

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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## Ferries Change Around

Ferries to Salt Spring Island were switched around last week.

Salt Spring Queen, now refitted to serve temporarily between Vesuvius and Crofton has been put on that run while the Vesuvius Queen undergoes her annual refit.

When the Vesuvius Queen is refitted, the Salt Spring Queen will go for refit.

In the meantime Pender Queen is serving the Fulford-Swartz Bay run. Faster than the Salt Spring Queen, she is held down to the regular pace. Pender Queen is equipped with a coffee bar, not at present in service, and passengers report that she is the coldest vessel in service.

## Lions Teach Health Habit



Healthy Ganges youngster is learning a basic lesson of health in this picture. Judy Reynolds, Grade six student, is taking a carton of milk from Lieut.-Col.

Desmond Crofton, president of Salt Spring Island Lions Club. Roger Hughes, supplier of the milk and Donald Hartwig, school principal, are looking on.

Picture was taken on Monday morning when the new Lions Club project of bringing milk to the school was launched.

## Salaries Boosted

Teachers of the Gulf Islands will gain an increase in salary this year representing a boost of 8.01 per cent.

Arbitration board approved the increase, based on the Victoria scale.

Earlier the board of trustees had shown its willingness to go beyond the 1965 scale, of Greater Victoria level, plus \$65. At the same time the trustees lined to meet the teachers' proposals.

This scale was adopted and approved last week by the arbitration board.

## Best of Barkerville

### Best of Centennial Year

Best of Barkerville, which is scheduled for January 26 at Ganges, is the show touring the province in token of the centennial year.

Salt Spring Island Lions Club will bring the show here. The club is making all arrangements and spending all the money.

There will be two presentations of the brilliant music hall show. Matinee is scheduled for the school auditorium at Ganges for students immediately after school. Second show, in the evening, will be for adults.

Tickets for the evening

show are available from Island Garage, Salt Spring Lands, Ganges Pharmacy, Fulford Post Office, Patterson's Store or Driftwood.

Tickets are not needed for the matinee show and students and others, will pay at the door. Best of Barkerville promises to be the best of Centennial Year.

## They Can All Come to Barkerville Show

Residents of all the Gulf Islands will be able to attend the Salt Spring Island presentation of the Best of Barkerville, on Thursday afternoon, January 26.

Those living on Salt Spring Island will have a choice of matinee or evening performance. Others may attend the matinee and return home the same day.

Show is sponsored by Salt Spring Lions Club

## Feed Birds Asks Reader

Watch the birdie!

A reader has asked the community to remember the wild birds at this time of the year.

She recalls that a year ago, during the very harsh winter, there were birds everywhere dying of starvation.

Children, particularly, were invited to feed the birds while food is scarce.

## GALIANO WEATHER

Rainfall:

Mrs. Tommy Steele, precipitation recorder for south Galiano, reports that the month of December 1966 was not the wettest we had experienced in the last ten years, even though we thought it must be. She recorded 8.09 inches of rain for that month, but the highest was in 1963 when December had 9.68 inches.

## Christmas Ship

### And later dispute

by Elsie Worthington  
Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce has been taken to task by the Lions Club executive for failure to make adequate arrangements for arrival and reception of Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus ship on December 17th. The rebuke was contained in a letter read at Chamber council meeting January 4.

Prior to receipt of the letter a spokesman for the Lions had complained to Chamber president Mrs. Beth Wood that space had not been cleared at the boat basin for the ship to dock and that no one was on hand from the Chamber to welcome the ship or to help with the children.

Lions' letter stated the Bellingham visitors were far from happy about the situation at Ganges. The ship's visit is

not "the Lions' baby" and they are not interested in taking responsibility, continued the letter. They would be sorry if lack of support by the Chamber of Commerce for its own project should cause the ship's visit to be discontinued.

Discussion of the letter brought out the following points:

\* Chairman of Christmas ship committee, T.W. Portlock was on hand to welcome the (Continued on Page Two)

### SKATES ARE ON AT FULFORD HALL ON MONDAY NIGHTS

The skates are on at Fulford On Monday evening adult roller skating will start in the Fulford Community Hall at eight o'clock.

Adults on skates will be the program every Monday evening afterwards.

## How far away is HOVERCRAFT?

How far from the islands is the hovercraft?

Many years, says Highways Minister P.A. Gaglardi.

Very close, says the spokesman for Bell Aerosystems.

