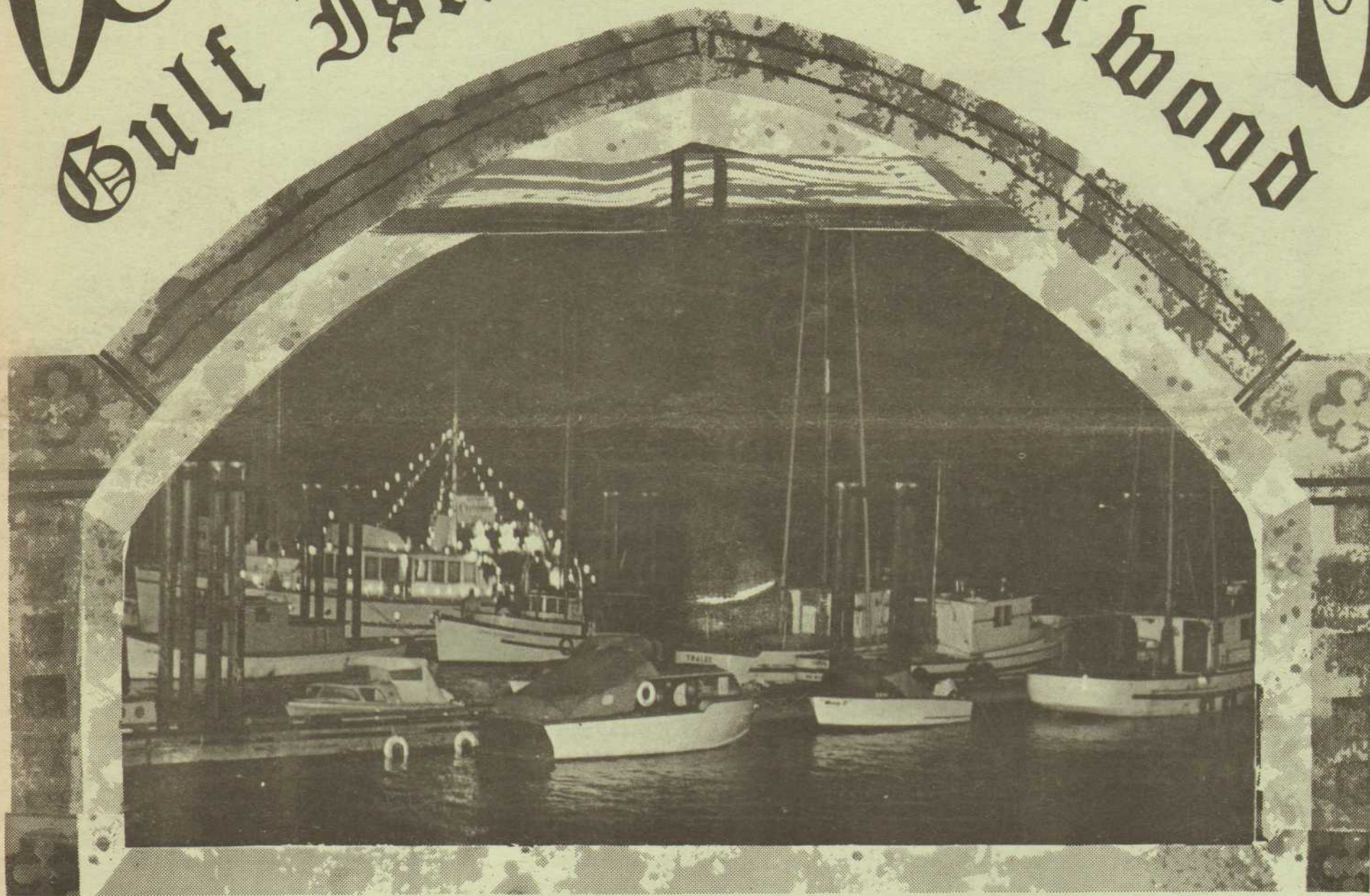


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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There was no working to rule for Santa when he arrived among the islands this week end aboard the Christmas Ship from Bellingham. Here are few shots of his activities in Mahon Hall at Ganges.

BURNT OFFERINGS

BY TOASTMASTER RICHARDS

How do you figure out a fellow like John Sneyd? Anyone else pays to have his troubles straightened out. John is the man who straightens them. When the manufacturer makes a machine that can't be fixed, Sneyd is the fixer.

He's the man who was born with two pointed fingers and a flat thumb. You ask him for a left handed wrench and the odds are he'll find you one.

They shouldn't do it... they shouldn't have to.

Trouble is while you're beginning to feel sorry for a man like that your own troubles catch up with you. Take me, for instance.

I got my wife a toaster. Not a simple two-seater. This one takes four pieces at a time and it was never made for a restaurant. You pop in four pieces of bread and the way the makers told it, up pops the toast.

Don't kid yourself. You pop in four pieces of bread and you wait. Then you wait a bit more.

But there's another thing to this toaster business. The toaster plug and the kettle plug are on the same circuit in our kitchen. The kettle is slow to run up, anyway. I figure we're lucky if we get 90 volts around our way. Your razor sounds like it's working to rule in our house.

You switch on the toaster and plug in the kettle and you go grab a bath before the horde gets up. You come back to a cold, dead breakfast. You did it again!

But even when the wires aren't crossed this toaster is a marvel. Twenty minutes after you plugged in there's a dank, dirty smell. The toast is on fire. You grab for the switch as it is about to switch off. One side is on fire, the other is dried out.

It's toast like you never tast-

ed toast. Every last ounce of moisture has been pressurized out of that piece of bread. Every crumb that gets under your plate starts an ulcer.

First week we had it the knob fell off the baseplate. Second week the baseplate fell off.

We had our troubles. First toaster we had wouldn't turn the bread over. You always cooked it twice on one side and left the other raw.

Second one has a locking device. Once the bread was in it was locked in. Wife threw that one at the cat and got another patent one. It didn't switch off or throw up or anything. Only warning you ever got was when the room got full of smoke. You get used to anything in time. Visitors never did.

My wife, when she was up in time for breakfast, would put some toast in. She would then exchange the usual breakfast bitternesses with the guests. Slowly the room would fill with smoke. At first it would hang around the ceiling, but it would slowly descend.

The visitors would try not to cough. Their eyes would be

LIONS GO GAY AS CHRISTMAS PARTY IS STAGED IN LEGION HALL AT GANGES

Lions Club on Salt Spring Island was gay on Saturday evening last week when club members enjoyed a Christmas Party. Novel feature of the party was the preparation of the event by members' wives. All plans and arrangements had been carried out by wives and the dance followed.

streaming and nothing would be done. Suddenly, as she disappeared into the haze of the smokescreen my wife would say "Can you smell something burning?"

She would rush into the kitchen and for a woman alone in the room she could carry on quite a conversation. Finally the toast would shrivel in the heat of her fury.

During the summer my family decided that they couldn't wait until dinner for breakfast so they searched the outbuildings for the old toaster. Without waiting to check it, they plugged in.

If you never saw those little woodchucks run I can tell you something of their habits. They don't like heat. Not when they've lived in the bottom of an old toaster for several years.

Moment the heat was on the chucks were out. They didn't crawl out, they ran; some of them. The rest stayed with it and died for the bread. Some of them died on it. That toaster is gone for good. It was haunted by the ghosts of thousands of wood chucks.

Final blow is when the bread gets stuck. Dried, dehydrated, burnt on one side, it warps. Then it won't come out.

So one of the kids digs a fork into the toaster's vitals and hooks for it. Finally he holds up a forkful of what looks like wiry, red hot spaghetti. Only it ain't spaghetti.

That fellow Sneyd can have it. I'd be out of my mind even looking at most of them.

owed was a Leap Year dance, when it became the prerogative of the distaff side to ask for a dance.

Catering was by Rita Dods, of the Reef Fish and Chip. She was assisted by Mr. J. Hagan.

Following the smorgasbord dinner dancing was to a group headed by Joe Nickerson at the organ.

A second novelty to the event was the provision of a collection box for donations. This took the place of the conventional practice of exchanging gifts.

Proceeds of the collection will be devoted to families in need of help.

Master of ceremonies for the dance was Peter Cartwright.

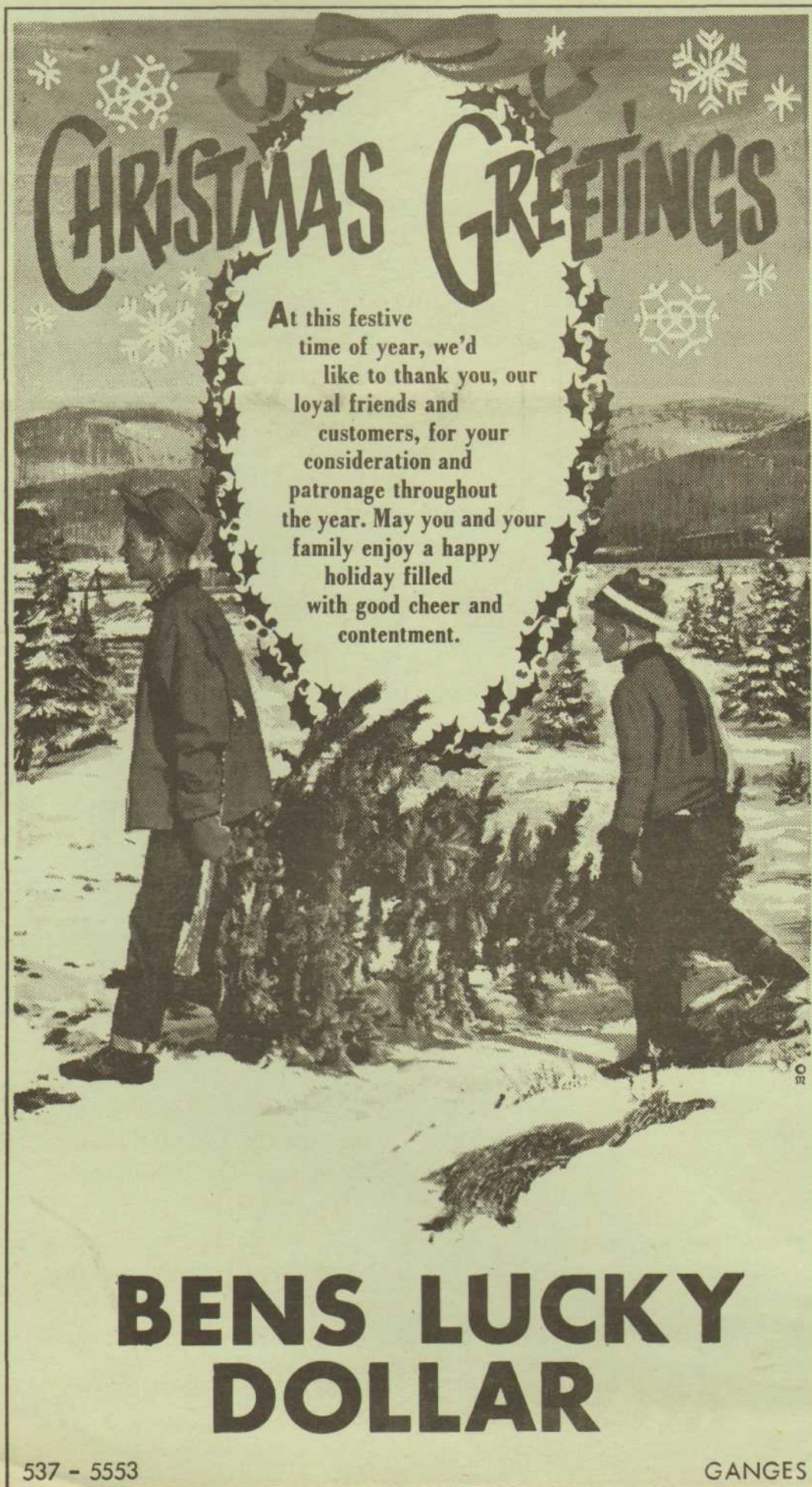


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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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IT WAS A GRIM START FOR YEAR

Heavy steel towers carrying high-voltage electric cables are springing up among the Gulf Islands again as the B. C. Hydro cuts an ugly swath through the countryside to take power to Vancouver Island.

