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AMBULANCE CREWS UNDERTAKE COURSE IN FIRST AID



Here is a happy group of ambulance drivers. They are all volunteer drivers for the Salt Spring Island Lions Ambulance scheme. When an ambulance is needed they will be on the scene. They are seen here during the St. John Ambulance course at Ganges, offered by the adult education program of Gulf Islands School District and instructed by Mrs. V. J. Harraway. A second class of Salt Spring Island men is held on Tuesdays when the volunteer firemen take the same course. The prone figure is a life-size inflatable figure used for demonstration purposes.

Taking part are Archdeacon R. B. Horsefield, Jim Merston, Norman Moutat, Oscar Wallace, J. Low, J. Woods, Ted Earwaker, Irl Bradley, Wayne Bradley, K. Luton and D. Goodman.

Rod & Gun Club Awards

The annual S.S.I. Rod and Gun Club banquet and dance was held at Fulford Hall Friday, November 17.

Over 60 members and friends sat down to the delicious game dinner consisting of fried oysters gathered that morning from local beaches, salmon, roast venison and moose. Mrs. Caroline Reynolds, chairman of the entertainment committee, was convener, assisted by many helpers. Dennis Andrews, president of the Club presided at the banquet and called upon various members of the committee to present the trophies.

First prize in the shooting derby for the heaviest buck of the season was won by Bernie Reynolds; best set of horns (four point) was won by Dennis Andrews. Trophy for the heaviest

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ISLAND FUTURE LIES IN FARMING *

"Salt Spring Island had large fruit farms in the past, and this is still an ideal area for raising apples and small fruits," George Heinekey, president of Island Farmers' Institute said at last Wednesday's meeting in the Legion Hall.

Mr. Heinekey noted that while the family farm has become virtually extinct, the demand for fruit continues. He believes that fruit farming can be brought back to the islands and operated successfully under modern conditions.

"Putting acreage into fruit could bring the land back into profitable use," he said.

Several factors contributed to the decline of the family farm, said Mr. Heinekey. Labor is expensive and hard to get. Luxuries unknown in former years are necessities today. Cost of bringing in feed and fertilizers, and shipping produce off the island, is a serious economic factor. High freight rates have severely curtailed, and even eliminated profit, he observed.

Salt Spring had 170 farmers in 1900. Today they can be counted on one hand, said Mr. Heinekey. Referring to agricultural exhibition schedules for 1900, he noted the local fair had offered 332 classes, ranging from livestock to cookery. By 1913 the number had increased to 448. In 1958 only 168 classes were listed. By the 1960's the fair had ceased to function.

There was a first class creamery on Salt Spring in those days, recalled Mr. Heinekey. When King George VI and Queen Elizabeth came to Canada in 1939 they were served Salt Spring Island butter on their trip across the country.

Salt Spring Island lamb was

famous too. The island had the first R.O.P. (Registered Official Production) flock of hens, also a champion Leghorn layer.

"It is unfortunate that farming has disappeared on the island," Mr. Heinekey said with regret. "But it can be brought back," he added with emphasis.

Soldier and his bride

look back on 50 years

BY ELSIE WORTHINGTON

Fifty years of married life, with all its ups and downs truly shared, was celebrated Wednesday, November 22, by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Byron, well-known Salt Spring Island residents.

Mr. Byron, 84, has been confined to a wheel chair for the past three years.

Mrs. Byron is still hale and hearty at 83. They were married in 1917 at Aldershot, England, and came to Canada in 1919. After farming for several years in Saskatchewan, they left the drought-stricken area in 1934, and with their five young sons began a new life on Salt Spring Island.

Kenneth, the eldest son, is with the 2nd Black Watch, Royal Highlanders of Canada, stationed at Wainwright, Alberta. Terence, Howard, and Franklin (Mike), live on Salt Spring. Another son, Colin, was killed in a logging accident, December, 1960. The couple has 23 grandchildren, all but one living on the island. Grandson Darrell is with the Air Force.

NOW OR NEVER

NOMINATIONS

Nominations close for Gulf Islands School District on Friday.

Property owners of the district who are planning to seek election to the school board of trustees must file their nomination papers by noon on Friday, Nov. 24.

Although the terms of five trustees expire at the close of the year no newcomer has yet announced himself and not all trustees have decided to seek a further term.

Even if all trustees now reaching the end of their terms should decide to run for a further term there would be no election unless others should contest the seats.

Nominations for two seats on the Capital Region District board of directors must be filed by noon on Monday, Nov. 27.

Both incumbents have announced plans of running but no others have appeared yet.

GULF ISLANDS BRANCH

ISLANDS POPPY SALES

HIGHEST IN HISTORY

Gulf Islands Branch 84 of Royal Canadian Legion has expressed thanks to all those who assisted in the sale of poppies on and around Remembrance Day.

They particularly thanked all the ladies and gentlemen around the islands who gave of their time and energy to sell the poppies, and those who so generously donated.

This is the only demand the Royal Canadian Legion makes on the general public, and the funds so gathered are placed in a special account, the funds of which can only be used to help any veteran in urgent need.

The results this year were: Galiano, \$125.50; Saturna, \$40; Mayne, \$30.

The executive and members of the branch were particularly grateful for the largest collection made in the many years poppies have been sold by the branch.

TWO PLAYS AT SCHOOL BY GROUP

Newly formed Salt Spring Island Drama Group will present two plays as part of the Gulf Islands Secondary School Bazaar on Friday, December 1.

The first play, "The Sandbox" is a bit of modern theatre by the famous American playwright, Edward Albee, who wrote "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf". The leading part will be played by Lois Pharis, supported by Sheila Fraser, Bob Pharis, Don Cunningham, and Ray Hill.

The second play is a wildly hilarious farce, entitled "Passion, Poison, and Petrification" by George Bernard Shaw, who wrote it as a spoof of Victorian melodrama. In the cast are Beth Hill, Ed Gould, Brian Stazicker, Kay Booth, Sheila Fraser, Herb Strain, and Gerry Clayton. Both plays are directed by Olive Clayton.

They will be presented in the Mahon Hall three times each during the evening of December 1 at 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30. Admission will be 25¢.

FERRY IS BACK ON SCHEDULE

Ferries have come back to normal this week with the return of Vesuvius Queen to her normal run.

The Vesuvius-Crofton link has been running on a temporary, irregular service for the past three weeks while repairs were carried out to the Vesuvius wharf.

The Queen is now running on the hour from this side and on the half-hour from Crofton. In the meantime crews of Fraser River Pile Driving Co. have almost completed the reconstruction of the wharf.

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MR. AND MRS. JESSE BYRON LOOK BACK ON 50 YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE



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the story of the retreat from Mons. Next day he hitched up his three-year-old colt with its

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patent leather harness, climbed into his smart buggy and set off for the recruiting office some miles away. Several months passed before the call-up notice came. By Christmas, 1915, he was a soldier.

Sent overseas in April, 1916, he headed for his old home town on his first leave.

"It was wonderful to walk again along the narrow English country roads, with the hawthorn hedges just coming into bloom and the blackbirds, the thrushes and larks all singing," he recalls.