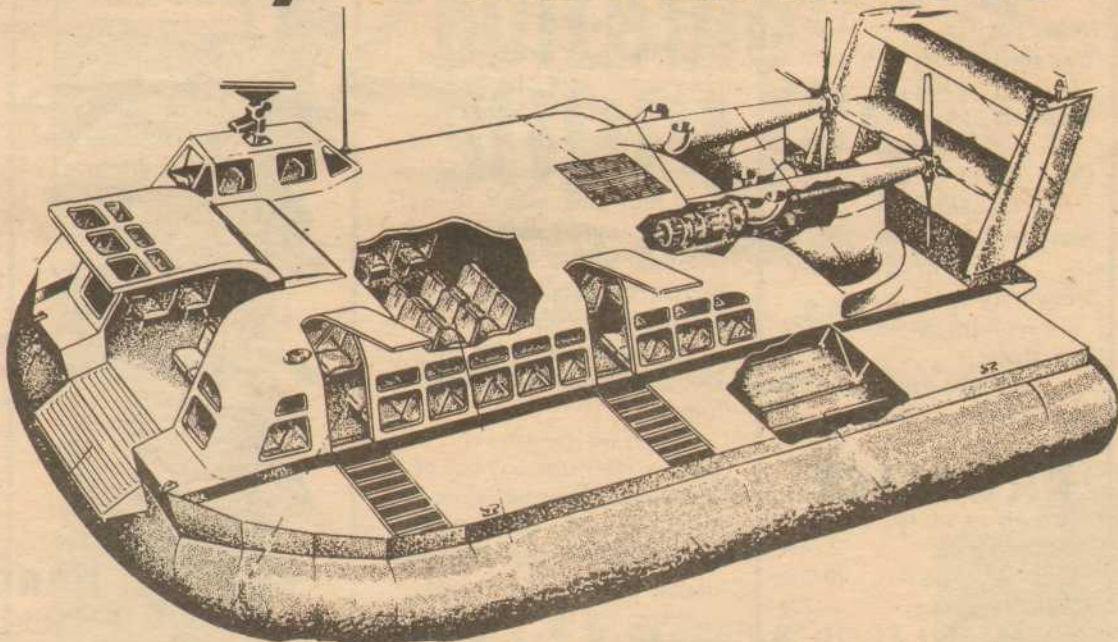
Bell builds hovercraft and Mr. Gaglardi would be a logical buyer. Which one is right?

A recent chat with Jack Brookes, of Bell Aerosystems brought the skimmers into close focus.

In the first place he objects to the term, hovercraft and prefers to refer to "air cushion vehicles".

In the second place he avers that an air cushion vehicle is a logical ferry vessel for the islands and he is confident that they will be seen here within a year or so.

There are already three applications for their operation



BELL SK-9 AIR CUSHION VEHICLE

Air cushion vehicles could serve the islands from Swartz Bay with no special facilities

Driftwood was told.

The spokesman for Bell explained that the vehicle will

speeds up to 70 m.p.h. A strip of polyethylene laid in the stones of the beach will

more

Chamber of Commerce

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ship. He had asked the wharfinger to clear a place for the boat but this was not done. Weeks before the ship's arrival Mr. Portlock had written two letters to Bellingham, and when neither was answered, made a telephone call, also unproductive, to inquire about the ship's plans. Literature listing the ship's itinerary was received after the boat had come and gone.

\* The Chamber was instrumental in getting a Victoria radio station to broadcast the ship's movements and time of arrival at Ganges to keep parents posted.

\* Four members of the Chamber executive, not members of Lions Club, were on hand and offered assistance. Others with membership in both groups were present and ready to help.

\* The Chamber spent \$25 on candy for the children and paid \$10 rental for Legion Hall for the party.

Council voted to pay for the bus ordered by Bellingham Jaycees for transportation of ship's personnel while at Ganges, but only after a

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**



Twenty Million Questions (one for every Canadian) is the title of CBC-TV's new public affairs series from Ottawa which each Thursday evening focuses on matters of national concern. The co-hosts of the half-hour program are Donald Gordon (left) of the University of Waterloo, and Charles Lynch — chief of Southam News Services, Ottawa. The two TV journalists are seen above interviewing Prime Minister Pearson for Twenty Million Questions.

spirited argument between the chairman and council members. Mrs. Wood opposed payment for the bus, contending that it had not been ordered by, or with permission of, the council.

The council accepted an invitation from the Lions to meet with their Boys and Girls work committee to iron out their problems.

**GANGES**

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cranswick and Miss Ivy Cranswick, Croton Road were visitors over the yule tide season of Mr. and Mrs. Cranswick's son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. W. Paterson of White Rock, B. C.

Mrs. G.B. Young returned home after visiting her son and

daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Young, Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baylis, Victoria, were recent guests of Mrs. E. B. Macmillan, Tripp Road.

Mrs. Peter Knight, Supervisor of Women's Residence, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, was a visitor 1 week-end of Mr. and M. Fred Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Spencer and family, Vancouver were recent visitors few days to the family home on Scott Road.