The use of high-voltage transmission lines has effected a vast change in modern living, but it has brought its problems.

In Britain, where heavy populations in concentrated areas form a good market for fuel the overhead transmission system is decades old. Even now, after a life time of familiarity with the ugly steel towers, there are men who will misuse the transmission system and injure or kill.

It was a grim new year for a family in a small Welsh town when a police officer investigated a weird groaning sound in the middle of the night.

The village constable was making his patrol on foot. He had a bicycle, but a sound had come to him as he cycled along the narrow highway outside a small village and he was baffled.

The officer carried a flash light and he peered into the darkness where the feeble beam of light penetrated.

He began to wonder about ghosts as the weird noise came to him again. It was the desperate groan of a dying man coming faintly above the whistle of the wind through the overhead wires.

The thought of the wires brought him to a stand still and he peered upwards into the power lines above. The groan was repeated and he could now place it. The sound was coming from the power lines.

The officer ran to the steel pylon and peered upwards, but he could see nothing. He clipped his flash to his belt and began to climb the tower. His foot slipped on the red plate, "DANGER...66,000 VOLTS", but he ignored the warning.

Steadily he hauled himself up the tower until the lines loomed close, above his head. He could see in the light of his flash. A man was hanging head downward wards on the tower, his heel wedged in the angle of the steel braces.

Conscious of the closeness of death, the constable reached past one of the high power cables, but he could not get to the injured man.

Quickly, but cautiously, the constable climbed down the tower. He ran for his bicycle and rode hell-for-leather into the village.

The desk-sergeant was unimaginative and unsympathetic. His reply was destined to cost him his rank.

"Get back there and get him down," he snapped, "That's your job!"

The young constable only knew two things. He had to get help and he might never live to make his report on the incident. Nevertheless, off he rode back to the site of tragedy.

Once again he climbed the pylon. That, in itself, was no easy feat. The tower was not designed for ready climbing and a slip half way up could have been

...AND A GRIM END

a fatal slip, even without the hazard of the high power.

High voltage lines are dangerous for the fact that a man does not have to touch them. The electricity will jump many feet if a conductor comes near and any man is a conductor.

Laboriously, the officer reached around a power line and caught hold of the injured tower climber. With one arm and a shoulder he took the man's weight. His other arm was wrapped around the steel girders while he freed the man's foot from his wedged shoe.

The officer threw the dead weight across his shoulder and climbed down the pylon. Once on the ground he laid his "passenger" down and anxiously examined him.

The man was clean and wearing his "Sunday best". Apparently he had been out on a social whirl decided the officer. The new rubberized raincoat was torn where he had rubbed it against the steel.

They were still not out of the woods. He couldn't leave the injured man to lie by himself and he couldn't carry him to get assistance. He stood up and blew his police whistle.

It was a lucky night at last. Almost at once two voices shouted and a dim light flickered in the window of a cottage down the road.

The constable and two willing late revellers carried their patient to the cottage, where they laid him on a chesterfield. While the housewife ministered to the still unconscious man, the police officer went for medical aid.

The victim lay still, groaning from his ordeal, but not yet aware of what was going on. His face was red beneath the bruises sustained during the night's ordeal.

There was nothing to do until doctor could offer advice and the group sat sipping tea.

The cost of climbing power poles was only clear when the

medico arrived. Village doctor who had faced every possible condition and complaint in his small practice gave a casual glance at this patient before opening the coat.

As he removed the coat from the unconscious man he stood back.

My God," he said, "The man's cooked!"

The entire left half of his chest had been burned black. The rubberized raincoat had served as an insulator in some way and had been untouched by the bolt of electricity that had struck the climber. Before he reached a hospital bed the end was in sight. He lived for less than a day.

It was a tragic new year for the village, where one family's troubles were shared by their neighbors.

It was one incident in the hundreds where electricity has proved a dangerous servant.

At the inquest the constable was commended for his courage and the sergeant was roundly condemned.

Mistletoe Magic

Ancient followers of the Druid religion were the first to regard mistletoe as a sacred plant, say the editors of The New Book of Knowledge. They supposed it to have panacean virtues in warding off everything from witches to disease.

Each year, about the time Christmas is celebrated today, there was a ceremonial rite in which Druid priests, using a golden sickle, cut the mistletoe leaves from the "sacred oak" and distributed them amongst the people.

The Saxons also valued this plant; they were the first to call it mistletoe. To them, mistletoe symbolized everlasting peace.

It was revealed that the victim had been drinking and had decided to climb the tower in a fit of bravado. It was his last

fit of bravado.

The incident also led to the British pattern of lining the towers with barbed wire to discourage fools from climbing.

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LET US NOT SNEER

There are few in the Christian empires who do not associate a distinct sense of meaning, in some instances, a sense of near-unreality with Christmas. It is the season of peace and goodwill...except in time of strife...it is the season of good fellowship, of bright lights glistening over the snow; of copious eating and excessive giving and eager taking. It is the season of the birth of Christ and of Christianity.

We are all aware of the atmosphere that is a very part of the festive season.

Some of us sit back to pontificate on the tragedy that brings these worldly trimmings into Christmas. There is an air of Swift about these dolorous critics. Like Swift, many of the critics of the material Christmas have resigned from the human race. Like Swift they thunder in Brobdignagian voices of the decadence of our age. Like Swift we hear the Lilliputian squeak and some of us are convinced.

Christmas is a matter of spirituality. Christianity is living in accord with the spirit of Christmas. They are welded together.

The present-giving and the exchange of cards and the overeating and the camaraderie are also part of Christmas in its basic sense.

In an age of receding spirituality; of a disappearing awareness of morality there is only one peg to Christianity which guarantees its life each year. That mainstay of Christmas is the commercialism of it. As long as Christmas brings Christmas lights and Christmas trees and Christmas decorations and Santa Claus this season of festivity will never die.

Let us who would see it live not criticize its means of survival.

SERVICE FOR MRS. SCOTT

Funeral services were held in St. George's, Ganges on Thursday, Dec. 12, for Mrs. Frank Scott, who passed away in Nanaimo at the age of 93. Archdeacon R. B. Horsefield officiated.

Hymns sung during the service were "Son of My Soul" and "Abide with Me." Pall bearers were F.A.E. Morris, W.H. Bradley, Norman Mouat, Ganges, and Rennie Weatherell Galiano.

Mrs. Scott is survived by her daughter Mrs. Beryl Weatherell North Galiano; two grandsons, David and Rennie, Galiano; one great grandchild Carla; also nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Scott (Aunt Kath), as she was known to her many relations and friends, lived on Salt Spring Island for over 60

years. She was the only surviving member of the family of the late Rev. and Mrs. E.F. Wilson. Her father was rector of the Salt Spring Island parish from 1894 to 1911.

Mrs. Scott was also the first regent of HMS Ganges Chapter, IODE.

Mrs. Scott with her husband the late Frank L. Scott and her brother-in-law, the late Geoffrey Scott were well known for their flower and bulb business which they established after World War I, known as Scott Bros. Flower and Bulb Farm.

Aunt Kath was one of Salt Spring Island's most gracious hostesses and will always be remembered for her interest in people, her quick wit, and love of fun and laughter.



Hi-Lites of Island Life

FRIDAY	Dec. 20	8pm	CWL Bingo	Church Hall
THURSDAY	Dec. 26	10pm	Boxing Day Cabaret	Dance Fulford Hall
TUESDAY	Dec. 31	9pm	New Year's Eve Ball,	Mayne Island Vol. Firemen, Mayne Island.
TUESDAY	Dec. 31	9pm	New Year's Eve Cabaret	Galiano Hall
TUESDAY	Dec. 31	9pm	New Year's Eve Ball.	Salt Spring Island Golf Club.

CHURCH SERVICES

DECEMBER 22, 1968

ANGLICAN				
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Communion		8:30am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Children's Pageant		11:00am
St. George's	Ganges	Carol Service		2:30pm
St. Mary Magdalene	Mayne	Christmas Carols		11:00am
St. Margaret's of Scotland	Galiano	Evening Prayer		3:00pm
UNITED	Ganges	Christmas Family Service		11:00am
		No Sunday School		
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL	Burgoyne	Christmas Family Service		7:00pm
	Ganges	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes		10:30am
		Evening Service		7:00pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC				
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass		9:00am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass		11:00am
INTERDENOMINATIONAL	Hope Bay	Family Bible Hour		10:30am

DECEMBER 24

ANGLICAN				
St. George's	Ganges	Midnight Communion		11:30pm
ROMAN CATHOLIC				
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Midnight Mass		11:30pm

DECEMBER 25

ANGLICAN				
St. Mark's	Central	Holy Communion		10:30am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Holy Communion		10:30am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL	Ganges	Christmas Day Service		10:30am
ROMAN CATHOLIC				
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass		9:00am
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass		11:00am
DECEMBER 29				
St. George's	Ganges	Parish Service		11:00am
St. Margaret of Scotland	Galiano	Holy Communion		8:00am
	Galiano	Matins		11:00am
UNITED	Ganges	Divine Worship		11:00am
		Sunday School		9:45am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL	Ganges	Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes		10:30am
ROMAN CATHOLIC				
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass		9:00am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass		11:00am
INTERDENOMINATIONAL	Hope Bay	Family Bible Hour		10:30am
DECEMBER 31				
COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL	Ganges	New Year's Eve Service		11:00pm

Letters to the Editor

Editor, Driftwood.
CHRISTMAS TIME ON SALT SPRING ISLAND, 1968

The frog-catching industry will have to speed up its leaps and bounds to keep pace with strikes and politics in this fair land of ours.

Rising costs, eg: the six cent postage stamps is just one example of the run-away prices that have outrun the frog catching industry. And there are great fears that if the hens organize and go on strike the price of eggs will be astounding.

However, if these calamities are not stopped there will still be hope that after December the days will be longer and that is always something to look forward to!