While visiting his sister and brother the young soldier went across the road to call on a neighbour, Mrs. Davies, and there met again her daughter Lizzie, his childhood playmate.

"She looked so nice and neat. I thought to myself: 'Here's the girl I've been looking for!'"

By the end of his six days leave they were engaged, and planned to be married on his next furlough. But it was eighteen months later before the knot was tied.

Before his next leave came around, the soldier, serving with 10th Company Canadian Field Engineers, had been through the hell of Ypres, Somme, and Vimy Ridge. At last the 14-day leave came through and on November 20, 1917, he set out for England.

In the meantime, his fiancée had joined the Women's Army Corps and was stationed with Queen Mary's Unit (Q.M.A.C.) at Aldershot. After the couple was united, two days were lost waiting for the Bishop of Chichester to give the vicar, Rev. Mr. LeFlann, permission to hold the marriage ceremony in St. George's Military Church. It was the second war wedding to be held there.

The bride arrived at the church with her attendant, a fellow W.A.C., and the Commandant, who was to give the bride away. About 300 uniformed women were gathered for the wedding. All appeared to be in readiness for the ceremony when it was discovered that the bridegroom had no best man.

Mr. Byron tells the story: "I dashed outside, saw a soldier off duty walking along the street and asked him to be my best man. I didn't know him, and to this day I still don't know his name!"

After the honeymoon, it was back to war duty for the couple

until Armistice Day, a year later. Another six months' army duty in Belgium followed for Mr. Byron before he was discharged in May, 1919.

A few weeks later he and his wife set sail for the homestead in Saskatchewan.

Between 1920 and 1930 their five boys were born in the farmhouse.

"There were no hospitals or nurses there, and the doctor was a long way off," explained Mrs. Byron. "But we had a fine Swedish neighbour and she was a good midwife."

For ten years the Byrons prospered. They had invested their savings and the war bonus in the farm, and the money, along with plenty of hard work, had brought good returns. Then prairie drought and the depression struck together in 1929. Crops failed year after year and things went from bad to worse.

"Somehow we got by," said Mr. Byron, without bitterness.

By the fall of 1934, with six years of crop failure behind them the Byrons felt they could take no more. Mr. Byron loaded his total wheat crop for that year in a waggon box and took it to the miller, who gave him 800 pounds of flour in exchange.

"I still had a lot of livestock but no grain to feed them and no money to buy feed," he recalled. "I offered the storekeeper everything on the farm, including the furniture, for \$500. But he couldn't buy it. Like the rest of us, he had no money."

An auction sale was arranged. Close to 100 head of cattle, sheep, and horses, as well as a large flock of hens and turkeys,

the farm implements and household goods, brought the meagre sum of \$425.

The Byrons were reluctant to leave their neighbours. The feeling was mutual, for in spite of the scarcity of cash, their friends managed to collect a few dollars and presented the money as a parting gift.

After settling their debts, the Byrons paid \$125 for rail tickets and headed for Vancouver with \$200 to start a new life. The family stopped off in the Fraser Valley and stayed for a short time in an auto camp at Abbotsford.

At the local branch of the Legion Mr. Byron met "an old chappie of 86" who had 80 acres of land and a house on Salt Spring Island he wanted to sell for \$800.

"I thought this would be a wonderful place to hide myself and get my family under cover," said Mr. Byron. A trucker heading for Vancouver offered to transport the family and their possessions to the C.P.R. dock for \$5.00. They stopped in Vancouver to buy a used kitchen range and loaded this on the truck. The family boarded the "Princess Mary", and arrived at Ganges on November 22, 1934, the Byrons 17th Wedding anniversary.

The promised haven on Salt Spring turned out to be an abandoned chicken house, with only two of the 80 acres of land cleared. The late Gavin Mouat offered the family a house on the North End Road (their present location) with more land cleared and a barn full of hay. The next day he sent a truck to the Ganges Inn to move the family to their new home.

"We took some groceries with us. All essentials, no frills," said Mr. Byron. "He didn't even buy butter," added his wife.

It was a very wet November. Damp wood made fire-lighting difficult. "We slept on the floor at first," recalled Mr. Byron. "Not me!" interjected his wife,

"I found an old door and put it on two orange crates and used that for a bed, with a blanket and pillow."

Beds, table and chairs, were purchased from a sale at Vesuvius Lodge.

"We had beds to sleep on and a table to eat off," Mr. Byron remembers. "I borrowed a shovel and that winter I dug half an acre of land for a garden. We were not the kind of folk to sit down and expect the Almighty to put food in our mouths and clothes on our backs."

In the spring Mr. Byron got six days' work on the roads and was paid \$19.20. "That was wonderful money. I signed the cheque and turned it over to Mouat's. They had kept us going with groceries all winter."

By summer the Byrons had two cows milking; a flock of laying hens, and a good supply of vegetables from the half acre.

"We lived well that year, said Mr. Byron with pride; "Milk and butter and eggs, and all that garden produce."

From then on the family fortunes made steady progress. In 1939 a small legacy made it possible for them to put a down payment on the property, and the couple became landowners once more.

The war years were filled with sunshine and shadow. Timber and cattle brought good prices and the property was soon paid for. But two of their sons had gone to the war, leaving them with anxious hearts and frequent foreboding.

The couple knew only too well the horrors of war. At last it ended, and with thankful hearts they welcomed their boys home again.

In 1947 the Byrons set about fulfilling the dream of rebuilding their house. Proudly they describe the improvements made to their comfortable home over the years.

Looking back, Mr. Byron said simply: "We've had it good, Lizzie and I." His wife nodded assent.

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A group of prairie people several years ago decided that a concentrated course in moral character as well as academics was essential to society. This group established a school in Manitoba where the students maintain their own premises, feed themselves and learn a greater variety of subjects than are attempted in the public schools. They turned their backs on the ice cream, TV and plastics and substituted a tight physical training program and a broad academic course.

The sponsors called their association the Company of the Cross and established it under the banner of the Anglican church.

Prominent Fulford couple, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Dane, have followed the fortunes of this group and their unusual school. When

the Fulford couple received a booklet from the Company of the Cross seeking recruits, they passed it on to Driftwood with the hope of gaining a wider interest.

The community is planning the establishment of further schools on the prairies and the

TWO MEN WILL APPEAR IN COURT HERE FOR GALIANO INCIDENT

Due to an error in typography two stories became one in last week's Driftwood.

The story, as a result, referred to an incident taking place during the week-end as having already had a sequel in court, three days before the alleged offence was committed.

Two men have been charged with pitlamping on Galiano Island. They have yet to appear before a magistrate on this charge.

need for volunteers is increasing. The volunteers earn \$1 per day and they are housed and fed.

They work some 16 hours daily for seven days a week and frequently pass an entire year without a vacation. Members of the Company of the Cross must be Anglicans, Associate members may be of other denominations.

The school is possibly unique in its concept of education, training, logic and morality in a Christian background, by virtue of the emphasis placed on staying with a project and the extent to which the students work in the maintenance and administration of the school. There are few other schools which expect students to become expert in travelling by canoe or snowshoes.

If any reader is interested in the school he may learn more from Doug Dane, at Fulford or from St. John's Cathedral Boys' School, RR 2, Selkirk, Man.