Miss Angela Hedgecock turned to U.B.C. last St after spending the Christ and New Year's holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hedgecock.

Guests during the past at Harbour House were Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Siegrant son William, Vancouver Dr. and Mrs. R. Wadell Prince Rupert.

Mrs. G. Bidwell, Ganges, was a visitor to the family home on Scott Road. Mrs. G. Bidwell, Ganges, was a visitor to the family home on Scott Road. Mrs. G. Bidwell, Ganges, was a visitor to the family home on Scott Road.

announces the marriage of her daughter Joan Carol to Mr. Ralph Hall, North Vancouver. The wedding took place in Vancouver December 30th, 1966.

Mrs. Peter Brodie, Sidney, will be the guest this week-

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"We were not there when the one car smashed into the other. We did not hear the noise of the impact, as steel and glass and blood screamed in protest. We did not see the cars throw out their dead as they whirled off the highway into the field. We did not see or hear them crawl out of the cars (those who could), to look at their happy world so instantly destroyed.

"We got there just after that. We did see a man kneeling over his wife, unable to understand that she could not speak to him -- unable to grasp that she would never speak again.

"We left him to his numbed misery to look at a little bundle flung further into the wheat -- a pretty baby boy. He too was dead. We left the child and looked in the car. Here the child's mother and baby sister were also beyond human help. His father was alive in the wreck of the car, a bloody mess, and fortunately at that time unable to realize that in that awful second wife and babies. During this horror, the man kneeling over his dead wife kept calling us to do something for his wife who still would not answer him.

"Then we got crowbars to get the teen-age boy out of the wreck where he lay jammed against the bodies of his sister and her baby. This was almost more than we could stand -- the sickening bubbling sounds and the pity of it all.

"Then finally when the doctor had pronounced them dead, to see and hear the

the agony in his face as he kissed her goodbye there in that dusty roadside. "This has not made pleasant reading. It was not meant to be. No one could begin to describe the horror of such a

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## I.O.D.E. Meeting

Members of HMS Ganges Chapter IODE welcomed new member Miss Olive Mouat, who was enrolled in a short ceremony conducted by regent Mrs. F.K. Parker at January 6th meeting held in Ganges United Church hall.

Educational secretary Mrs. G.D. Cruickshank reported library books and money for Christmas treat sent to the chapter's adopted school at Quilchena, B.C. Certificate of adoption received from National Chapter will be framed and sent to the school.

Services secretary Mrs. Colin King reported several letters of thanks received from recipients of Christmas hampers sent out by the chapter. She also reported two parcels of paperback books sent to Canadian servicemen in Germany. Scrapbooks for hospitalized children have been turned in and more have been promised.

Paper on the history of HMS Ganges, received from the British Admiralty, was read by Mrs. E. Worthington.

### FUNERAL SERVICES ON MAINLAND FOR MRS. A.J. EATON

Funeral services were held January 7 in Kamloops for Mrs. Vivian Kennedy Eaton who passed away in St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, B. C., January 4, 1967.

Mrs. Eaton leaves to mourn her beloved husband Arthur John Eaton and her sister Mrs. E.I. (Jackie) Simpson, 1009 Dominion St., Kamloops.

Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, former residents of Ganges moved to Kamloops two years ago.

Mrs. Eaton was a graduate nurse at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver. Her many friends were saddened to hear of her passing and their sympathy goes out to her husband and sister. Vivian Eaton will be remembered specially by the many patients she nursed in the Gulf Islands Lady Minto Hospital, and by all who knew her.

This was followed by the story of HMS Ganges training school for boys, in England, read by world affairs convener Mrs. G. H. Holmes.

Nominating committee for annual elections was appointed, comprising Mrs. J. Pitts, Mrs. T.W. Portlock and Mrs. O.L. Stanton.

Tea was served by hostesses Mrs. Pitts and Mrs. Cruickshank.

## Saturna Island

Following the John Money wedding in the island church, which had standing room only, everyone repaired to the community hall for a grand reception.

As it was Papajohn's B-Day he got to kissin' the bride and all the rest of our beautiful ladies. The only hitch was nobody believed it was my B-Day. The list of off Islanders present is listed in the wedding column.

After the reception and most of the guests had departed with the bride and groom on the four o'clock ferry everyone took another breath and staged an impromptu dance in the hall.

The old year went out with a bang in true Saturna style.

It was one of the grandest New Years extravaganzas possible.

Over 12 hours of quiet and not so quiet enjoyment was gained from meeting old friends and having all that good food provided by the ladies.

Bev and Ilene Campbell, home from Missouri for a week, had as their guest, Ilene's sister, Miss Cecilia Merrit, who was here for an all too short visit from Rome, Italy.