I have come to the conclusion that some birds and insects are more religious than some human beings, eg: there is the praying mantis that goes about in a prayerful posture all day while superior beings promote murder and slaughter on the highways.

And to cite another example where a flock of vultures was gathered on the side of a high mountain. And they were discussing ways and means of securing food. It so happened that there was a Postal Strike in Canada and Trudeau was away on a vacation and as a result supplies were almost running out. And these birds were greatly disturbed over the situation and while they were still engaged in said discussion one of them happened to look down over yonder plain and sighted a dead horse. And he conveyed the good news to his fellows. And on realizing this good news and what it meant to them they all flapped their wings, smacked their jowls, and in unison cried,

Let Us Prey

And let us take example from these vultures and Let Us Pray that everyone will be merry on Christmas and have a real Prosperous New Year in 1969.

That is my wish to "You all."

Leo McNeil,
R.R. 1, Ganges, B. C.
December 9, 1968

CHRISTIANITY
Editor, Driftwood,

Is there any hope for peace and tranquility of mankind by his own effort here on earth?

What does the Bible teach us?

Disobedience of God's Law causes transgression and therefore is a disgrace to the transgressor and dishonour to God. This same condition holds true in human relationship between parents and children, citizens and governments.

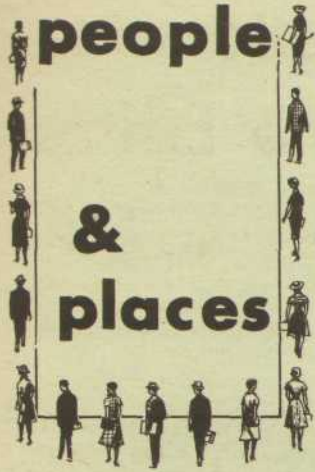
Fortunate are those parents with obedient law-abiding children. Unfortunate are those parents with disobedient, rebellious, law-transgressing children. Unfortunate the children with Law-transgressing parents.

Besides the Ten Commandments, God also gave that commandment, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, mind, soul, strength and thy neighbour as thy self!"

It is stated in the Book: "Love is the fulfilment of the Law". If we can keep that commandment of Love of God and neighbour would we hurt them in any way?

I shall obey God rather than men! He has provided pardon for the repentant ones and resists the proud and in His loving

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Who's Pelsnickle? In Doll Library, He Shows Why Naughty Children Might Dread His Visits

Where there are dolls, there's the spirit of Christmas.

In the Pryor International Doll Library at Greenwich, Conn., there are more than 8,000 dolls, and naturally, many of them suggest Christmas in a very special way — from creche figures that symbolize the religious meaning of the holiday to a jolly Santa doll who wrinkles his dried-apple face in a smile that sums up all the joys of the season.

From a Christmas-season point of view, one of the most interesting dolls is a figure representing "Pelsnickle." Though little known to modern celebrants, Pelsnickle holds an important place in holiday lore. According to legend, he accompanied St. Nicholas as his servant and, while St. Nick rewarded good children with gifts, Pelsnickle had the unwelcome task of punishing naughty boys and girls with "gifts" of lumps of coal and switches.

The Doll Library's Pelsnickle sports Santa Claus whiskers, wears a coat of shaggy fur and holds a bundle of switches.

While Pelsnickle and switches are usually associated, a study of Christmas lore reveals that in earlier legends he traditionally carried a birch cane, says Mrs. June Anderson Douglass, whose responsibilities as curator of the Pryor Doll Library include researching and cataloguing each doll.

Like St. Nicholas, Pelsnickle was a European figure, known primarily in Holland and Germany. He came by his name very logically, since he was generally believed to wear a fur coat. "Pelz" is the German word for fur.

Today, the custom of having Pelsnickle appear at Christmas time is still observed in some Pennsylvania Dutch homes, according to the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

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

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

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Elsewhere, this week, Sir Philip Livingston writes of his meeting with the late Bill Evans. The eminent doctor who has left to live at Maple Bay made many friends during his four years on the island. Bill Evans was one of them. He'll probably shoot me, but I heard a brief version of the first meeting between the retired operator of an unofficial animal clinic and the not yet retired medical practitioner. Sir Philip had been visiting a home up Rainbow Road and he encountered Bill Evans working on a sick cow. He remonstrated sharply with the old farmer on his appearance. "I'm a doctor," he explained. Bill should take a rest, he was overdoing it, warned Sir Philip. He tried the old dog breeder's pulse. "Now, get in the back of your car and take a rest," he told him. He was not only concerned with Bill's appearance, but with his heart condition as well. The picture he saw was entirely due to Bill's practice of never refusing an animal the help he could offer. The eye specialist evinced a keen admiration for Bill. So much so that he has mooted the provision of a cairn to commemorate Bill Evans' contribution to the great population of Salt Spring Island which could never say "Thank you!"

When the Lions enjoyed a Christmas party on Saturday one guest showed up without his tie. He explained that he had locked himself out of his wardrobe and had been obliged to travel light.

Mayne Island couple came to Ganges on Monday to kick up their heels. They brought with them a two-dollar bill. They probably had others, but his particular bill, explained Ron Cunningham, had a hole in it. He went to the Island Garage and spent it. He went to Moutats and got back the bill with a hole in it. He went to another store and spent it. Later in the day he had change coming at Ganges Pharmacy. Sure enough! It was the two dollar bill with a hole in it.

Ken Whyte is hoping to be rid of the cast on his leg for Christmas. He broke his leg from picking apples a few weeks ago. He was in a hurry, and that's no change, when he slipped on the wet grass. His leg came up against a rock and the rock was tougher. The worst is over and he only has to learn to walk again now.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Meetings of the board of school trustees of Gulf Islands School District will in future be held on Wednesday afternoons, once each month.

The new time has been established for January and February to suit the members from other islands.

On this schedule a trustee can come to Ganges aboard the Sechelt Queen, spend the afternoon in deliberation and return home on the evening ferry.



Greetings

To you and your family, our wish is for all the merriment and excitement of this festive season...all the joy and warmth of a Yuletide celebration. And may we thank you for your much appreciated patronage.

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BRIDGE

by ALICE HAMMETT

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS...
from one bridge fiend
to the rest of the bridge
fiends on the islands.

LEADS: The opening lead can make or break a contract. One must listen to the bidding very carefully and try and figure out where the high cards are and how they are distributed. When you are on the defensive and neither you nor your partner had made a bid you have to make a blind lead. Against a no-trump contract and a suit contract the opening lead might be different while still holding the same sequence of cards. Try and establish a trick or tricks in your own hand, or, if that seems hopeless try and establish a trick or tricks in your partner's hand. Against a suit contract one should lead the top of two touching honors, but against no-trump the lead should be from the top of a sequence of three touching cards or the fourth highest of a suit. This now brings one to the "Rule of Eleven"

This is very very important and it is amazing how many players ignore it - actually it is a must and not only against No-trump contracts (a common misunderstanding) but also against a suit contract. It is very frustrating to have partner return an original lead when one has led from the top of nothing." A very poor lead and one to be avoided but sometimes the only lead; against say: Hearts trump and holding - S. KJ93; H: Q104; D: AQ8; C. 963.

Lead Club 9. If partner should take the trick and uses the "Rule of Eleven" he will know it was not the fourth highest card and should lead to weakness in Dummy, knowing well that the nine was the top of nothing and led for the want of a better lead. Do not lead into strength and avoid leading through dummy's bid

suit as this often helps declarer to establish that suit. An unbid suit is often a good lead and in certain circumstances a trump lead is good.

Leading partners suit: The old belief that one led the highest of partner's suit went out many moons ago but inexperienced players still follow this pattern. With two cards lead the higher one first and with three worthless cards lead the highest (partner may take this for a doubleton) With three cards lead the lowest and with four cards do likewise. Exception - always lead the Ace against the suit contract. With touching cards lead the higher one. The following will illustrate what can happen when one leads the partner's highest card instead of the third highest:-

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Q3
S. is declarer and by leading the Jack the 10 is set up in dummy and declarer gets a discard. By leading the third highest card the declarer has to trump the third round.

When partner bids as the result of a double by you it is not usually advisable to lead that suit.

A singleton lead is not always attractive. If it means uncovering a guarded honor in trump in order to get a ruff the singleton lead should be avoided or if by leading a singleton the opponent's side suit is set up.

To lay down an ace to have a look at dummy is quite uncalled for. Dummy must remain closed until the first card is led (not even trumps may be put on the table before the opening lead.) Some players separate the trump cards and hold them in the air awaiting the original lead. This is just about as bad as placing them on the table. To let opponents know how many trump cards are in dummy is giving away very useful information.

Explanation of the "Rule of Eleven": The highest card in bridge is the Ace therefore the cards run from the two-spot to the 14th card, the fourth highest card being the Jack which is actually eleven. When the fourth highest card is led one has to subtract the size of the card led from eleven and the result will show how many cards are outstanding which are higher than the card led. Supposing the seven is led, then dummy goes down and two cards are exposed higher than the seven. (naturally in the led suit) you have one higher than the seven then the declarer has only one higher than the seven as that accounts for four cards, the difference between the seven and eleven. If the wrong card is played on the first trick in the following hand the declarer will make his contract.

About Trees

Perhaps the most common use of holiday greens is seen in the lively, decorated Christmas tree found in many homes at this time of year.

There are many legends concerning the origin of Christmas trees. One belief is that the first Christmas tree was a palm tree brought from Egypt. The 12 parts of the palm were supposed to represent the 12 apostles, according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

The use of pine and cedar Yule trees is generally thought to be of German derivation. The introduction of the ever-green Christmas tree came to English-speaking peoples after the marriage of Victoria of England to the German prince, Albert.

N.	K64		
	AQJ2		
	852		
	A86		
W.	Q1087		
	754		
	Q643		
	J5		
	S.		
	52		
	1086		
	AK9		
	KQ1032		
Bidding:			
S.	W.	N.	E.
1C	P	1H	P
1NT	P	3NT	P

West leads the Heart 7 which means there are four higher cards out - Dummy shows one and East has three therefore south holds nothing higher than the seven. If East carelessly plays the Jack (Surely he would hold the Ace over the King)

then S. makes his contract. By using the Rule of Eleven East lets the West trick hold and a spade is returned. The king is captured on the second or third trick. E/W make four spade tricks and the Heart K. thus setting the contract.

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**WITH WARMEST WISHES FOR
A Merry Christmas**

The season that generates great warmth and joy on Earth is here! May it bring gladness to you and yours. Thanks for your patronage!

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

IMPERIAL ESSO AGENT

MARRIED IN ALBERTA CHURCH CEREMONY



Roman Catholic Chapel, Canadian Force Base, Cold Lake, Medley, Alberta, was the setting on November 16, 1968, at 2 p.m. for the wedding of Cheryl Fay Fohnston, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Boyce, Rayfield, Ontario, and Pte. Darrel Terence Byron, eld-

est son of Mr. and Mrs. Terence Byron, Ganges.