SPECIALTY CROPS AND SEED GROWING LOOM AS POSSIBILITIES FOR SALT SPRING

In the 1920's a large seed farm existed on what is now the Golf Course, said P.G. (Jack) James, speaking to the November 15 meeting of the Farmers' Institute at Ganges.

This seed farm was one of three on Salt Spring Island operated by Mr. James' family. The others were at Fernwood Farm and Vesuvius. Contracts were filled for large seed firms throughout Canada.

"The Gulf Islands area is the finest in the world for growing quality seed," declared the speaker.

Mr. James, retired agriculturist, is now Gulf Islands consultant for the provincial Department of Agriculture. He has successfully developed and marketed an early, non-staking variety of tomato: "Salt Spring Sunrise," especially adapted to

coastal growing conditions.

He is presently experimenting with grape growing in his Vesuvius Bay garden.

Mr. James believes there is a strong possibility that agriculture will make a comeback on the islands, particularly in specialty crops. "Flower, tomato, and onion seed do well here. English firms declare this is the finest place in the world for sweet pea seed," he said.

Mr. James is confident that the daffodil industry can be brought back to Salt Spring. He noted that herbs also grow well here, especially lavender.

The speaker warned that growers must establish a reputation for fine quality. The market will not be retained if quality does down. He advised would-be growers contemplating seed farming, or other specialty crops to start with small acreage. Women should consider this work too, he said.

"The ladies are just as good growers, or even better, than the men."

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Visiting Capt. and Mrs. W. G. Stone, Scott Road, last week were Mrs. G. W. Winsby, Nanaimo and Mrs. Andy Storrs, Lone Butte, Cariboo.

Mrs. P. D. Humphreys, Crofton Road is spending a few days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weeks, Courtenay.

Over from Vancouver this past week-end to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shopland, Vesuvius Bay, were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Shopland.

Mrs. Elsie Thacker is visiting her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Russel D. Thacker, South Burnaby who are celebrating their 22nd wedding anniversary this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lorentsen, Sardis, were visitors last week-end of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett. Mr. Lorentsen, a past president of the S.S.I. Rod and Gun Club, with Mrs. Lorentsen attended the banquet and dance at Fulford Hall last Friday night.

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HOSPITAL

Importance of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital to the islands group has never been better illustrated than by the statement of the chairman of the hospital board, Mr. Douglas Cavaye last week.

Mr. Cavaye explained that the hospital has already treated a number of patients far beyond the number treated last year. He cited an increase of 60% in terms of in-patients treated and 50% increase in out-patients.

There are more people among the islands today than were to be found here a decade ago. Continuation of this trend will undoubtedly call for an extension to the building within the foreseeable future.

Foresight of its sponsors has been fully vindicated.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Monday evening a group of Salt Spring Island men were busy in their classroom learning the procedures to be used in an emergency. They were volunteer ambulance crews, mostly members of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club.

Instructor Mrs. V. J. Harraway was explaining the application of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with the aid of a large inflatable dummy and the ambulance men were practicing.

The routine followed by the ambulance men is a less significant factor than the circumstances. These students were donating their time during the evening to learn the best methods of protecting the people of Salt Spring Island should they ever need ambulance service. Not only was their time given freely to the course, but they were enrolled in the adult education program and each man paid his own fees in order to learn to serve his fellows.

The ambulance service is supported by the sale of membership tickets at \$5 each.

This is the least the rest of the community can do. In terms of money spent and hours given to the protection of the community, each volunteer ambulance man gives vastly more to his fellows than any individual in the community normally gives to the ambulance service.

It is a poor reward for their service to the community when half the residents are too indifferent to pay the fee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROYAL TREATMENT

Editor, Driftwood,
After the letter of condemnation of the B.C. Ferries on the treatment that lady got, I would like you to print one of praise on the treatment we got. My husband, who is recovering from a heart condition, and I had occasion to go to Vancouver recently via Swartz Bay. Knowing that my husband would be unable to climb the stairs on our ferry to the waiting room we took our car to Swartz Bay and parked it there.

After parking the car we found it was too much for my husband to walk the ramp to the waiting room to wait for the big ferry so the lady in the ticket office brought us chairs and in the meantime phoned ship to shore for a wheel chair to be brought to the ticket office when the ship docked. This was done and my husband was wheeled aboard, right into the dining-room then to where we wanted to sit. On our arrival he was wheeled off to where we were to be met.



Hi-Lites of Island Life

THURSDAY, Nov. 23 - 7:30 p.m. Teenagers panel discussion, St. George's Hall

THURSDAY, Nov. 23 - 8:15 p.m. "The Sandpiper", Fulford Hall

SATURDAY, Nov. 25 - 8:15 p.m. "The Sandpiper", Fulford Hall

SATURDAY, Nov. 25 - 2 p.m. Centennial Bazaar, Galiano Hall

THURSDAY, Nov. 30 - 2 p.m. Anglican W.A. Bazaar, Parish Hall

I want to thank the B.C. Ferries and their crew and especially the lady in the ticket office for the kind consideration and attention they gave us.

We are all quick to write a letter of condemnation, but seem loathe to write one of praise.

I hope you will print this.
-Mrs. George L. Sproule,
Cusheon Lake Road,
R.R. 2, Ganges, B.C.
November 17, 1967.

QUESTIONABLE WISDOM

Editor, Driftwood,
May I comment on your short article about the pound law application on South Pender Island.

I was surprised to read that "sheep (as well as the odd deer) have become a traffic menace." As a constant driver on South Pender I am satisfied that not sheep but fast drivers represent the real traffic menace here as elsewhere.

But the pound law may come, in spite of opposition, and the sheep may disappear from the roadsides. One wonders then what will happen to "the odd deer" and the odd child too. We do have children who dare to walk on our roads, especially in the summer months. No doubt in the interests of fast driving they should be put behind barbed wire fences too.

Your article concludes with the statement that "this move seems wise and inevitable". It may possibly prove to be inevitable. But some of us will continue to doubt its wisdom.

The pound law application is described as a "noteworthy step". Yes, it is a noteworthy step in the direction of the urbanization of the once peaceful and quiet and rural South Pender Island.

- John Smith,
South Pender Island, B.C.
November 14, 1967.

VIET NAM WAR

Editor, Driftwood,
A very prominent and thoughtful American commentator is quoted as saying that the only chance for peace in Viet Nam would be the election of a different American president. If such were to occur the new pre-

sident would be well-advised to wear a bullet-proof vest and helmet and shut himself up in the White House before taking steps to end the invasion. History repeats itself and has ever since Julius Caesar, especially where economic interests are concerned. History also shows that presidentialism is almost a habit in the U.S.A.
- F.H.A. Collins,
Box 51, Ganges, B.C.
November 21, 1967.

books...

"Canada's First Bank", Vol. 2, by Merrill Denison, McLelland and Stewart, 453 pp. \$7.50.

It is 150 years since the Bank of Montreal, "Canada's first bank", was established. It is about a year since the first volume of this history appeared. This is the second and final volume.

The story is well-presented by Merrill Denison who has investigated the Bank of Montreal more minutely than any of its creditors. He must have spent eons delving into records and early documents.

