. V. Layard, Riversdale, Booth Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilson were married in 1909 by Mr. Wilson's father, Rev. E. F. Wilson, well-known vicar of Salt Spring Island.



GANGES COUPLE MARK 35 YEARS OF MARRIAGE AT SUNDAY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Shove entertained at their home, "Galilee" on Sunday, December 17, on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary.

The room was festive with Christmas decorations including a lighted Christmas tree in the sunroom. The refreshment table was centred with a bowl of holly flanked by red tapers in silver candle sticks.

The toast to the bride and groom of 35 years ago was proposed by Mrs. Shove's brother, Lieut.-Col. Desmond Crofton, who acted as best man at the wedding. Assisting Mrs. Shove were her sisters Mrs. Fred Morris, who was maid of honor and bridesmaid, Miss Denise Crofton

Among the guests invited who attended the wedding were Mrs. G. B. Young who played the wedding music at St. Mark's Church, where the ceremony was performed in 1932. Mr.

and Mrs. Frank Speed, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Crofton, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Crofton, Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Corbett, Campbell River, Captain and Mrs. V. C. Best, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. James, Mrs. Zenon Kropinski, Mrs. James Mitchell and Miss June Mitchell, Mrs. Bob Maxwell, West Vancouver, Mrs. Walter Mailey, Fred Morris, Jack Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Mrs. Cecil Springford and Miss M. I. Scott.

Ganges

A large family gathering will spend Christmas at the homes of Mrs. J. B. Acland and her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Guthrie, from Shawnigan Lake. Mrs. Guthrie has recently built a lovely home at the Canal of Salt Spring Island. Among their visitors will be Mrs. B. C. Griffin and Mrs. V. Maude-Roxy from Kelowna, Captain and Mrs. Victor Browne, Cornwall, Ontario and their son and daughter Cadet Colin Browne, Kingston and Miss Susan Browne, Victoria, Mrs. Duncan Ritchie and son Duncan, Surrey, England, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Guthrie and Sean, Comox, Barnaby Guthrie, Victoria and Miss Robin Garland, Shawnigan.

Another family gathering for Christmas will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bradley, Baker Road, when their sons-in-law and daughters Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiebe and young daughters Leah and Sarah and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ortman and daughter Mia all from Powell River arrive December 22. Also staying with the Bradleys for a month is their nephew Lieut. Patrick Dillon, Queens Own Rifles, Calgary.

Lieut.-Cmdr. Mark Crofton R.C.N. and Mrs. Crofton with their infant daughter, Laura, will spend Christmas with Lieut. Cmdr. Crofton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dermott Crofton.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Knight, Victoria, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Knight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Vesuvius Bay. Also visiting the Smiths over the festive season will be Mr. Knight's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. Knight, Victoria.

Miss Gillian Humphreys arrives from Vancouver Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Humphreys, Vesuvius Bay. Misses Marilyn and Margaret MacQuarrie, Victoria are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents Rev. E. W. MacQuarrie and Mrs. MacQuarrie. Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Portlock, Esquimalt, at Gulf Islands Lady Minto Hospital, November 29, a daughter,

FIREMEN AWARDED CERTIFICATES

Six volunteer firemen of Salt Spring Island gained their first-year certificates at a recent examination and another six received second-year papers. All 12 were graduates of the

Susan Elizabeth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Portlock, Booth Bay Resort.

The annual C. G. I. T. Candle Light Vesper Service was held in the United Church, Sunday, December 17.

Included with the lovely carols were recordings of Harry Belafonte's "Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy" and "The Morning Day"

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Thorburn will be their son Russel and daughter Pixie Thorburn, Miss Jill Scott and Miss Ann Seaton all from Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, Victoria.

Visiting Mrs. J. W. Baker and family, Robinson Road for Christmas will be Mrs. Baker's brother Doctor Neil Fletcher, Courtenay, and her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bradbury and Miss Helen Mellor all from Victoria.

course presented at night school on Salt Spring Island with Mrs. V. J. Haraway as St. John Ambulance instructor.

Examining doctor was Dr. O. L. Stanton.

Gaining first-year certificates were Peter Arnell, J. Waterfall, L. Hollings, J. Rozzanno, L. Hedger and W. Thorick.

Second-year certificates were taken by Fire Chief Fred

Donaghy, Don Irwin, H. Hollings, B. Mossop, J. Reynolds R. M. Patterson and L. Andersor

Course was run for 11 weeks under the auspices of the adult education division of the Gulf Islands School District.

Firemen voluntarily undertook the course in an effort to be better qualified to protect the community against fire or disaster. Ambulance volunteers of the Salt Spring Lions Club also undertook the course.

Two ambulance men, Oscar Wallace and D. Goodman took their examination with the firemen and passed.



GREETINGS

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