Rev. Fr. Sabourin performed the double ring ceremony and the organist played "The Wedding March" and "With This Ring I Thee Wed".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was radiant in a floor length gown of chantilly lace over taffeta, with the Empire bust-line. A detachable train sweeping to chapel length complemented the sheath skirt. A five-tiered tiara held a chapel length veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses surrounded by white carnations.

Attending the bride as maid of honour was her sister, Miss Bonnie Johnston, London Ontario. She chose a floor-length deep rose gown with an Empire style bust-line, with an A-line skirt. The bridesmatron, Mrs. John Griswold, Medley, Alberta, chose a floor-length lime green dress, with lace sleeves. They each carried one long stemmed white rose.

The groom was attended by his Corporal, Marshall Mont, and the guests were ushered by the bride's brother, Danny Johnston, Bayfield, Ontario.

At the reception in the Golf Club at the Canadian Forces Base, Cold Lake, Mrs. Boyce received guests. She was wearing a lime-green sparkled dress, black feathered hat and pearl accessories. She wore a corsage of white roses.

For a travelling trip to Southern Alberta, the bride was attired in a three piece gold suit

Yule Greens Set Scene For Festivity

From the welcoming wreath on the door to the Christmas tree glowing with lights and bedecked with packages, from the cheery poinsettia plant on the mantel or table to the sprig of mistletoe with its promises of kisses and laughter, greens and plants set the scene for holiday enjoyment.

Many of the greens now used for Christmas decorations once adorned pagan rites, and were credited by the ancients with certain mystical powers and virtues.

Today, using greens has become holiday custom, regardless of religious or symbolic significance.

- GIVE -
TO
CARE

with black accessories. She wore a corsage of red sweetheart roses. On their trip they visited R.S.M. Ken Byron at Wainwright.

Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Byron will reside in Cold Lake, where Mr. Byron is at present in the Canadian Air Force.

Guests attended the wedding from London, Bayfield and Belmont Ontario and Cold Lake, Alberta. Prior to her marriage she was honoured at several showers.

Holly in Legend

In the legend and lore of Christmas, holly has both a merry and melancholy significance.

Fairies, so it is said, loved the holly. They found its leaves such a comforting shelter that even after holly was cut from the trees, they lingered about,

allowing themselves to be carried indoors, where they protected the home from evil spirits.



A Christmas Song

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Merry Christmas



AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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GREETINGS

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AL PISTELL SEPTIC TANK CLEANERS

Whether you have budgeted wisely and spent carefully this Christmas...or gone hog-wild on a shopping spree de luxe, the desire to share with others was your prompter.

If you belong to the first category we need your stability in the community and in our own organization. If you are among the last of the big spenders, then you may be one of our first new members in the new year, when you come for advice and help.

Whichever you are, you are our neighbour and our possible fellow member and it is at Christmas more than at any other season that we can sit back and reflect on the past year.

It is at this time of the year that we realize with a full heart that we have enjoyed working with our neighbours. We just hope that our neighbours can share this pleasant reflection.

BEST WISHES THIS CHRISTMAS

SAANICH PENINSULA CREDIT UNION

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DOLL WITH A GIANT WARDROBE

Mrs. C. Archer is holding the doll at Moutat's Store in Ganges. She is selling tickets on the Legion doll with its extensive wardrobe. The doll is provided with clothes for almost every occasion, from bedtime to the ballroom. Clothes are skilfully fashioned by Mrs. Peter Bingham of Churchill Road. Project represents many

hours of work and proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the Royal Canadian Legion on the island.

Use
Christmas
Seals.

All Good Wishes for Christmas
NELS DEGNEN BULLDOZING

MERRY Christmas
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Greetings with every good wish for a beautiful Christmas!
From Terri Walczak and Lynne Wheeler
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WEEK END STORMS

Week end storms brought reports of damage from various islands, although major incidents were at a minimum.

Winds up to 60 mph lashed the islands and power went out on Pender Island, as trees were toppled and brought down wires with them.

Float at Ganges Marina, at the head of Ganges Harbour, wrecked its supporting dolphin and threatened to take the marine supplies down the harbour. Log boom at the head of the harbour also suffered some damage.

Number of small boats around the islands took a beating.

Tree topping specialists were busy this week bringing down the trees already uprooted by the gales.

The gales were accompanied by heavy rains and high tides.

The week brought several frosts although only a film of snow has hit the lower levels yet this season.

WAGON WHEELS

Wagon Wheels Christmas party on December 14 was a great success.

The Christmas Ship from Bellingham had arrived, and Santa Claus, pirates and assorted helpers turned out in full force, to enliven the square dancing.

Altogether there were about 60 people, and the hall echoed to the tapping of feet and the beat of the music, as dancers followed the directions of Caller Bert Barber.

Santa Claus distributed presents, in front of a gay Christmas tree, and greeted everyone with a hug and a gift.

The Bellingham Jay-Cees made quite a hit with some of our local young square-dancers, who felt that their visit was all too short.

After refreshments the Captain, Santa Claus, pirates and attendants departed.

FULFORD TIDE TABLE

DECEMBER 1968

Day	Time	Ht.
19	0635	12.2
Thurs	1020	11.1
	1350	12.0
	2225	- .6
20	0710	12.5
Fri.	1125	11.1
	1450	11.8
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Sat.	1230	10.8
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Sun.	1340	10.2
	1635	10.6
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Mon.	0910	12.3
	1510	9.3
	1750	9.6
24	0130	1.8
Tues.	0945	12.1
	1615	8.2
	1855	8.5
25	0210	3.1
Wed.	1020	11.9
	1730	7.0
	2050	7.6

Merry Christmas

To our fine patrons, sincere thanks, and warmest greetings to you and yours for a Merry Christmas.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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HARBOR HOUSE

Gulf Islands Driftwood

SECOND SECTION

GANGES, British Columbia

Thursday, December 19, 1968

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MARRIED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wakelin will be at home on December 29. Home is on Sharpe Road.

The date is a special one in the Wakelin calendar. It will mark their 50th year together. Ganges couple were married in 1918.

Mr. Wakelin is the son of a couple who settled on the old Martin property on Upper Ganges Road early in the century. He later lived on the Fulford-Ganges Road.

Mr. Wakelin gained note for the fact that he drove a truck for many years after losing an arm in an accident.

He is a former provincial civil servant and worked for the lands and works department.

Mr. and Mrs. Wakelin will entertain at open house on Sunday, Dec. 29, from 2 pm until 6 p.m.

WORK UNDER WAY

Gulf Islands School District has asked the department of highways for a special appropriation for reconstruction of the road to North Galiano.

At an earlier meeting trustees had agreed to press for the special allocation of funds in order to bring the road up to the condition warranted by its regular use as a school bus route. Residents of Galiano have already taken up a petition asking for the work.

Road work is currently under way and an extensive gravelling program is now being undertaken trustees learned last Wednesday afternoon.

Department of highways was previously unaware that Galiano is the only island with a school bus, apart from Salt Spring Island, trustees were told.

"DEAR PIERRE"

SALTY OFFERS ADVICE

Takes an islander to run this country. Island cartoon character, Salty, has come up with a new plan for raising funds on the national scale.

Appearing in the second Salty Annual, Salty has written a letter to the Prime Minister congratulating him on his election and explaining how funds are raised among the islands.

Coast-to-coast walkathon might be effective, suggests Salty.

The cartoon was created by Art Simons, who has little to do with the matter. He leaves everything to Salty who has his finger on everything.

The Salty Annual includes various cartoons which have appeared from time to time in DRIFTWOOD during the past year. Also included in Art Sim-

SANTA COMES TO STORE



Santa Claus made his second visit to Valcourt's.

PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

For British Columbians, 1968 has been a year of progress; a year whose accomplishments give us ample reason for confidence in our future prospects here at home.

But we are also citizens of the world, who therefore must look beyond our own borders to measure man's progress. And during

the tragic year now ending, we have seen our neighbours the world over suffer violence and conflict.

While this is conflict not of our own making, we cannot turn away from their suffering. The spirit of good will towards men which is the injunction of Christmas enjoins us to pray for them as for ourselves, that 1969 will see a lasting return to peace on earth.

In this spirit, and with this prayer in mind, I send you best wishes for a happy Christmas and a truly successful New Year.

ons' own summary of what led up to the cartoons.

There is a foreword by Ed Gould, of the Victoria Daily Times, who was living on Salt Spring Island until he moved to Duncan recently.

Salty has come out of his second annual birthday in new colors. He wears an olive green coat with a buff-colored lining.

SHOPPING SPREE

Mrs. Donald Reeves, of Fulford was the winner of the Lions Shopping Spree when the draw was made last week.

Mrs. Reeves will given the run of Ben's Lucky Dollar Store to collect as many groceries as she can in the given time of three minutes.

WHO WAS PRIVATE PRICE?

Who was Pt. Price? Were there two of that name or are the initials confused?

There is still something of a mystery around the identity of the last Allied soldier to die to a bullet in World War One.

Cross which once marked his grave was stored on Salt Spring Island for many years. When the Byron family learned his identity and the significance of the cross its loss was discovered.

Cross had been stored in a building near an empty house at St. Mary Lake. The building had been entered and the cross was removed.

Later during the summer Duncan Gurton, of Sidney, reported that he had found the cross on his lakeside property but that he had been unaware of its significance and had set it aside in a tree.

The cross was never found. Last man to die was Pt. Price. The earlier reports listed him as J.L. Price. The Legionary published by the Royal Canadian Legion, lists him as George Price.

Are they the same man? Pt. Price did not reside on Salt Spring Island. He was the nephew of the late Col. A.B.

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RELAX! TREE IS FOR FREE

Woodsmen! Woodsmen! Spare that tree!

Woodsmen! Woodsmen! Don't bother to spare it, the forestry department isn't that worried.

If the tree is on your own property and you want to decorate your living room, go ahead and cut it!

Even if you have to carry it around with you in the car, it's all above board.

Reports last week from the RCMP warning against illegal transportation of trees were geared to a wholesale transportation, rather than the individual who cut from his own land, DRIFTWOOD was assured.

It is in fact, illegal to cut or transport a tree, undocumented. Regulations concerning cutting trees are intended to safeguard forests and stands of growing timber.

If you take your own tree out of your own property for your own house, there's no one watching. There's no one who wants to.

So that's it!

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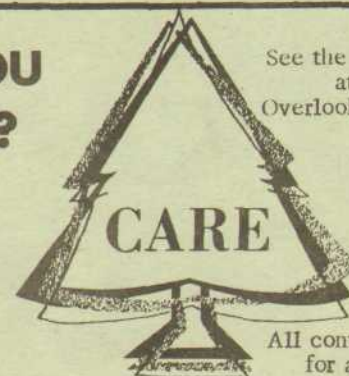
NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1

THURSDAY " 2

DO YOU
CARE?

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CARE

enough - - -



See the Pearson Care Tree at Pender Overlooking Navy Channel

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*
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Send your contribution for CARE of CANADA to
George Pearson, Pender Island, B.C.
And light another lamp on the CARE Tree at Pender

SHE'S 97

Mrs. Ida Irene Kelly may not be the senior resident of the islands today, but she is not lagging far behind that boast.