The story is of the bank. It is also the story of the past 150 years of development of the vast country that is Canada.

The book offers a selection of early Canadian paintings, many commissioned originally by the

bank during its rise to authority.

Every reader of history, whether he possesses a bank account or not, will enjoy the book, for it offers a new approach to many of the already well-known features of Canadian history. In some instances it emphasizes the internationalism of finance as contrasted with the nationalistic character of bias and prejudice, far beyond any conventional tale of Canadiana.

The two volumes will be a part of many a library in years to come and they will form a handsome and informative addition.

Contributing to the volume is the selection of early Canadian paintings and scenes which have been reproduced for the duo. There are also some interesting reproductions of early currency issued by the Bank of Montreal and other agencies. -FGR.

Farm and Home Almanac, Simon and Schuster, 35¢.

At least, this is a publication of a different nature!

There was a time when the annual almanac, with its words of warning and advice to housewives and help for farmers was the most broadly read publication in any farm community in a score of countries.

Today, with too much competition in the printing and publishing business, the almanac has slipped behind. It is still produced in various places, but its wide appeal has been watered down by competition.

Perhaps, today, the reading audience has a wider awareness of fact and is less receptive to anecdotes.

If the reader is convinced of the influence of astrology in his life the book would be of more significance, because it offers information on the location of stars and their theoretical influence on the individual. Nonetheless, the editors, in Lewiston, Maine, decline any acceptance of astrology and emphasize that they are astronomers and not astrologers.

The almanac is surviving, but its place in modern life is perilous, indeed. -FGR.

QUO VADIS DRAWS FAIR ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY

Big audience at the showing of the film, "Quo Vadis" in Fulford Hall on Sunday evening by no means filled the hall.

Film was sponsored by the Catholic men's club on Salt Spring Island and G. A. Simmons furnished the facilities, while the hall committee also contributed to the showing.

The evening's show of the early christian era brought in about \$50 for the sponsors. Half will be devoted to cleaning up the cemetery at the St. Paul's church in Fulford and half will go to the men's club.

CHURCH SERVICES

GULF ISLANDS CHURCH SERVICES November 26, 1967

Church	Location	Service	Time
ANGLICAN	St. Mark's	Holy Communion	8:30 am
	St. Mary's	Choral Communion	11:00 am
	St. George's	Evensong & Sunday School	2:30 pm
UNITED	Ganges	Divine Worship & Sunday School	11:00 am
	Burgoyne Bay	Divine Worship	2:30 pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC	Our Lady of Grace	Holy Mass	9:00 am
	St. Paul's	Holy Mass	11:00 am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL	Ganges	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes	10:30 am
		Evening Service	7:30 pm
	St. Andrew's Day	Holy Communion	11:00 am

St. Andrew's Day Thursday, Nov. 30
St. George's Ganges

BRIDGE

BY ALICE HAMMETT. . .

* FULFORD *

BY BEA HAMILTON

Mrs. F. L. Jackson has recently returned home from a pleasant week's visit to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Haney, B. C. and to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Jackson, North Surrey. She was joined by her husband at the week end. They enjoyed a week of perfect weather, says Mrs. Jackson.

A much-loved black cat is missing from the Victor Ames home. Pussy was boarding out for a week at a kennel in Ganges and somehow slipped away, causing hours of search for the owners of the kennel with no success. So if you see a big cat, mostly persian, black and wandering, do be kind to the animal and owners and get in touch with Mrs. Ames. The cat may be trying to find its way home. Hunters, don't shoot a black cat. Motorists, don't run a black cat down on the highway. It may be the Ames' pet! It was a sad home coming for Mr. and Mrs. Ames who had been on a lovely holiday trip. Cats have a way of slipping out of sight so silently that they are gone before you know.

It is hoped that a good number of parents and friends attended the general meeting of the

First Fulford Sea Scouts last night (Wednesday). The boys need encouragement and like to have a little interest shown in their efforts by the adults.

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able to give West a spade lead.

(b)		N.		
		AK83		
		A62		
		Q3		
W.		AK95	E.	
Q1072			K95	
Q3			K9875	
K642			85	
J104			Q86	
	S.			
	64			
	J104			
	AJ1097			
	732			

Bidding:

N.	E.	S.	W.
1C	P	1D	P.
2NT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

North's hand was too strong to open 1 no-trump, but showed size of his hand on rebid. East leads Heart 9 (top of inner sequence) dummy plays the ten. West should not try with the Queen as he is trying to prevent an entry in dummy. Should declarer play the Queen of diamonds, West must not take the trick first round but can take the second diamond trick. East plays high-low so West knows North has only two diamonds and cannot make balance of diamonds in dummy. Had West taken the

first diamond trick or played the Queen of Hearts on the first trick North would have had re-entries in dummy and made his contract. If North had three Diamonds then nothing could prevent declarer from making his contract.

(c)		N.		
		Q103		
		Q10864		
		1085		
W.		109	E.	
AK5			J62	
J72			K5	
KQ92			J73	
AJ7	S.		KQ842	
	9874			
	A93			
	A64			
	653			

Bidding:

W.	N.	E.	S.
INT.	P.	3NT.	P.
P.	P.	P.	

North leads Heart 6, 5 from dummy and Ace from East who promptly returns a Heart to get rid of the King. Dummy runs five Clubs, East discarding three clubs and hi-lo in Diamonds. East leads a diamond and South plays the Ace and returns a Heart to North who sets the contract. Even if South had extra Diamonds the play was to put up the Ace immediately

(second hand playing high). To let West get the first Diamond trick meant giving him the contract.

(d)		N.		
		A42		
		4		
		109643		
W.		A753	E.	
J73			KQ10985	
AQ7			953	
QJ75			AK	
J104	S.		86	
	6			
	KJ10862			
	82			
	KQ92			

Bidding:

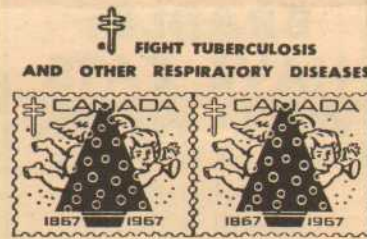
E.	S.	W.	N.
1S	2H	P.	2S
4S	P.	P.	P.

West's hand is not strong enough to bid 2 no-trump over the 2 Heart overcall. In any case it is always better to support partner's bid suit and give him an opportunity (as in this case) to revalue his hand.

South leads Club King. Partner knows the Queen should be behind it so overtakes with the Ace then leads his singleton Heart. This is taken by dummy with the Ace. Trump is then led and North immediately goes up with the Ace (second hand playing high), returns a Club which trick the Queen holds then a Heart is returned for a ruff by North and the contract is set.

It will be noticed that an honor is not always covered; second hand sometimes plays high and third hand sometimes plays low.

Next week: Counting the Cards.