Jim and Lou Money had their son-in-law and daughter Bob and Betty Pedersen and grandchildren down for a brief visit.

Bobby Begon had his gal

### GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Mr. R. A. Foulis reports a very successful New Year's Eve party was held, with Reg Stone of C.J.V.I. at the organ. A capacity crowd attended.

### FIRST WHARF

First ferry wharf to be used on Salt Spring Island 100 or more years ago was located at Fernwood.

friend, Debby Wein, down. Debby didn't get to do much dancin' with Bobby as he plays the guitar in our local band. Danny Miller, who plays traps, was also home to visit his mother. Danny is presently at Campbell River. Mr. and Mrs. J. Tucker of Vancouver have been down, off and on, refurbishing their home here.

One of the few bits of sad news: Danny Lawson had to be flown over to Lady Minto last week with pneumonia and minor complications. Dr. Dixon says he responded well to medication and should be home by next week. It must have been that last piece of cake or candy, Danny!

Well, a lamb followed Mary to school one day, but here on Saturna Jackie Campbell had her pet deer follow her over the mountain and everyone was sure it wasn't New Year's morning but there was a lovely deer hanging around the school all day. After supper that night Jackie

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came back over and with Evelyn Klassen's help was trying to feed it and lead it home.

It ended up with Johnny Klassen putting it into his camper and driving it up as far as he could, where Loraine Campbell met them with their St. Bernard dog and a pet goat, and the deer then scampered home with his friends.

Our wharfter Steve Mas-kow, always genial, was really happy last week even without his hat. Steve and Myrtle are now grandparents. Welcome to the club, folks!

Sunday, January 15 is the date of the annual meeting of the island Anglican Church. Come out and attend and show approval of the work and effort of our new minister, Rev. J. Dangertield, and his wife are doing for our small parish.

Good news! Hilda Yates, of Samuel Island, is back from a serious operation and is doing fine. Hilda will now have

### LIONS' GOVERNOR

### TO VISIT SALT SPRING CLUB

Lion President Desmond Crotton announces that District Governor Clark Matthieu from Port Angeles will visit Salt Spring Island on Thursday, January 19.

A dedicated Lion for 12 years, Mr. Matthieu is well-known to every club in the District for his enthusiasm and friendliness. He will come to Salt Spring Island Lions Club for his official annual visit.

While here he hopes to initiate several new members into the club.

a chance to visit with her daughter out from England.

Bill Talbot, of Tumbo Island (our outermost Island really) is back from a serious operation also.

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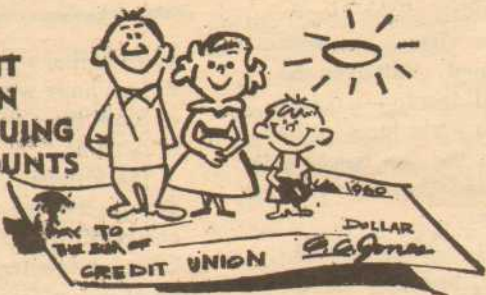
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## TEACHERS

Executive director of the B. C. Teachers' Federation has recommended that teachers required to handle classes of more than 40 pupils next fall should walk off the job.

It is unfortunate that the responsible spokesman for one of the most learned of the trade unions should resort to the tactics of the hustings. The recommendation is irresponsible and it is to be hoped that the majority of B. C. teachers do not sympathize with him.

The spokesman says that the larger classes are to be condemned for their influence on the students. He then proposes that the teachers involved walk off the job. Who then suffers? Surely it is the child he is claiming to protect who would suffer most?

The federation is determined to work for peace in the manner of Bernard Shaw. The teachers will maintain peace even if they have to fight for it!

A responsible thinking group must be responsible and thoughtful in its public pronouncements. This recommendation shows neither.

## DRIVING HAZARDS

The danger of driving and drivers was exemplified last week when a reader was driving from Victoria to the Swartz Bay ferry.

At the beginning of the new four-lane section of Patricia Bay Highway he met a woman driver travelling south in the fast north-bound lane.

Not only was the offending car in the wrong lane, but she was using it in a section, the only section, where a barrier marks the median between the two sections of highway.

It is acts of folly such as this which contribute more to the danger of driving more than a dozen heavy-footed, skilful youths.

## To The Editor HE YET SERVES

It was my privilege to hear the Governor-General's stirring New Year's Day address.

I have sent for copies but the written word cannot reproduce the feeling put into the address by His Excellency nor the effort and strength expended by him to express it.

In the past Gen. Vanier has risked life and limb (and lost one) for Canada. He is still serving Canada with all his might.