Mrs. Kelly marked her 97th birthday on Wednesday at Park Drive Guest Home in Ganges.

She is very happy and enjoys good health. Mrs. Kelly has had eight children, of whom two are living on Salt Spring Island. They are Mrs. R.C. Laing and Mrs. Roy King.

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE

It is the people who never stop working who are responsible for each production of DRIFTWOOD. It is the people who never stop working who are with DRIFTWOOD in wishing their readers a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

It is Papajohn, at Saturna, who writes the island news on Sunday morning while Granmarie is at church.

It is Mary Backlund who has found her pleasant valley right there on Galiano and who writes reams for publications all over the province.

It is Elsie Brown at Mayne Island who went to Mayne after too long on the mayneland and who sees the need for news.

It is the writer at Pender who hides his keenness behind a cloak of anonymity and who wants to see a column from his home island.

It is Cultus Coulee at South Pender, who has lived for long enough among the islands to have evinced a fine regard for island history.

It is Devina Baines at North Galiano who has enough on her hands trying to run a store without adding to the burden, although she does.

It is Jessie Sayer at Fernwood, who is often short of news but usually has something to add.

It is Doreen Morris at Ganges who knows what's going on.

It is Bea Hamilton at Fulford, whose observations of the weather and the wildlife have long vied with her comments on mere people.

It is Alice Hammett who would rather have a grand slam for breakfast than an omelette.

It is Brenda Sharp and the other school correspondents who have kept the school in sight.

It is Salty who keeps Art Simons' nose to the grindstone each week until he's black and blue and red all over.

It is the people all over the islands who think of calling DRIFTWOOD when they learn something or see something interesting.

It is the 101 other people who come to the rescue when a story is lacking or information is needed.

It is June Knowles, who until a year ago never thought of setting news.

It is Lilian Horsdahl who has written and read but until now never sold a book.

It is Tony Richards who spends so much time in deep study that he faces a weekly struggle to come back to the world.

It is Jill and Valerie Richards who once a week operate the addressing equipment which sends out DRIFTWOOD through the mails.

It is Wally Thomas who cracks the whip when the books are not up to date.

It is all these people...all these months...who have brought DRIFTWOOD to reality and

It is all these people who add their voices to those of Frank and Barbara Richards in saying, again




Greetings for Christmas

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

and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

BILL'S TAXI LTD. GANGES

Christmas Seal Artist



Maurice Picard, Montreal born graphic designer is the artist of the 1968 Christmas Seal. His career in photo engraving, art directing and designing has won him many awards. He is a hockey sports fan and perhaps this served as an inspiration for the little skaters on our Seal.

Season's Greetings
and
**A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
& NEIGHBOURS ON
SALT SPRING ISL**
Les and Mary Mollet
& Mrs A.J. Mollet

**TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
ON THE ISLANDS
BEST WISHES
FOR CHRISTMAS**
*and a happy
New Year*
William & Alice Maier



**BEST WISHES
FOR A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**
From
Doris & Wayne Bradley
& The Girls

Merry Christmas
and a happy New Year.
From Evelyn & Ronnie Lee
& Elizabeth - Fulford

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS
Bill and Pat Sampson

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR
From **MRS. ALICE BENNETT**
FULFORD HARBOUR

My **CHRISTMAS** *GREETINGS*
WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYOUS THINGS
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON BRINGS
Alice Thompson
Fernwood

HEADS THEM AGAIN

Mrs. S. Bannister was named to head the Anglican Church Women for another term at the recent annual meeting.

Church group held the December meeting in the parish hall last Friday with Mrs. Bannister in the chair and 15 members present. Mrs. Bannister took the devotional period.

Mrs. G.H. Holmes spoke about the World Wide Bible Society as well as Eskimo printing and carving.

Various reports were given. Mrs. Harold Price reported on the Christmas Bazaar held recently and a special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. W.H. Saunders for their successful Christmas Novelty stall.

Mrs. Holmes took the chair for the election of officers for 1969. Honorary president, is Mrs. Holmes and president,

**JEANNE and JOE SILVEY
& Family of Powell River
Extend
SEASON'S GREETINGS
To All Their Friends and
Relatives**

**Merry
Christmas**
&
**A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL MY FRIENDS
ON SALT SPRING**
Mrs Bill Evans

**Season's
Greetings**
TO MY FAMILY
&
FRIENDS
Cecile Marcotte

Mrs. Bannister. Other officers are first vice-president, Mrs. E. Barber; second vice-president, Mrs. W. Norton; secretary Mrs. E. Ledger; treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Horrock; educational, Mrs. Holmes; dorcas, Mrs. E. Adams; extra cent-a-day, Mrs. V.J. Jackson; united thanks offering, Mrs. E. Harbin; living message, Mrs. Jackson; prayer partner, Mrs. Adams; calendars, Mrs. N. Howland and tea convener, Mrs. Norton

A hearty vote of thanks was given to 1968 officers and special thanks went to the retiring secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W.M. Palmer and Mrs. Harold Price.

Mrs. Ledger was tea hostess for the afternoon.

**SCHOOL
NEWS**

Both the elementary soccer and hockey teams wound up very successful seasons with continuing wins over Somenos. The wins mean that both teams finish on top of their respective North Cowichan District Leagues and will advance to the play-offs with winners of the Central and Southern Leagues. Both teams should be congratulated on their fine showing since this is the school's first entry into the league and also because both teams have won all their games.

SOCCER
Salt Spring 7
Somenos 1
The game, played in a down pour, resulted in an easy win for the local boys although the forwards were subjected to some rough treatment at the hands of the Somenos defenders. Nevertheless they stuck to their task and showed, that given the opportunities they can score goals against even the toughest defenses. In the defense Jim Pringle played an outstanding game and was well supported by Paddy Taylor and Carl Kitchen. Of the forwards who played well throughout, none fought harder than Bryan Bogdanovich, Robbie Wood and Toby Seward.

Scorers: Bryan Bogdanovich (3) Toby Seward (2) Paddy Taylor, Gary Bogdanovich each 1.

GRASS HOCKEY
Salt Spring 4
Somenos 1

Last Friday the girls completed their league schedule with a muddy and wet victory over the Somenos girls. In the first twenty minutes Salt Spring passed well and Leslie Langdon, Pam Lengyel and Linda Stacey scored well executed goals with crisp passing being the key feature. Also, playing a strong game was halfback Barbara Blundell who set up the plays with some excellent passing and tackling.

This completes our schedule and the girls have finished in first place with four wins against no losses. Sometime during the second term they will play the other league winners for the mid-island championship.

**MERRY
Christmas
and
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**
Cliff & Gladys Lee
Fulford

Dressing Dolls

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

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

**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**
To All My Friends and
Neighbours
On Salt Spring Island
Edith Barber

Mr & Mrs D.H. Ruckle
Nan, Gordon, Lotus
& Gwen
WISH TO EXTEND
**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**
TO ALL THEIR FRIENDS

WE WISH ALL OUR
FRIENDS
*A Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year.*
Family of Jake Buitenwerf

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON
TO OUR GULF ISLAND FRIENDS
From the crews of the
SECHLT QUEEN

GLAD JUL og GODT NYT AAR
Sig & Joe Emerslund

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
"The children and I would like to wish all our many friends, on Salt Spring Island, a most sincere MERRY CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!" Bev Gibson

On behalf of my sister Jean de Macedo and myself I wish to extend to our friends on Salt Spring Island - Best Wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Sincerely, Mary Corbett

SEASON'S BEST WISHES
To all those who have helped carry on the work of the
UNITARIAN SERVICE COMMITTEE
On behalf of the North - End Neighbours
Mrs E. Adams
Mrs A. Thompson

**BEST
WISHES
FOR A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
to Everyone
From
Nancy & Bill Mossop
and Family - Fulford

TO MY RELATIVES
&
ALL MY FRIENDS
I WISH THEM ALL
a Merry
Christmas
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Ann Jameski

Mr & Mrs J.D. Fletcher
thank all those who were so kind to Mrs Fletcher during her illness, and to wish all our friends and neighbours -
A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and
A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

FULFORD

BY BEA HAMILTON
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year all you good readers! The dawn is breaking at the moment and the sun promises to arise within the hour. Two little Pintail ducks are splashing in the calm sea below my window and far out near Skull Island, a loon laughs hilariously at the dawning of some joke...he gives a shout and dives deep for his breakfast.

With all this going on how can one concentrate on the prosaic news of the week? Look out there at sea...from two ducks the crowd has increased to several dozen and what a splashing and fussing...three ducks are having a swimming race, making three perfect V's as they cut through the water...and just hear them chatter!

"Ah, good morning, Mrs. Pintail," greets Mr. Mallard politely, always the gentleman,

"You seem a little upset? May I enquire why?"

"Its the coloured things - up there at night..." fluttered Mrs. Pintail, swimming nervously in circles.

"Woke me up - shone on the water," rumbled Mr. Butterball indignantly. "Couldn't get to sleep for ages after."

"Ah, its a dark secret but I know what's going on!" clacked Mrs. Old Squaw Duck, the gossip of Marine-land.

"Hah - you always know what's going on!" Mrs. Pintail snapped her bill and swam farther away.

"I could tell you things about those humans that shoot at us... those coloured things are a bait just you wait - something awful will happen."

"Nonsense," snapped a rather pompous Mr. Bluebill, "No gossiping before breakfast please! Last time I listened to

you, I got a fish stuck in my crop. Very uncomfortable!"

"But-but-but" sputtered Mrs. Old Squaw, getting excited. "Keep quiet - I see a fish!" hissed Mrs. Pintail, and she vanished head down, tail up.

"Move over! Move Over! HONK HONK! No chattering now - you scare all the fish!" and Bright Boy, the pet goose belonging to Louise, swam majestically into the fluttering circle. He looked down at Mrs. Pintail. "Those coloured things are lights. For Christmas, what ever that is. Louise told me so I know. They mean something good."

"Don't be a goose!" snapped Mrs. Golden-eye, preening herself. "Only fish is good."

That's what I was trying to tell you - he is a goose!" spluttered Mrs. Old Squaw, "Swim for your life!"

Well, that caused a flutter and a young butterball piped up. "What's a goose?"

"What you don't want to be!" snapped Papa Butterball, hustling the youngster out of range. Suddenly all the ducks seemed to have other business to attend to....

"Hiss-sss HONK HONK!" Bright Boy snapped his powerful bill at the retreating ducks, "Quackery, all quackery!" and he swam up harbour to have another flirtation with a cute little female Canvas-back that had flown in recently, she was a little lonely too and Bright Boy didn't see why they shouldn't spend Christmas together up-harbour....

So you see what a flutter the Christmas lights are causing along the waterfront?



Christmas parties are everywhere and Old Santa is heading this way but what gets me is that Old Father Time - he is scything away at the years, cutting them down under our feet and I don't see why he has to be so dratted fast about piling the years on our heads - I'm all for striking in 1969 and to heck with that old time-adding machine that computes us willy-nilly into the role we dislike - old age! Only one thing to do - ignore the years and -

Let the years roll by, with none so blithe as I!