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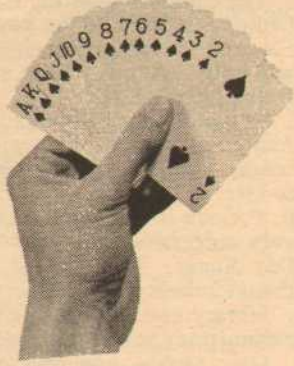
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CARD PROMOTION

Some players consistently hold poor cards yet can find the game very interesting by playing a good defensive game and preventing the opponents from making contracts. One often has to do away with the old slogans as "Cover an honor with an honor"; "Second hand play low"; "Third hand play high"; "When in doubt lead trump"; etc.

This lesson will deal with "Whether to cover an honor with an honor". One must listen to the bidding carefully and, once dummy goes on the table, try and figure out what high cards partner might hold and in some cases what the distribution is in certain suits.

Cover an honor with an honor if it will promote a trick in your own hand or perhaps in partner's. Do not blindly cover an honor with an honor and make it easy for the declarer. When declarer leads the top of two touching honors in dummy do not cover the first time if holding more than two cards. When declarer leads a card from dummy and you know he is going to finesse (and will win if you have the missing card) by all means cover the honor and perhaps you will promote a card in partner's hand.

There are instances where one should not split honors. Should dummy hold AJ9, for instance, and you hold King and Queen small, if a small card is led do not split honors in the hope partner may make a ten spot, declarer making a deep finesse by playing the nine spot in dummy. Always give declarer a chance to mis-guess.

(a)		N.		
		105		
		K72		
		A93		
W.		AJ763	E.	
Q8632			AJ9	
884			J653	
1076			J852	
104			K8	
	S.			
	K74			
	AQ10			
	KQ4			
	Q952			

Bidding:

S.	W.	N.	E.
INT	P	3NT	P
P	P		

West leads his fourth highest spade - the 3. East having ten h.c. points and seeing dummy with 12 h.c. points, also South bid 1 no-trump and must have 16-18 h.c. points, realizes his partner cannot have more than the King or Queen of spades with no re-entry. East has a natural Club re-entry so does not play "third hand high" but covers the ten with the Jack and South cannot afford to pass up the trick with the King (not knowing where the Ace is). South immediately finesses the King of Clubs and when East gets in leads the Spade Ace then the nine which West overtakes with the Queen and runs off two more tricks. Had East played the Ace (third hand high) on the first round South could have held up the next round of spades then East would be exhausted on the next round and when he got in with the Club King would not be

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POPPY FUND IS UP BY \$450 ON SALT SPRING
The monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 92, was held November 14 at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
The president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. C.W. Archer extended a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. H. Emerlund and Mrs. R.T. Cook for convening the very successful Remembrance Day dinner. They in turn thanked their many helpers.
Library and hospital visiting committees gave their reports.
Mrs. Archer, convener of the Poppy Campaign reported \$450, was realized by the sale of poppies. She also thanked all her helpers.
Members were reminded of the Turkey Bingo to be held by the Branch December 2 at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
A social evening will be held Saturday, November 25 in the Legion Hall for Branch 92 members, the Ladies Auxiliary, and their spouses. Mrs. A.E. Marcotte will be in charge of the entertainment for the social evening.

LAST RITES FOR OLIVE POTVIN AT SATURNA CHURCH
Four members of the crew of Mayne Queen served as pallbearers when last rites were observed for Mrs. Olive Potvin. Mrs. Potvin collapsed and died aboard the Mayne Queen on Monday, November 13, while on duty.
From the ship were Capt. J. Pollock, Russ Lucas, and Merv Hughes. From Saturna Island came Walter Warlow, Johnny Klassen and William Lawson. Officiating was Rev. J. Dangerfield in St. Christopher's Anglican Church.
Mrs. Potvin was a well-known resident of Saturna and a popular member of the small ship's company. A native of Dunstable, Alberta, she had been living on the mainland before settling on Saturna. While living in North Vancouver she was proprietor of Hollyburn Grill, in West Vancouver.
She came to Saturna five years ago and had worked aboard the island ferry for the past four years.
She is mourned by her two daughters, Mrs. Chris (Joyce) Woodburn and Mrs. Peter (Jean) Greer and a son, Roman; four brothers, Frank Silvester, Victoria; Leslie, George, Australia and John, Saturna; four sisters, Elsie, Clairholme, Alta., Mildred, Portland, Oregon; Doris, Lethbridge, Alta., and Madge, Lac La Nonne, Alta.

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HOSPITAL AND PRISON

by FRANK RICHARDS

If you've got to go, you've
got to go... and it applies
about equally to hospitals and
prisons. Otherwise you are bet-
ter off out of both.

The similarity ends there. You
come out of jail a better man,
chastened, but fit to face society
again. You leave hospital with
the sneaking suspicion that you
will never be the same man
again. All the aches and pains
and soreness of lying in bed
are multiplied and magnified as
you set out for home.

You come out of jail convinc-
ed that they couldn't have done
a smarter thing than let you out,
but you leave hospital convinced
that you came out so early in the
story of your recovery that you
may never fully recover.

The comparison is not alto-
gether accurate because I have
just come out of hospital and I
haven't been in jail... at least,
not recently.

With so much discussion and

debate about the relative merits
of an islands hospital district
and a capital region district,
there was no better way of find-
ing out the truth of the picture
than going in to take a first-
hand look. I had another mot-
ive in going in... Dr. Dixon
advised me to do so.

Getting in was easy.
Mrs. Tomlinson and Hospital
Administrator Harold Hoffman
were all smiles. They could af-
ford to be. They were not desti-
ned for the operating room on
the morrow.

The hospital proved smaller
than it was in 1958, when it was
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health, Eric Martin. There is
not nearly as much unused space.

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pans, sympathetic grunts were
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The operating room was cool,

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Farming prospects

BY ELSIE WORTHINGTON
Prospects are good for the far-
ming of small fruits, vegetables
and flowers on the Gulf Islands,
Charles Carter, provincial horti-
culturist, told the Farmers' In-
stitute last Wednesday. Quest-
ioned on the subject by the audi-
ence, Mr. Carter gave the follow-
ing advice in reply:

Loganberries are worth plant-
ing. More loganberries are
grown on this coast than any-
where else in the world. Farmers
have had an excellent year for
this fruit. The crop of 1.6 mil-
lion pounds went mostly to win-
eries who paid 17 cents per
pound. There is great potential
in shipment of frozen berries to
European markets, also in the
local pie market. Mr. Carter
was quite optimistic about log-
anberry farming.

Blueberries are also an up and
coming crop, reported the horti-
culturist. Four million pounds
of high quality fruit went
through the market this season.
The blueberry industry is well-
established and finds a good
market in Europe.

British Columbia cranberry
market is in good shape, said
Mr. Carter. This fruit yields a
good crop in peaty bogs.

Grape growing has good pot-
ential in the Interior, but is
still at the experimental stage
on the coast. Bird damage is a
problem.

Good prices are available for
strawberries, but growers need
to get together. The one-time
favorite, British Sovereign, has
been largely replaced by North-
west, a more disease-resistant
variety. Most of the strawberry
crop goes to the processing
plants. Only ten per cent goes
to the fresh fruit market. Red
stele disease is a major problem
in strawberry growing.

Raspberries do poorly west of
Langley. Root rot and borers
are serious problems on the
coast.