F.H.A. Collins,  
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## VOTE OF THANKS

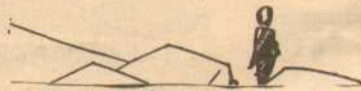
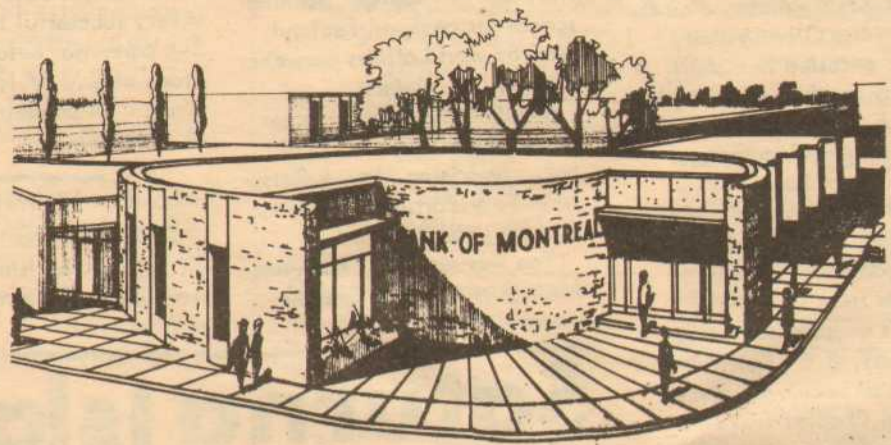
Vote of appreciation for generous coverage of Chamber activities has been voiced by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ward, former owners of DRIFTWOOD.

## CHAIRMAN PEILER SEEKS LIST OF CENTENNIAL DATES

Centennial committee chairman Col. M.F. Peiler has asked for a list of Salt Spring Island centennial celebration dates to be included in the B.C. centennial calendar. Deadline is January 31.

## AWAY TO JAMAICA

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Clarke, Ganges, left on December 29 for a holiday in Jamaica.



One hundred years of British Columbia history will be bridged on January 24, 1967, when the first session of the twenty-eighth Legislative Assembly will open in New Westminster. The British

Columbia Centennial Committee requested the government to convene the session in the city where the first session of the Legislative Council of the colony of British Columbia was convened on January 24, 1867.

The colony had been formed by proclamation of the union of crown colonies on Vancouver Island and the Mainland on November 19, 1866.

New Westminster did not long remain the capital of the new colony, but the Provincial Centennial Committee conceived the temporary return of government to the mainland as a fitting reminder of the birth of the province 100 years ago.

"It is expected up to 7,000 people will witness the opening," said L.J. Wallace, general chairman of the Provincial Centennial Committee. "This will be far the largest crowd ever to attend a legislative opening."

The turniture of the legislative chambers in Victoria will be transported to New Westminster, by the British Columbia Department of

## ALL ROUND BANK IN ONTARIO

New building for the Bank of Montreal's branch at Bramalea, Ont., now under construction, is believed to be the first circular banking building in Canada. It will be the hub of a new shopping centre, with stores in two arms stretching from the bank. Completion is scheduled for June, 1967. While Bramaleans are saving their pennies for a new bank, Islanders are anxiously awaiting the announcement of an all-round bank at Ganges and a regular bank on the other islands.

Public Works, and the floor plan of the Chamber simulated in Queen's Park Arena.

The session will open at 3 p.m., with the colourful panoply of ceremony inherited from British Colonial days.

The guard of honour and band will be provided by the Royal New Westminster Regiment, and the Ancient Order of the Hyack Anvil Battery will fire the Royal Salute.

Lieutenant Governor George Pearkes will read the speech from the throne.

## OFFICIAL OPENING IS HELD OVER AS RESIDENTS COME

Opening of the Lions Pioneer Village has been postponed. Although the official opening will take place a little later in the Spring, the new homes will be occupied as soon as they are ready.

Lieut.-Col. Desmond Crofton, president of Salt Spring Island Lions Club, ex-

## TEACHERS CALL FOR SMALLER CLASSES OR NO CLASSES AT ALL

Executive director of the B.C. Teachers' Federation has recommended that teachers walk off the job next fall rather than teach classes of 40 or more pupils.

The decision made at the December meeting of the executive will be presented to the annual general meeting of the federation next Easter, for ratification.

The committee has also recommended that the federation pay the salaries of teachers who refuse to teach classes of 40 or more.

Teachers' Federation president Harley Robertson said students are the ones who suffer in large classes, because teachers cannot hope to give any of them the individual attention they need if they are to progress satisfactorily through the school system.

"Teachers are fed up with trying to do the impossible," he said. "They are expected to develop each child as an individual, yet B.C. has many of the largest classes in Canada. The situation is obviously absurd."

plained that the weather conditions have washed out earlier plans for a February official opening.