Let the Years roll on, as we treat Old Age with scorn.

If the words don't really rhyme, blame it all on Father Time He's the one who took your hair, lost your teeth, brought dis+ pair;

Through him your joints are creaking now-do not your head in sorrow bow!

When Father Time gets people's goats, tell him "go scythe his wild oats!"

Forget your age-that is the way to live and think young thoughts each day.

So climb not in an Old Age rut-tell Father Time he's just a nut.

And when the year rolls round once more, boot Old Age out the Parlor door!

It was a gay Christmas party at St. George's Hall in Ganges the other day when all the O.A. P. gathered to sing Christmas Carols and to receive a little gift from a prettily decorated tree. Chairman, the Rev. Dr. G.H. Holmes, welcomed the guests and helped by several of the executive and members, distributed the gifts, which were handed to each recipient by Mrs. Cranswick.

Gay with ribbons and colourful paper wrappings, the parcels under the tree gave a bright touch to the afternoon festivit-

ies. Mrs. J. Thomson played for the carols and tea was served by some of the members.

Then Mr. Cranswick introduced a few discreet (and one or two not quite so discreet) jokes and brought a lot of laughs and giggles, and ended up by reciting the poem, "Sam, Sam, pick up th' gun," which everyone loved. Not sure of the title of the poem but I do know "Sam Sam" was pretty stubborn and it took all the Top Brass to persuade him to pick up his gun.

Eleven members of the OAP were picked up by the bus from Bill's Taxi so it was a nice outing for a number of people. There were about 75 who attended so it was quite a bash.

The local W.I. Christmas tea and meeting combined was held at the home of Mrs. R. Lee on Thursday with 13 members and four guests present, Mrs. Van Herwaarden and three of her children, Miss Marlien, young Leslie and little Lydia.

Plans were made to hold the next card party at Nan's Coffee Bar on January 22, 2-4 pm. It was noted that the building fund to help out the Reeves family was established at the Bank of Montreal in Ganges and that

donations can be sent to Mr. Merston for this purpose.

Arrangements were also completed to hold the party for recent arrivals in the district, at the Fulford Hall on Thursday evening. Invitations have been sent out to all those who have become established at the South end within the last 12 months.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Gyves in January. Tea hostesses will be Mrs. A. Davis and Misses Ina and Bea Hamilton.

To all readers of this column May I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS SHIPS

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He appeared in Ganges during the day as the guest of Valcourt's store on Lower Ganges Road. He was almost simultaneously entertaining children at Bedwell Harbour as the Victoria based Santa Ship called in.

By Saturday evening he had taken a third guide and floated into Ganges aboard the Christmas Ship from Bellingham.

Experience of sleigh-riding stood him in good stead among the islands as the winds and stormy seas buffeted him around until many of his assistants were sea-sick.

There was nothing sickly about Santa as he strided from the wharf at Ganges and took the bus to Mahon Hall.

His reception was repeated at Mayne, Galiano, North Pender and Saturna before he returned home to Bellingham.

In each community the children were assembled at the wharves and seafont long before the ship was due.

Both festive ships spent the week end dodging into ports and out again to avoid clashing with ferry services.

Saturday was brisk and stormy and when the Christmas Ship reached Ganges by shortly after the scheduled time of 6 pm, the sound equipment was silent and the heating equipment was hesitant.

The Santa Claus Ship had lagged behind its schedule more extensively by the time it reached Vesuvius on Sunday afternoon. Children had assembled for more than an hour when the ship came sailing in light blazing and music blaring.

The Vesuvius Hotel entrance was blocked with cars awaiting Santa and a line-up extended a mile or so along Vesuvius Bay Road.

Excited, noisy, running children took over the wharf as the ship came in. Santa personally met each youngster and presented him with a packet of candy.

As the Santa Claus Ship moved out of Vesuvius Bay the Crofton ferry came in to Christmas music.

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The same vessel has been offered for this run each year for the past five years.

Wyrill, of Bellingham, is the Christmas Ship. She was making her first appearance on the

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This is Mahon Hall as Santa saw it from the stage on Saturday night. Vast crowds are waiting to file past Santa Claus with their children.

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Basic pattern of planning and zoning was explained to Gulf Islanders recently when Anthony Roberts, director of the Capital Region Planning Board, addressed a meeting at Saturna Island.

Meeting was called on the subject of planning by the Islands Joint Council. Delegates discussed planning and land use control as well as other matters of concern to the islands.

Mr. Roberts spoke of the background of the planning board and explained its operation.

The planning board is concerned with every factor of population, the planner told the meeting. The planning board considers the present population of its area, future trends and future needs.

The speaker was particularly concerned with the islands and their appeal.

They are unique in all of Can-

ada, he observed and islanders should take a broad look at the problems of growth in so "fragile" an area.

The meeting had been planned by the council following an earlier discussion of planning. At the summer meeting of the inter-island group it had been suggested that an overall restriction of subdivisions to one acre be sought.

Not all islanders welcomed the proposal and it was felt that an overriding single minimum

would exert a hardship on many without accomplishing its purpose.

The council was considering the problem of discharge of sewage into the sea when planning came under review.

Delegates at that meeting had felt that planning was one method of controlling development and keeping within the minimum size which would permit drainage of sewage without recourse to discharge into the sea.

The joint council has no administrative powers. It is a voluntary group of citizens working for the benefit of the islands in those fields where common problems call for joint action. On some islands it is a committee of the chamber of commerce and on others it is a function of the ratepayers association.

There has been discussion in the Capital Region District regarding the absorption of the Capital Region Planning District. In such an event the islands would be part of the planning area.

The joint council will investigate further to ascertain the benefits and problems of planning among the islands.



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Or Flo would have her piece to say.

To John, a gift not sensible
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Islanders swarmed to the new D 'n' E store on Ganges Hill last week, already walking around the display several hours before the store opened. Dendron Enterprises Ltd.,

trading as D 'n' E is an appliance sales outlet offering equipment at wholesale prices. Customers of the firm must first acquire membership in the organization before making a

purchase. Firm is using the old forest rangers' building on Ganges Hill, next to the police office. Despite a deluge of rain and holiday season festivities already demanding the attendance of many islanders, the attendance was gratifying, reported Gavin Bilton, manager of the business.

Initial display included various small appliances, clothes washers and dryers, freezers and refrigerators and dishwashers as well as tires and batteries and anti-freeze.

Door prizes offered were drawn by Wayne Bradley. Winners were, 1. Denis Andrews; 2. Jack Smith, and 3. Dick Hall.

Mr. Bilton expressed his satisfaction at his reception in the commercial community of Salt Spring Island.

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3. Be sure the tree is well supported and is away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets or other sources of heat. The tree should be placed so it will not block an exit in case of fire.
4. Lighted candles or other open flames should never be used on or about Christmas trees.
5. Check electric lights and connections. Worn, frayed wires or electric cords must not be used.
6. Avoid use of combustible decorations and flammable reflectors for the coloured lights. Metal foil "icicles" or tinsel must be kept out of bulb sockets.
7. Avoid overloading the electric circuits. Accumulations of wrapping paper and the placing of electrical toys under the tree should be avoided as fire hazards.
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trees brought into the home are favoured by some who enjoy having the same tree as many years as it remains small enough to move in and out of doors. Ample provision should be made for watering such trees, especially when indoors.

(Cecile) Atkins and Mr. G. Clayton won "B" Section with Mr. J. McNiven substituting for Mr. Clayton for the last two sessions. Mr. and Mrs. Willis Swanson won Section "C". The proceeds from the tournament resulted in a cheque for \$150 being forwarded to the Centennial Park Committee.

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NEW ISLANDS PROJECT

BY ELSIE BROWN
A well attended meeting of the Gulf Islands Branch of the B.C. Historical Society was held on Saturna Island, Tuesday December 3 at Saturna Hall with President, Donald New in the chair.

Saturna took the prize for attendance which included some of the school students with a total of 14. Pender came next with nine; Galiano, three; Mayne three.

A short business meeting was conducted by the President and a discussion followed regarding participation by the other islands in a museum, each island being responsible for its own collection of artifacts or items having historical significance and held during the school term. Students would participate.

Secretary, Mrs. Helen Claxton read letters of appreciation from the two students who received the bursaries awarded each year to successful applicants. Jennifer Williams and George James were the winners this year. A very comprehensive report on the Saturna "Delve-In" held in July was read by Miss Marion McKechnie written by Mrs. Robert Hindmarch who assisted Mrs. May Loutit, Museum Technician, Graduate of Vancouver City College, in charge of the program.

Treasurer, Capt. C. Claxton, reported that funds were getting low and some means of raising money would have to be decided on. Membership dues are not enough to cover expenses and the Centennial project, publishing another edition of "Gulf Islands Patchwork" had been successful and the edition is again sold out.

Membership fees are \$1.00 per year and an interesting time is guaranteed.

Following the meeting an exciting World Tour in the form of an illustrated lecture was given by Donald New, who has recently returned from a two-month tour of Greece, Aegean Island and the Holy Land. Mr. New was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. New, and her sister Mrs. Jessie Bellhouse and Rev. and Mrs. J. Dangerfield. Their trip began at Pat Bay Airport and many other means of travel were used before their return home. The ladies were photographed seated on a camel and appeared quite at home.

A trolley car similar to the famous San Francisco Cable Car was also another means of transportation and the change from an American dollar bill paid for several other jaunts, so we were told.

The news must have earned the title world travellers since it was only last year we saw the their films of their trip to Russia. We are looking forward to further armchair travelogues in the near future.

A distinguished visitor was Mrs. Clifford Hancorn of Manchester, England where she will be returning shortly. She is a native daughter having been born in Victoria. Mrs. Hancorn is Gerald Stevens' cousin and was visiting the Stevens on Pender last week.

Other visitors were F. Plunkett of Pender Island and Mrs. Evelyn Edgar and her daughter, Shan of Saturna. New member was Miss Joan Douglas, of Pender Island.

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Then Joseph, so kindly, I saw standing there
 All thrilled with the wonder of God's precious care.

High in the heavens a star shone so bright
 Filling the manger with God's holy light.

The shepherds I saw in wonder, stand near,
 While wise men brought gifts to the baby so dear.

The music I heard as I humbly stood by
 Were the angels, all singing a sweet lullaby.

Oh the wonder, the glory o God's holy might!
 A beautiful picture — this first Christmas night.

—Margaret Thornley

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE
 Inter-denomination to be held at Community Gospel Church at 11 pm. Dr. R.B. Horsfield will bring New Year's message - All are invited.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT
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PENDER

BY PENDERMAN
 Well that sure was some wind we had last Friday. Thought we might get by without a black-out, but no, the lights blinked out around 7:20 pm and did not come on again till about 7:40 am next day.

Nice the weather is so mild. We notice some broom in blossom along the roadside, also pussy willows showing their white already.

About 30 or so members of the Penders Players Club gathered at the home of Mrs. Olive Auchterlonie one evening last week for a dinner party. It was a farewell to a couple of their esteemed members. Capt. and Mrs. W.J.R. Beech who have resided in their lovely home, Port Washington for the past 20 years. They now plan to leave the island on Jan. 3, 1969. We surely shall miss them. A purse of money was presented to them at the party.