Field grown tomatoes are im-
portant, said the speaker. There
is a market all over British Col-
umbia for this produce but it
must be grown in quantity to be
profitable. Mr. Carter was
pleased to see such excellent
tomatoes grown on Salt Spring
Island.

There is also a market for
British Columbia grown aspara-
gus. This is much superior to

crops grown elsewhere, said Mr.
Carter.

Onions and beans grow well
here and command a good price.
There is always a market for
corn and the price holds up well.

Herbs flourish on the coast, but
growers must compete with large
mechanized farms in California.
Mr. Carter said a phenomenal
amount of parsley is used in res-
taurants.

Flower crops have a place too,
said the speaker; crops from
small growers go through the
Dutch auction in Vancouver. Bri-
tish Columbia's annual flower
crop is worth three million dol-
lars.

Marketing tree fruit nursery
stock is a tough and competitive
business, said Mr. Carter, but
there is a definite place for or-
namental stock, if grown in
quality and quantity.

Mr. Carter advised anyone
seeking information on any crop
to write to Department of Agri-
culture in Victoria for literature.

FERNWOOD

It was suggested by several of
the ladies who were lucky en-
ough to obtain a seat on last
week's bus trip to Victoria, that
our new bus and taxi operator,
Ed Williams, deserved a hearty
vote of thanks for the expensive
arrangements he made for ano-
ther bus when our local bus was in
for repairs.

Everyone enjoyed the trip,
which would otherwise have
been cancelled or at least post-
poned.

Mr. and Mrs. McCahon, of
Duncan, were visitors at the
home of Mrs. E. Sampson. Mr.
McCahon enjoyed the Armistice
dinner at the Legion hall. Also
visiting their mother were Mr.
and Mrs. Ken Sampson and fam-
ily of Crofton and Mr. and Mrs.
Geo. Sampson, of Cowichan
Lake Road.

Mrs. Charles Sampson is now
recovering at home after an
operation at Lady Minto Hospital.

Mrs. Vic Bettiss is finally
home to her friends after a long
absence.


like it. I don't recall finding
meals to equal those at Lady
Minto in any hospital anywhere.

From Matron Annie Barnes to
ward maid everyone was helpful
and eager to help. Only real
problem in the whole place was
the patients.

Two features marred my
pleasure in undergoing a minor
surgical operation. I don't like
the problem of entering and leav-
ing the bath without any support,
or holds. The patient can use
the towel rail to assist his move-
ment and hope that the thing is
not as weak as it feels and
sounds.

The other was purely petty. Af-
ter hearing one unfortunate
young patient complain of spend-
ing 60¢ on the pay telephone

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First Candidate From Outer Gulf Islands

First representative of the Gulf Islands to be named director of the Capital Region District, Miss Joan Purchase, has announced her intention of seeking election to the office. Miss Purchase will appear for election as director at the annual elections in the outer Gulf Islands on December 9.

The Islands are divided into two units for the purposes of the regional district. A representative will serve on the board for the outer islands and a second director is named from Salt Spring Island.

Miss Purchase entered the regional board through the hospital door. Representative of Pender Islands for the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital board of management, Miss Purchase has been concerned with the administration of the local hospital for a number of years.

When the islands were brought into the Capital Region Hospital District, the Pender Islands representative was named to the larger board by the provincial government. Several weeks later the minister of municipal affairs announced that the islands would come into the regional district for all purposes and Miss Purchase, with Douglas Cavaye of Salt Spring Island, was named a director of the regional district.

Last week she announced that she would seek to remain a director of the district. Hers is the first name in the race.

The candidate explained that she has enjoyed serving on the board of the hospital and that

she has learned considerably of the problems of hospitals and administration during the past years. She feels that her experience will stand her in good stead as a director of the regional board on behalf of islanders.

The regional board can offer little to islanders at the present time, she agreed. The provision of parks could come within its function among the islands if islanders should request this service. In such a case available land for park property could be acquired by the board at a small charge on the taxes here. There can be no such provision unless the people of the islands ask for it, she added.

Function of the board in relation to sewers has no bearing on the islands. The Gulf group can gain nothing from Vancouver Island sewers.

Miss Purchase told Driftwood last week that she is very conscious of the need in the future for community planning. When this service is recognized by islanders the regional district could be an established agency through which a form of planning might be brought into force here.

The candidate explained that the attractive residential character of the islands has brought many people to the islands and that they will be vitally concerned with any development which could threaten the residential character here. Planning is the only protection available, she observed.

There is nothing, she added,



MISS JOAN PURCHASE

which could prevent any individual or group here from establishing any form of industry or construction whether it would ruin the amenities of the district or not.

The only function of the regional board which at present applies to the islands is that of new hospital construction.

While islanders will be required to share in the cost of hospital construction in the Greater Victoria area, she said, the larger area will also be required to contribute to the cost of new construction here among the islands.

Miss Purchase has resided here for some 20 years and is a well-known figure on Pender and among the other islands.

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NORTH PENDER

BY FRANCES SAVILLE

Mrs. Peter Carter had a house full of guests over last weekend, Mr. and Mrs. G. Weberg and family from Victoria; Mark Carter, their nephew, who is a first year University of Victoria student; John Carter, third year UBC student, a nephew of Peter Carter and Miss Joan Elvins, from Duncan, Mrs. Carter's sister.

Mrs. Peter Stevens has her aunt, Mrs. James Lowe as her house-guest. Mrs. Lowe has been spending the past two and a half years in England, travelling all over the British Isles, but is thrilled to be back on the Island.

The Pender Islands PTA presented a feature film on Friday, Nov. 17 at the Hall in Port Washington. The film was Walt Disney's wonderful presentation, 'The Vanishing Prairie'.

About a hundred people attended and were spell-bound throughout the evening.

SOUTH PENDER

The Ladies' Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd held their general meeting on Nov. 16. Bishop M. Coleman presided. Mrs. R. Hatcher retired as president, and Mrs. H.A. Spalding was elected to the president's place. Mrs. R. Hatcher was then appointed treasurer, and Mrs. R. Campbell was re-appointed as secretary. The meeting was well-attended.

AN HOUR WITH HARRY



The O'Keefe Centre Presents Belafonte in an hour-long color special, to be seen on CBC television Thursday, Nov. 23. The great entertainer sings songs of many lands and also presents South Africa's dazzling Miriam Makeba and folksinger Esther Marrow, with the Belafonte Singers.

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CAPT. HOUSE

(From Page Eight)

Linsy and Kenneth, and Rosemary House at Fulford, and one daughter, Mrs. E.O. (Ellen) Harvey, Montreal.

Last rites will be observed on Thursday when Rev. E. W. MacQuarrie will conduct the service. Mr. MacQuarrie will then accompany the remains for interment in the family plot on the mainland.

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STORY TO BE TOLD AT ST. GEORGE'S HALL

BY BEA HAMILTON

A recent magazine story about four women mountain climbers, who ventured to reach the top of Mount Saskatchewan, 3,187 feet, to try to plant the flag of Saskatchewan at the peak and who never made it, made intriguing reading.

This particular mountain was in the St. Elias Range in the Yukon and the climbers found so many peaks clustered around that they had difficulty in finding their chosen mountain. "We didn't want to climb someone else's peak," said Gertrude Smith who seemed to think the whole thing was a great lark.