The village homes will be occupied as they are ready, commencing in February. Official opening will take place about Easter.

## Salty



Frank G. Richards.

ANNUAL MEETING  
Salt Spring Island Chamber  
of Commerce and general  
meeting will be held Wed.  
Jan. 17, in the

## CHURCH SERVICES Sunday, January 15, 1967. SALT SPRING ISLAND

### ANGLICAN

St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	8:30 a.m.
St. Mark's	Central	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.
St. Mary's	Fultord	Evensong	2:30 p.m.
St. George's	Ganges	Evensong	7:30 p.m.

### UNITED

Ganges	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Ganges	Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

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Our Lady of Grace,	Ganges	11:00 a.m.

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## Mayne Island

by Elsie Brown

The island has returned to normal after the Christmas festivities. Decorations are down and put away for another year.

Stopped off at Hopkins Trading Post after a three week absence to get caught up on the news. Margaret was busy cleaning the store windows. They had a busy time during the Christmas season at the store. Their Open House Christmas Eve was well attended; many stayed all afternoon. Ted and Margaret were pleased with the turn out.

New Year's Eve parties were numerous. Arbutus Lodge had a smorgasbord. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Imrie had their annual Open House; Ina Trudgeon and Jean Fraser entertained as did Mr. and Mrs. George Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. John De Rousie of Miner's Bay, spent Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don DeRousie of Chatham Point Light Station. They flew from Campbell River but returned by speed boat. Trip was quite a harrowing experience says Mrs. DeRousie.

Wendell Piggott of Juskatla, Queen Charlotte Islands, spent the Christmas season with his parents, Bill and Effie Piggott, Miners Bay. Also visiting was Effie's brother, Sandy Service of Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cordoni spent the New Year's Eve in Victoria visiting friends.

Valerie Baldwin's mother, Mrs. M. Siegner has returned to her home in Victoria after a lengthy stay at the Lodge. Visiting Mr. and Mrs.

Fred Bennett during the holiday were their daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Gurski, Vivian and Allen who have recently returned from West Germany. They have now left for Edmonton where Mr. Gurski is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Medcalf of Lester, Wash., were visiting their island home at Bennett sub-division over the holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Picco of Portland, Oregon, were also holiday visitors at their Bennett subdivision abode.

Visiting Mary Kline at her home on Miners Bay were her niece, Miss Dorothy Murrell and her friend, Miss Jane Yelf, both of West Vancouver. Mary's mother, Mrs. C. Murrell, was visiting relatives on the mainland over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ross, of Fernhill Road, were on the mainland visiting relatives during the holiday when Jim celebrated a birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morson were off the island over New Year's visiting friends and relatives on the mainland.

(I would like to remind islanders and commuters that news items may be left at Center Island Store or Hopkins Trading Post or phone 539-2480.)

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Only one sharp criticism has been levelled against the use of such vehicles here. In British Columbia waters there are more dead heads and floating logs than anywhere in the world, one critic has charged. These would be a serious hazard to the use of hovercraft, he contended.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

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**COMING EVENTS**

C.W.L. Bingo Friday, Jan. 13 at 8:15 p.m. 50% of proceeds as prizes. Jackpot \$50.00. Special prizes. Refreshments will be served.

**ELEPHANTS IN B.C. COASTAL WATERS?**

Many will be surprised to hear that just off the B. C. Coast, a species of elephant can be found. This Elephant is known as the Elephant Seal. And why the common name Elephant Seal? Because this ton or two of shapeless bulk, the male mirounga augustirostris, has a pendulous snout of cavernous tissue, through which the nostrils run; relaxed, it hangs some eight or nine inches below the mouth, but when inflated it may rise to sixteen inches in length and through it the animal utters a ventriloquial roar. By this fantastic "trunk" it is easy to identify this largest of the seals. Little is known concerning the habits of the Elephant Seal in northern latitudes and it may be that this grotesque creature will be seen more often and will make itself better known.  
 But, this unattractive hulk has behind him the sad weight of long persecution by man.

As the fur seal vanished, sealers turned their attention to the Elephant Seal, with the result that early in the present century both southern and northern species were dangerously reduced and regulations were designed to conserve the stocks. Hence forward licenses for hunting have been required for the southern species, and the northern are

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**FULFORD FLYING**  
by Bea Hamilton

G. Henry Ruckle has returned to Germany after his holidays at his home in Beaver Point. Leaving Patricia Bay Airport at 6 A.M., Mr. Ruckle was back in Germany in 22 hours.

"The most beautiful sight was leaving Vancouver," said Mr. Ruckle in his letter home to Mr. and Mrs. G. Ruckle, "The city was lovely with all the brilliant lighting." He slept for several hours across the Atlantic and woke up in time to see a beautiful sunset over England.