Donations are still coming in for George Pearson's CARE fund and the lights are up on his tree. Last report \$865 had come in. \$1,000 is the goal set.

Many of the islanders gathered at Hope Bay wharf Sunday noon the 15th to meet the Bellingham Christmas Ship. The children all took turns to sit on Santa's knee and chat with him and the dear old chap presented each one with a gift, a bag of candy and a balloon. The latter if not held on to soon disappeared up into space.

We notice that the Christmas children's party is for evening of December 19 in the Community Hall.

Also a carol song service is planned for evening of December 23 in the United Church.



IT IS TOO LATE!

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THEY ARE BIG BOOTS

As I remember him, Santa is a big man.

He stands tall in his big boots which is right, because not everyone could wear them.

Santa has come in a bewilderment of guises. We have seen him with a red nose and a hiccup as he valiantly seeks to hold a job for the afternoon or the evening before starting on another bender.

We have seen him as a volunteer Santa, happily entertaining the very young with a "Ho, ho ho" from the heart. Santa becomes a confidential employee of the store or the society when he unbends and listens to the youngster's request.

Santa has been too often a cog in the big wheel, where he is required to pass so many children through the dollar press every hour and may the God whose feast he represents help him if he slows down on the job!

To the very young Santa Claus is a personage of great mystery and his words are inspired in the light of legend.

FUND IS LAUNCHED TO BUILD HOME FOR FULFORD FAMILY

A building fund to help the Reeves family in the district has been started by the local Women's Institute and this fund is in the hands of Jim Merston, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Ganges.

The fund, which is strictly for building a new home, is on its way and all donations will be most welcome.

The family have no home at present and are in a rented house which is only temporary.

Santa Claus from Bellingham looks like Santa, dresses like Santa and behaves like Santa. I like to think that he goes about his annual task much as I would expect the real Santa Claus to undertake it. That he brings wisdom and understanding and love of the innocence of children into this role is very clear.

I like to think that he does not simply impersonate Santa, but that he does, in fact, personify the good Saint Nicholas.

Christmas

spirit . . .

Turkey, sauce and fellow feeling,
 Gifts and presents, drinking, . . .
 reeling,
 Love ourselves and love our neighbour,
 Love this feasting, free from labour.
 New Year's Eve and morning after,
 Feasting's over, so is laughter.
 Peace on Earth, so edifying,
 Quickly born is quickly dying,
 Could we only feast in reason,
 Extend our greetings out of season;
 Living Christmas weekly, daily
 Greeting neighbours always gaily.
 Mark we thus the Saviour's birthday
 Every day's a Peace-on-earth day.

F. G. R.

SATURNA

SEEN BY PAPAJOHN

Not too much news this week. A Hovercraft came in and scooted around Lyall Harbour last week. The Don Balls of Victoria were visitors at the John Money's also. Don formerly worked at ye Shale Plant.

Noticed the Padre working around the Church while his wife was having the weekly bridge. Guess those fair femmes were a bit too much all at once for him too!

Our Christmas Party in the Hall on Saturday, December 21 All about that later. Our New Year's Eve Party is all set up and we hope to have a good one. Tickets will be \$1.50 and "NO" liquor can be brought into the Hall.

Bustling Bonny Boulding has taken a couple of weeks off and come out from Regina to help her sister, bantering Bernice Crooks. Besides the adults the kids are overjoyed to see Aunt Bonny. They get away with murder (nearly).

Guests of Popajohn and Granmarie for a week was son John and bewitching Barbara and OF COURSE Liljohn and Todd who is now at walking stage of getting into things. Of all things Liljohn claimed he was so tired the other night that he wanted Granmarie to brush his teeth for him!

We expect the Santa Claus Ship here about 12:45 this Sunday but as I am typing this out while the wife and bewitching Barb are at Church, more about it all "NEXT YEAR."

What "Ye Editor is going to do about news over the Holidays I don't presently know. SO

To all my "Friends" who peruse these columns I want to make a very simple wish for this Holiday Season. "Just a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be twice as good to everyone as any in the past.

CLASSROOM READINESS PROGRAM IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY ISLANDS TRUSTEES

Preparedness of elementary school students for elementary school is to be considered by

Recalling all the Christmas' I have worked in the past I want the above to apply to the "WHOLE STAFF" at Lady Minto And to all the Grandparents in the Gulf Islands who I hope get as big a "BANG" out of having them visit us as we do. "AND" to The Frank Richards, our Editors. "AMEN"

trustees of Gulf Islands School District.

Classroom readiness program has been proposed by M. Tymo, of Mayne Island.

Trustees will further examine the proposal. A discussion will take place on the subject early in the new year.

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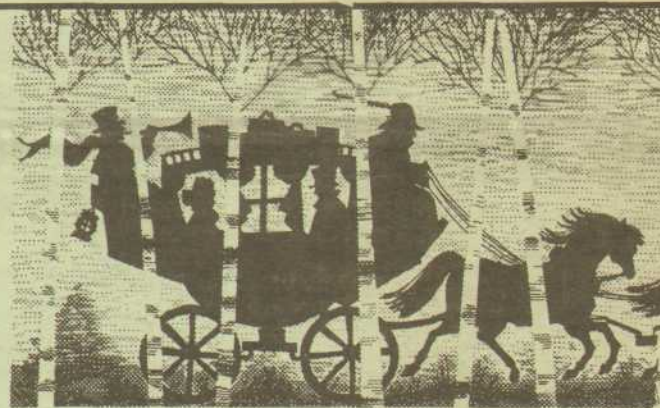
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BY MORGAN MacGREGOR IN "CAMBELL RIVER UPPER ISLANDER"

Fr. Charles Brandt was parish priest on the Islands until this fall. The story of his work appeared in the Vancouver Island newspaper published near his hermitage.

Around Campbell River and on the surrounding islands live many artists, craftsmen and poets who have sought the sec-

their skills. Perhaps one of the most unique craftsmen in the entire area is Father Charles Brandt, a



Rev. Charles Brandt at work in his Campbell River bindery shop.

clusion of forests and rugged country in which to develop

hermit priest who lives in an isolated cabin beside Wolf Creek, 25 miles south of here. He's a hand book-binder, who first began to study this ancient craft at Benedictine monastery in Okalahoma. Later, when he became a trappist monk in New Melleray Abbey, Iowa, he continued with this study in the monastery's bindery.

THREE YEARS AGO

It's almost three years since Father Charles left the abbey to join 10 other hermits of the Order of St. John the Baptist who live in their separate hermitages scattered through the silent woods near the Tsolum River.

In order to establish himself when he first arrived here it was necessary to make the rounds of libraries, doctors and lawyers offices, printers and universities in order to publicize his craft. But this isn't necessary any longer. There are many examples of his superb workmanship on the long polished work-bench in his hermitage and more and more British Columbians are seeking out his services.

He recently completed the binding of 500 copies of John F. T. Saywell's book *Kaatza*. There are fine old bibles which he has restored, the logs of navigators and pilots which have been sent up from the nearby airbase at Comox to be bound.

There is a copy of Helen Mitchell's history of Campbell River, *Diamond in the Rough*, for which he made covers on 1,000 volumes as well as the covers for 300 copies of the Courtenay senior school annual.

Some of his restoration work includes books from library of MacMillan and Bloedel president, H.R. MacMillan, as well as volumes from the collection of Vancouver millionaire, Walter Koerner.

Books requiring repair find their way to his workbench from the libraries of the provinces three major universities as well as the University of Washington.

He has restored hymnals for the United Church in Cumberland as well as the binding of Vatican Council documents for

Bishop Remi de Roo, in Victoria. His most recent project was the restoration of two volumes on the Thompson Indians owned by Ed Meade, former curator of the local museum. The books

are part of a 12 volume edition published through Smithsonian Institute sponsorship in a limited edition in 1892. They are beautifully finished in cream- (Turn to Page Thirteen)

Christmas Wishes
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COINCIDENCE ... OR WASIT?

An island resident is convinced that there is a communication beyond the ordinary senses.

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The two sisters wrote every week without fail, but despite

their efforts they could not manage a meeting.

The American twin was out shopping when she collapsed heavily on the street. She was confident she hadn't tripped and she was feeling in the best of health. When her husband arrived home to hear of her fall, she refused to call her doctor and urged him to abandon the subject until the morrow.

The following morning brought its cabled message.

The English twin had collapsed on the street while shopping and had died.

Was it coincidence or was it.....?

Carrying in Straw

Straw is a traditional part of Christmas celebrations in Sweden — in probable remembrance of the first Christmas when there was straw in the manger.

While "carrying in the Christmas straw" is a tradition rather than a modern custom, Swedish people still make straw and wooden figures to hang on their Christmas trees.



ANTIQUE CHRISTMAS CARD INSPIRED BY robin legend was designed by Jonathan King in London in 1867. The robin wears a red vest because he fanned the embers of the stable fire, to keep the Christ Child warm, legend says. The well-preserved greeting, a century-old this year, is from the Hallmark Historical Collection.

Christmas
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Robin Lives in Holiday Legend

What's a robin doing on a Christmas card? More familiar as a harbinger of spring, bobbing along with a fat worm in his mouth, the robin is nevertheless a centuries-old Christmas symbol. And one of the earliest Christmas cards, a 100-year-old English greeting, features an illustration of a robin on a snowbank.

Because legend says the robin played a vital part in the first Christmas, Yuletide decorations and cards have long celebrated the cheery red-breast. This year's crop of Christmas cards included an assortment of robin designs, many depicting the bird at the manger scene.

One card published for this year featured a retelling of the robin legend, reports Mrs. Jeannette Lee, design director for Hallmark cards.

According to the legend, the Holy Family was not alone in taking refuge in the stable at Bethlehem. Perched on a rafter, a small brown robin watched as the three Magi presented their gifts to the newborn Christ Child.

The robin seemed to understand that something wondrous was happening. After the departure of the Magi, when the Holy Family was asleep, the robin noticed that the stable fire was dying. Only

a few coals smoldered.

In a valiant attempt to revive the flickering embers, the robin swooped down to fan the fire.

Hovering above the coals, he flapped his wings, fanning the embers to life. As the fire burned brighter, flames singed the robin's breast, scorching his brown feathers a brilliant red gold.

Through the night he fanned the fire to keep the Child

warm. Ever since, the robin has worn a red vest, symbolizing his gift.

As a Christmas symbol, the robin embodies the spirit of giving. Like the Magi, the rob-

in gave a precious gift, and he gave it at the cost of personal sacrifice. Thus the robin's gift suggests the deeper meaning — the giving of one's self — the legend notes.

Silent Night

Christmas comes, and renews the glorious inspiration of that Holy Night long ago. To all, we wish a holiday season rich in many joys and blessings.

Merry Christmas

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WHO WAS PRIVATE PRICE?

(From Page Nine)
Snow and his parents were here at the end of the first war. Pt. George Price, of the 28th Canadian Infantry Battalion was killed two minutes before the cease-fire on November 11, 1918.