Miss Smith is coming to Salt Spring Island on December 2 to show about 30 of her pictures of their mad scramble among mountains. Show will be in St. George's Hall in Ganges at 8 p.m.

This climb was one of the Centennial ventures that took so many doughty people scrambling for the high places to honor Canada's birthday '67.

They called it the Yukon Alpine Centennial Expedition.

What struck me as so really funny was to read that when it rained and they couldn't do any climbing, they "shampooed their hair." Otherwise they slept. "I never slept so much in my life" was a remark made by Miss Smith.

Well, she'd better not sleep on Saturday December 2, as many of us will get the chance to see the ragged peaks of the Yukon and hear a bit about her trip with her companions. Miss

Smith was the leader of this gang that journeyed into the land of the midnight sun.

They started out about 7 p.m. and climbed until 2 a.m. in FULL SUNLIGHT.

All this while most of the world was either watching a late, late show on TV or sleeping.

The evening at St. George's Hall will be sponsored by St. Mary's Guild, who invite the public to come and enjoy a get together with friends. Miss Smith is a lively and entertaining speaker.

Doug Cavaye to seek first Salt Spring seat

Only candidate for the Salt Spring Island seat on the Capital Region District Board so far announced is incumbent Douglas Cavaye. Mr. Cavaye has announced plans to seek to retain the seat.

Mr. Cavaye is also chairman of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital board of management.

When the hospital was brought into the Capital Region Hospital

District, Mr. Cavaye was promptly named director for Salt Spring Island.

Mr. Cavaye has since been named director of the regional district for the area.

If there are no other nominations for office by Friday then Mr. Cavaye will be elected by acclamation. If another rate-payer should seek to contest the seat, then an election will be staged on December 9.



DOUGLAS CAVAYE

ARCHDEACON HOLMES IS NAMED HEAD OF PENSIONERS' GROUP FOR NEW TERM

The annual meeting of the O.A.P.O. (Branch 32) was held in St. George's Hall November 15 at 2 p.m.

J. Cranswick took the chair for the election of officers.

The following officers were returned by acclamation; president, Ven. Dr. G. H. Holmes; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Barber; second vice-president, Mrs. F. Westin; secretary treasurer, Mrs. E. Thacker, who has held this post for the past ten years.

A special entertainment committee was formed, consisting of J. Thomson and Mrs. J. Cranswick. Mrs. B.L. Krebs was returned as tea convener and Mrs. Gordon Scarff, hospital visitor.

Arrangements were made for the O.A.P.O. Christmas tree

and party to be held December 21 in St. George's Hall.

The annual dinner will be held on January 18, also at St. George's Hall. The group will be entertained after dinner by W.D. Timms and his concert committee from Errington, Vancouver Island.

An announcement was made at the meeting that Bill's Taxi will run a special bus each month between Ganges and Duncan, the first one to leave November 25 from Ganges. Anyone interested may get in touch with Bill's Taxi, Ganges.

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Long-established Ganges service station has changed hands. B.A. Station next to the Centennial Park is now operated by Ib Knoblauch, veteran automotive man from the interior and a resident of the Island for the past six years.

The station is now known as Salt Spring Auto-Marine and will be engaged in boat service as well as automobiles.

The station has been latterly operated by Andy Johnson.

Mr. Knoblauch has a wide experience of the automotive industry in B.C. He came to Canada in the 1950's, after working at the Chrysler plant in Detroit to familiarize himself with North American practice.

The station operator had started out in an entirely different direction. He is a graduate in commerce and studied for a year at the Danish University in London, England. He is a student who has also served his apprenticeship.

Following his studies he became closely interested in motoring as a sport. In his homeland he entered journalism through the garage door and for

several years wrote for a motoring magazine. When he came to this continent,

he brought his enthusiasm for cars as well as his specialized knowledge of commerce. He brought the two together when he came west to the Okanagan. In Penticton he obtained a dealership for Volkswagen, Mercedes and Studebaker. For six years his Volkswagen dealership was the largest in the Okanagan Valley.

Ib Knoblauch... the name Ib is an ancient Danish name dating back to the 9th century... still had the wanderlust in his

feet and moved west to the coast.

In Vancouver he established himself with two automotive businesses. He directed a wholesale parts distribution agency as well as a car sales outlet with four franchises. For six years he operated his Vancouver interests and came home at week ends. Now he is back home all the time. Mr. Knoblauch and his family live on Douglas Road, in the Beddis Road area.

LAST RITES ON THURSDAY FOR RETIRED SEA CAPTAIN OF FULFORD HARBOUR

Captain C. J. House, age 90, passed away in the Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges on Saturday night.

Starting his seafaring life at the age of 16, Capt. House sailed in the ship Lady Isabella, leaving Greenock and bound for Esquimalt, Victoria.

Later he sailed with the Bank Line, after which he went on the Heathbank Line belonging to Andrew Weir.

Capt. House sailed in ships before radar, guiding lights or modern gadgets were known.

He knew what it was to climb high into the rigging in stormy weather. He sailed in sloops to the Queen Charlotte Islands, on prospecting ventures; he knew the sealing days of the Antarctic.

In 1906, he met a girl from Scotland and married her in the First United Church in Vancouver with Rev. Dr. McLeod officiating.

In 1910, they returned to the Old Country but finally came back to spend 35 years in Vancouver. In 1965, Capt. and Mrs. House came to Salt Spring Island, where the Captain could spend his last days beside the sea that he loved so well.

"I sailed out here on the 'Lady Isabella' and found a home on Isabella Road," he used to say. It was here that they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, in July of 1966.

Capt. House leaves his wife, at home; four sons, Herbert George, and Cyril James in California and Bill and Al at Fulford; three grandchildren. (Turn to Page Eight)

PLEA FOR IMPROVED FERRY SERVICE

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce has prepared the following petition for presentation to the Hon. W.A.C. Bennett, Chairman of the B.C. Ferry Authority, Victoria, B. C.

"We, the undersigned, earnestly request that the B.C. Ferry Authority as soon as possible:

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- (b) Move the Fulford Harbour terminal to Isabella Point.

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This week we had another first on Saturna. Through permission from the Heads of Our Anglican Diocese and Bishop Remi de Roo of The Roman Catholic Diocese, Father L. Schmidt, of Salt Spring, held Mass in our St. Christopher's Church for those of The Roman Catholic faith on Saturna. I had the very welcome privilege of having lunch with Father Schmidt after the service. Father Schmidt is a Franciscan. One of my favourite books is called, "Blessed are The Meek" which is the story of St. Francis. So, little as I know about theology, I found Father Schmidt a very sincere person and wish him well in the "JOB" he has taken on and may my Presbyterian ancestors please remain quiet in their graves as I mean what I have said.

will read about the death of one of our Islanders. What I want to say here is that Olive was a "Friend". Need I say more? Popajohn.

One of our senior citizens found he had to do the washing last week. Mind you his wife has NEVER complained about their washing machine but after just one washing our friend decided that as he is going to have to do the washing for a while he hi-tails it into the city and buys a new "Automatic". Ladies there is a moral here but just try to use it!