But the most striking scene says Mr. Ruckle, was in Montreal, when the plane sent the snow flying just as the crimson sun rays colored everything. "It looked as if the snow was on fire," he recalls.

**PLANS LAID**  
The Fulford Hall committee held their meeting last week in the hall.

Plans are in the making for a seafood smorgasbord to be held about February 25. More will be published on that later.

There will be a White Elephant stall at the supper, no clothes, just small articles, costume jewelry, books and pictures.

Mrs. J. Bennett was appointed treasurer pro tem for the committee to replace Mrs. Moulton who held that position before her illness.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Gyves were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dempster of Royal Oak, Victoria, Mrs. Dempster is Mrs. Gyves' sister.

Mrs. Art Moulton (Kitty) is a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria. She hopes to be back with her family soon.

Mrs. Edie Wilson returned home after spending the holidays with friends in Vancouver.

**MRS. HELEN REID TO HEAD UNITED CHURCH WOMEN HERE**

Mrs. Helen Reid is the newly elected president of the United Church Women at Ganges.

Mrs. Reid was named to office at the annual meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 9. She will serve with vice-president, Miss Mary Corbett, treasurer, Mrs. Aleta Tomlinson, secretary, Mrs. Jean Earl and Mrs. E. Parsons, in charge of devotional.

During the evening the minister, Rev. E. W. McQuarrie, addressed the association on the principles of union of the churches.

Mrs. I. Bradley led the devotional. There were 16 members present.

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**Library is free of debt meeting told**

Salt Spring Public Library is now entirely free of debt, Dr. O.L. Stanton, chairman, announced at the annual meeting of the Salt Spring Public Library Association, held Monday in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Ganges.

W.M. Mouat, chairman of the building fund committee, produced figures showing that in a little over three years the debt on the new library building had been reduced from \$8,000 to zero.

Dr. Stanton said that this happy situation was due entirely to public support from all parts of Salt Spring Island. The library is owned and operated by the people of the island; that is the registered members who pay a nominal \$1 per year for the privilege of borrowing books from the library.

They automatically become members of the Salt Spring Public Library Association. Students and children use the library facilities free of any charge.

Dr. Stanton thanked the many volunteer librarians who had given their time and service during the past year.

The secretary of the association, John R. Sturdy, reported that of the 47 public library associations in British Columbia, the Salt Spring library had the eighth largest stock of books available, was 19th in circulation and 20th in membership.

It was pointed out at the meeting that, although the building debt had been written off, financial contributions are still requested in order for the library to qualify for the annual government grant for the purchase of books, which is based dollar for dollar on the amount of local support.

Mrs. A.W. Wolte-Milner and Mrs. S.H. Hawkins were elected to the library board for two-year terms. The officers for 1967 are: chairman, Dr. O.L. Stanton, secretary, John R. Sturdy, treasurer, Mrs. S.H. Hawkins.

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Miss Val Gyves of Portland Ore., walked in to visit her parents on New Year's Day, bringing cheer and a happy weekend to the family. Mr. and Mrs. Gyves, Sr., spent Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter at Colwood, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Russell.

E.H. Smith is back home after spending the holidays with his daughter and family, Mrs. Archer, in Vancouver. And just to confuse the issue, Frank Smith returned home from Victoria last week. He spent the Christmas week-end with his son, Roy Smith and Mrs. Smith.

St. Paul's R.C. Church is getting a new roof--in between the rain showers. It is amazing what a lot of things can get done between showers.

A flock of robins swarmed over the apples last week out in the orchard. They may have been en route to somewhere and just stopped by for a snack.

All best wishes to the new editor of Driftwood. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richards are well-known to many of us and we hope they will find the Island a pleasant place.

It's going to be funny without Jim and Arlene Ward on the job, but to them also we wish a happy holiday? Rest? Change? Well, whatever it is they are going through, may it be all they hoped for.

**COMING EVENTS**  
Adults' roller skating - Fulford Community Hall, 8:00 p.m. Mondays.

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**Pender Island**

W. Rees, from Victoria, has now made his home on the Island, living at Browning Harbour.

George Pearson is a patient in the Royal Jubilee Hospital and hopes to be soon home again.

Mrs. E. G. Fralic is a patient in the Lady Minto Hospital.

John Copley is back home again after being in the Veteran's Hospital, Victoria.

Mrs. I.J. Garrod is a patient in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria.

Mrs. Blanche White, who has been a patient in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, is now home again with her family there.

On South Pender, Mrs. Ruby Hatcher had her niece, Mrs. Fred Kennett, from North Vancouver, for the week-end.