I must be getting old. Went over the other night and as my two wee lady friends were going off to bed I asked one for a good night kiss and she replied "I gave you one this morning".

None of us knows just what and why etc. etc. about this regional set-up. As "Outer Is-

landers" we will have one member, duly elected, on this board. Originally it was a hospital deal only "BUT" now it seems that we are a "COUNTY" or somepin? The outer Island Members of The Lady Minto Board of Directors at that time chose Joan Purchase, of Pender, to represent us and eventually run for election on what we thought would be a purely hospital set-up. Neither Doug Cayave nor Joan Purchase had any idea what they had let themselves in for. But Miss Purchase has decided to go along with the idea and run for office. Personally "I" think Joan Purchase will be a good person to have on this board.

As I still have several quarts of "INK" on hand I am prepared to use it up for Joan Purchase in this election.

Two of our Saturna Islanders have their b'days on or about the same time. We have never been able to figure out which from what or who on a very indefinite date. Leastwise Barry Crooks and Tommy Cowan celebrated their birthday last week and most of the Islanders helped them.

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HOSPITAL

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without ever getting a message out, I figured the best service to the more mobile patients would be to take out the pay telephone altogether. It was still not working when I left.

Having undertaken a minor attention here, I left with a pleasant recollection of some 10 days lost to medical science and a sense of gratitude to the staff who manfully held back the hearse on my behalf.

Hearing the comments of patients and staff on the necessity of moving to a Victoria hospital where a major operation was indicated, I felt that the incorporation of the Islands into the Capital District Hospital Region, was not unreasonable. We enjoy the added security of the city facilities and I find it not unreasonable that we contribute a small fraction of the cost of providing them.

More urgent, it appears, is the question as to whether the new area board is going to listen to the inevitable pleas for increased facilities here, among the Islands.

ISLAND FARMERS' INSTITUTE ★ ★ ★ Fruit tree planting

Modern farmers are now planting 300 to 800 fruit trees to the acre as against 30 to 40 in former years, said Charles Carter, provincial horticulturist, in an address to the Farmers' Institute meeting in the Legion Hall, on Wednesday, November 15.

Cutting machines, moving up and down the orchard rows, keep trees to a standard height and width convenient for harvesting. Top grade fruit, yielding 2,000 boxes to the acre, is the objective. With land price high, the farmer must have quick returns from his investment, said the speaker.

Mr. Carter said it is true that a farm must be highly competitive and intensely cropped to survive, but there is also a place for the small grower. Early apples are one crop that bring a good price, but the market must be found in advance.

Most popular varieties of apple planted at the coast in the last five years are Titan, MacIntosh, and Spanton, said Mr. Carter. He discussed the problems of disease and pests that

fruit growers are up against, and also the question of marketing crops grown on the Gulf Islands.

P.G. (Jack) James, Gulf Islands consultant for Department of Agriculture, also addressed the meeting. Mr. James told of successful seed farms operated on Salt Spring Island in former years.

"Conditions are still excellent for seed growing on the Gulf Islands," he declared.

Alan Littler of the Department of Agriculture, was scheduled to speak to the meeting, but was unable to come, due to illness.

Chairman George Heinekey, president of the Farmers' Institute, said the meeting had been called for the benefit of a number of people in the area who are interested in fruit growing.

The four horsemen of the Apocalypse wars are depicted as conquest, slaughter, famine and death. In peacetime the horsemen ride as well—accidents, alcoholism, smoking and obesity. Disease and death ride with them.

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After 41 Years Salt Spring Legion

It is 41 years since a retired newspaperman now on Salt Spring Island joined the Royal Canadian Legion.

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Here is Mr. Stephenson with the president of Salt Spring Island branch of the Legion, Fred Morris. Mr. Morris is drawing attention to the First War veteran's long-service pin.

Mr. Stephenson has lived on Salt Spring Island for the past 11 years, during which time he has been active with the Legion branch here. He has been active in other directions as well.

Besides supporting a number of campaigns and drives here, he has been the driving force behind the lawn bowling club which he hopes to establish next spring at Centennial Park.

In supporting the provision of a bowling lawn, which is already in preparation, the veteran of Paschendale has been a valuable supporter of the centennial committee.

Ed Stephenson is an easterner. A native son of Orillia, in Ontario, he was an indentured printer's apprentice before the turn of the century. By the time the First World War broke out he was employed in Toronto as a journeyman printer. He was also married with a family at that time. By the end of 1915 the war showed no signs of an abrupt end and his own domestic affairs were in order so he debated his enlistment at great length with his wife. He recalls that he discussed the problem of serving in

LEGION PIN MARKS 40 YEARS' SERVICE



the forces for an entire night. He convinced Mrs. Stephenson and on January 1, 1916, he had enlisted.

His first allegiance was to the 169th Battalion, but on re-forming in England he was transferred to the Second Pioneers. It was with the Pioneers that he gained his "Blighty".

On October 25, 1917, he was one of an "expendable unit" engaged in laying a plank road in broad daylight and within sight of the enemy's guns at Paschendale.

The enemy soon picked him out and knocked him out. He was wounded in the lung and the liver and for days he lay in the advance dressing station, where his first-aid nursing orderlies remained uncertain whether to ship him to hospital or to the mortuary. After six days he had them convinced and he was shipped out. In short order he was in England and soon after, home in Canada again.

The wound cost him sore. The lung deteriorated and he has spent most of his life with only one lung.

He was wounded within a short distance of the point where Lieutenant-Governor George Pearkes showed the courage which gained him the Victoria Cross.

In June of 1918 Ed Stephenson came home for good. If he was not the man he had been on enlistment, he had also gained by his military service. He had learned a comradeship from the army which prompted his application for membership in the Canadian Legion 41 years ago.

Moving from one community to another, he never let his interest in the Legion die.

For many years the blunt-spoken Ontarioan was publisher of a weekly newspaper in Kapuskasing, Ontario. Those were the days when population was thin and money was scarce. They were the days when the

production of a weekly newspaper meant long, tedious hours with machinery now largely superseded.

Now retired, Mr. Stephenson has never forgotten his comrades from the First World War and he has never forgotten the business he entered nearly 70 years ago. Until very recently he could still walk into a newspaper plant and do a good day's work.

His comrades of the Legion branch in Ganges joined together to show their appreciation of his service to the Legion here and in Ontario at the Armistice Dinner on November 11, when he received his pin.

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buck for the first week-end of the hunting season was also won by Bernie Reynolds.

Trophy for the largest salmon caught during the season was won by Nels Degnen; second, Wayne Bradley; third, Ronnie Lee. Junior fishing trophy for the season was won by young Keith Winter.

Winners of the annual trophy shoots were: trap singles, Gordie Scarff; trap doubles, Bernie Reynolds; handicap, Albert Kaye rifle shoot, small bore, R. Norren; big bore, Herb Skuce; pistol shoot, Con Ackerman. All events aggregate was won by Jack Reynolds.

The centennial rifle lucky draw was won by Joe Moulton.

At the conclusion of the banquet and the presenting of trophies, an enjoyable dance followed to the music of Eva Tahouney's orchestra from Victoria.

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