Miss H. Howe enjoyed spending Christmas in North Vancouver with her people there, but is now home again.

Alec Mackinnon is back on the Island, having spent Christmas in Bellingham, with his sister-in-law.

Mrs. Alec Mackinnon was on South Pender for Christmas but has now gone back to 100 Mile House, to resume her duties there as school-teacher.

**CHRISTENING**  
On Saturday morning, December 24, in St. Christopher's Church, Rev. J. Dangerfield christened Jennifer and Reese Hall, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall, Jr., under the rapt attention of the grandparents, Fred and Freda Hall.

Barry and Bernice Crooks were the godparents. It was a happy occasion as, although the younger family now live off the Island, they consider Saturna their home.

more  
**ELEPHANT SEAL IN B.C.**  
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wholly protected, until today the average yearly "take" is about 6,000 individuals. These huge mammals of the sea were killed in their tens of thousands for the great quantities of fats and oil that could be extracted from the thick layers of blubber covered by the dry, stiff yellowish brown hair and cracked, corrugated skin.

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**PACIFIC HOLIDAY**  
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**GALIANO WEATHER**

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1964 showed the least - only 3.13 inches.

In reviewing the records for the past year in this area, Mrs. Steele reports that 1966 was a bit above average in the amount of rainfall for the 12 months' period. The annual average since 1956 is 33.78 inches for south Galiano. 1966 had a total of 37.29 inches. The highest since 1956 occurred in 1961 when the year's total was 39.88 inches, and the lowest recorded in that period was in 1964 when we only had 28.92 inches in the whole year.

**FULFORD TIDE TABLE**

January, 1967. P.S.T.

Day	Time	Hr.
Jan. 12	0745	11.7
Th.	1300	9.5
	1605	10.0
13	0000	1.7
Fr.	0820	11.6
	1350	9.0
	1700	9.5
14	0035	2.3
Sa.	0840	11.4
	1450	8.5
	1745	8.8
15	0105	3.1
Su.	0905	11.3
	1540	7.8
	1845	8.1
16	0130	4.0
Mo.	0930	11.2
	1635	7.0
	2015	7.5
17	0200	5.1
Tu.	0950	11.1
	1715	6.1
	2215	7.1
18	0220	6.3
We.	1010	10.9
	1750	5.3

# He is happy with Road opening plan

Chamber of Commerce roads committee chairman A.W. Wolfe-Milner has expressed pleasure at the decision of school trustees to allow land for widening of Rainbow Road and to hold in abeyance the question of Kanaka Road closure from Rainbow Road to the school bus sheds.

Asked at last week's chamber meeting if another road could be opened to replace the school ground section of Kanaka Road, Mr. Wolfe-Milner said there is perhaps a remote possibility, but he was not hopeful.

Andy Johnson made a plea for the widening and improvement of Cranberry Road from Ganges-Fulford Road to Maxwell Mountain Park.

Mr. Johnson said this road is used extensively by tourists all year round. He declared 120 or more cars can be counted headed for Mount Maxwell on any given Sunday in summer, and 15 or 20 on winter weekends.

Speaking later to Driftwood Mr. Johnson said the provincial department of recreation should be approached to do the work as the road leads to a popular tourist attraction. He said cars use an average of a gallon of gasoline for the trip, yielding 13¢ tax to the government. He thinks this money paid by tourists should go to building a good road for tourist travel.

"It's a job for the Recreation Department," declared Mr. Johnson, "We can't ex-

pect the road men here to do it out of their allotment."

Local Chamber will add its support to protest by Victoria Chamber of Commerce against proposed increase in freight rates to Salt Spring Island.

The Victoria body will make submission to the Public Utilities Commission on January 27.

**in and around FERNWOOD**

Mrs. C. Sampson and her son, Vic, spent Christmas in Oregon City, with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Sampson. They then enjoyed the New Year holiday in Duncan on their way back to their Fernwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Adams visited their daughter in Vancouver and spent a pleasant Christmas with their family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Conway, of Duncan, entertained their aunt, Mrs. S.A. Thompson for Christmas.

Rev. Dr. W.W. Moore, from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, has retired to his new home at Fernwood. His neighbours have welcomed the Presbyterian minister and expressed the hope that he will enjoy his retirement at Fernwood.

Ed Bettiss spent a pleasant Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Vic Bettiss and relatives.

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THURSDAY, January 19 - O.A.P.O. Annual Dinner, 12:30 p.m. in St. George's Hall.

WEDNESDAY, January 25 - 6:30 p.m. Ganges Annual Congregational Meeting (Pot Luck Supper) Reports and election of officers of United Church.

MONDAY, January 16 - Adults' roller skating at Fulford Community Hall

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