TURKEY WINNERS

Winners of the Legion Turkey Bingo held December all received 13 lb. turkeys.

They were: Mrs. T. Wallace Mrs. P. Valcourt, Mrs. T. Wallace, Mrs. M. Cantrill, Mrs. Ray Hanson, Mrs. A.T. Ryan, Lars Westin, A. Marcotte N. Lister, Mrs. S. Kitchener, Mrs. M. Cantrill, Mrs. N. Warren, N. Lister, Miss Betty Geula and W. Sutherland. Bruce Fiander won the jack pot, a 25 lb. bird. Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Lister were both two-time winners.

On November 10 a group of Canadian veterans were at Ville Sur Haines to mark the death of the last man. The Corps of Drums and a firing party from the PPCLI took part, reports the Legionary. Last man to command the 28th Battalion, Lt. Col. D.E. McIntyre, DSO, MC, addressed the Belgian and Canadian veterans and the crowd of townspeople who took part. Picture, from the Legionary, shows Col. McIntyre at the memorial plaque to George Price.

FEATURES ROBIN

One of the first Christmas cards ever published, a small (two by three-and-a-half inches) greeting printed in London in 1862 by Goodall and Son, features a robin presiding over a pastoral winter scene, framed by paper lace.

will spend Christmas in Victoria with their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. George Philion and family. Arriving from Duncan to spend Boxing Day with Carlins on their return to their home at Ganges are their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hawkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Isbister and small daughters Sheri, Jeannie, and Kelly from Courtenay were visitors last weekend of Mrs. Isbister's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Nels Degnen.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Humphreys entertained at a dinner dance at the "Roof" of the Vancouver Hotel on December 7 in honor of their eldest daughter, Gill who was celebrating her 21st birthday.

Besides the host and hostess and the guest of honor, others present were Gill's uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Guinevan, also Mr. and Mrs. Brian Johnston, David Kier, and Misses Heather Humphreys and Jennifer Humphreys.

Yukon; Miss Diane Sharp and Don Sharp who attend U.B.C., Vancouver; and Mrs. Sharp's brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Boyde McBurnie, Sault Ste. Marie.

Coming from Vancouver to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Ganges Hill are Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Barr.

Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Patrick Crofton with their four daughters Marietta, Virginia, Susanna and Tessa arrive from Ottawa Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with Cmdr. Drofton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dermott Crofton, "Winfrith."

Mr. and Mrs. E. Patchett leave this week end to spend Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Bob Patchett, Wheatley, Ontario and for the New Year holidays they will be with their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Madore in Montreal.

Mrs. I.B. Devine will travel to Campbell River to spend the holiday season with her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Storback. Also joining the family party will be Mrs. Storback's twin sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Micheal Geigerich from MacKenzie, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. H.J. Carlin

MERRY-GO-ROUND

BY A.M. SPENCER
'Tis the season of great folly
All decked out in bows and holly
Children will get much too much of
Things that break and parts come off of;
Wives dismayed by gifts of duty,
When they longed for love and beauty;
Husbands who seek tools they plead for
And find things they have no need for.
Christmas cheer in fancy bottles
Adds confusion, vision mottles.
When the Happy Day is ended,
Aching heads are sadly bended;
Broken hearts are gently mended
Next Year's changes recommended.
Memory dims the mad frustration
Of each previous year's prostration,
When the season to be jolly
Brings once more the round of folly!

Ganges

Mr. and Mrs. George St. Denis, St. Mary's Lake will spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Rixon and family, Port Angeles.

Visitors last week end of Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Mouat, Churchill road were their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Bryant with their three children, from Brentwood.

Lieut. Commander R.E. S Stone, HMCS Aircraft Bonaventure, Halifax arrived December 17 to spend Christmas and New Years with his wife and children who are staying with Mrs. Stone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Shove.

The many friends of Fred Kirkham will be glad to hear he is home again after having heart surgery in the Vancouver General Hospital. He was a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria before being moved to Vancouver. Mrs. Kirkham reports her husband is well on the road to recovery after being in three hospitals since November 1.

A family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Sharp, Beddis Road, for the holidays will consist of their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sharp, Ross River,

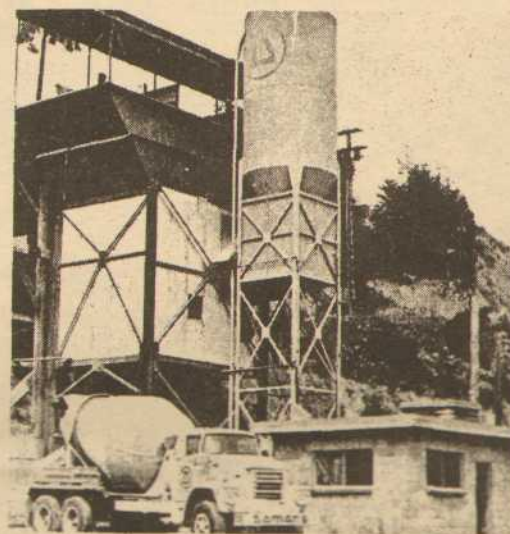
NEW CUBS ENROLLED IN GANGES PACK AS NEW SEASON OPENS WITH 37 BOYS

Looks like a happy new year for Salt Spring Island cubs. First Ganges Pack now numbers 37 boys. New boys were invested recently into the pack. This means that they are formally enrolled and receive their group neckerchiefs, international, provincial and district badges. To be invested a boy must have memorized the Cub promise. He must also know the Cub law.

stage a Cub can seek the various badges and proficiency stars offered. New boys invested into the Pack include Ian Kyle, Randy Howard, Gary Hartwig, Ross Stacey, Ian Elliott, Frank Mossop, David and Wayne Smith. Number of proficiency badges have been awarded to Mark Hughes, Don Fraser, Andrew Roberts, Stephen Pallot and Charles Warren. Adults helping with the Pack are Alan Willis, Robert Twa and Lindsey Kyle.

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Letters to the Editor

(From Page Four)

kindness calls all men to repentance and will have them to be His obedient and blessed children!

But what do the schools of high learning teach us to do??? Bert Skog, Ganges, B. C. Dec. 13, 1968

APPRECIATION

Editor, Driftwood, The recent closely contested School Board election indicates a healthy interest in local education. We feel sure that our membership joins us in sincerely congratulating the successful candidates

and in expressing our appreciation to the other candidates and the voting public for their interest.

The Executive, Local 64, British Columbia Teachers' Federation, Box 129, Ganges, B. C. December 12, 1968.

CHAPTER HERE ADOPTS TSARTLIP INDIAN SCHOOL AT SAANICH

Plans were made by HMS Ganges chapter IODE for Christmas gifts to be sent to the chapter's adopted school in Saanich. Mrs. George Wells, educational secretary, reported discussions held with Chief Paul concerning the school on the East Saanich reserve.

The chapter accepted Mrs. Well's report and voted to adopt the Tsartlip school. Candy, books and records will be sent in time for Christmas, and an order will be placed immediately for new books for the school library. Members also decided to make a public appeal for children's used books. Donors please telephone Mrs. Wells at 537-2383.

Regent Mrs. F.K. Parker reminded members that the new IODE calendars have arrived. These are available from Mrs. Wells.

Standard bearer Mrs. Gavin Mouat reported a new Canadian flag has been ordered for the chapter. The Maple Leaf flag will take precedence at all meetings, with the Union Jack, flag of the Order, in second place. Mrs. Mouat noted the standard of the Order was carried at Remembrance Day service in Ganges.

Services convener Mrs. Grant Cruickshank reported plans have been made for packing of Christmas hampers, to be sent by the chapter as a good will gesture to a number of island residents. She also reported a parcel of twenty paperback books has been sent to Canadian Servicemen overseas.

Serving on the nominating committee will be Mrs. Colin King, Mrs. V.C. Best and Mrs. R.R. Atkins.

Following the meeting tea was served by Mrs. Best and Mrs. O.L. Stanton.

VERSE TO MUSIC

God loved the world and sent His Son, A Babe of virgin birth, To take the sins of everyone, Who dwells upon this earth. Wise men led by guiding star, Came bringing gifts to Him. O'er desert plain, they travelled far, Their hearts with love abrim. While shepherds guarded flocks by dark, That wondrous Star arose. And still that beacon shines afar, A Light that ever grows, Hosanna, Let our carols ring. Hosanna, Let us sing. Hosanna, Christ is born today. Hosanna, Christ is King.

Grace A. Wright.

(This verse was set to music several years ago, when Mrs. Wright sold it for that purpose. She has the music at home. It has been played and sung in many places.)

Symbolizing Victory

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

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- * Tins of imported cookies, Boxes of Chocolates, stocking stuffers, 2¢, 5¢ & 10¢ Candy Canes.
- * A fine selection of grocery items: Fresh milk, bread & cheeses, ice cream & confections.
- * Reasonably priced gifts for Dad, Mother, sister & brother.

WE WILL NOT BE OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY

Special chocolate candy tree decorations at 5¢ & 10¢ each - Xmas tree bulbs - Gift Wrap - Pop & Mixes of all kinds, etc. etc.

HATS OFF TO THE HOUSEWIVES!

BY ARTSMAN

There has been a big wind of change on Mayne Island and we are pleased to report an enthusiastic response to the Arts and Crafts Club which has been organized here. There has always been a number with artistic talents here among us, but hidden

talents are emerging to a greater extent than ever before.

This all happened because of complaints about the inactive, drab, dreary months of winter, and the need for social contact and communication. A tea was held with about 30 interested members present. The outcome was this club.

Mrs. Freda Filtness, who sparked the idea in the first place, and who has outstanding executive ability, was chosen president.

School Trustee Betty Ross and Adult Education Director Mrs. Nita Brown assisted the club by including the group within the range of the night school curriculum. As a result the group now enjoys the use of Mayne Island school for its meetings.

The response from the women was far beyond expectation.

There are more than 36 active and enthusiastic members.

The weekly meetings are taken up with cottage crafts, such as rug-making, quilt-making on a frame, various types of bedspreads and afghans and other projects. The quilt which is now under way and which all the women will be working on, will be raffled in the early part of the new year.

There was also a demonstration on the art of making decorative bows from ribbon. It was given by Mrs. Sophie Betts. To judge from the number of bows being made for the bazaar, this was a great success.

In the arts department, a course of 10 lessons in ceramics was arranged for, with 11 women participating. The classes take place on Salt Spring Island, where a kiln is available. We who are unable to attend are waiting with

interest to see the attractive articles which will undoubtedly be brought back for display. Those attending are very pleased with the six classes already held.

Badminton was started under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Bennett and is held every Monday afternoon with 14 or more players.

A class for painting is being organized with Mrs. Joyce Mitchell as instructress. This is to start after the holiday season and 19 eager members are already on the list of applicants. Others wishing to apply are welcome to do so by coming to our weekly meeting in Mayne Island school.

Whether the Island life brings out the artistic temperament in ordinary people, or artistic people are attracted by island living is a question hard to answer, but

so many feel the need to express themselves in some "Art form" that it must be more than mere coincidence. We are pleased if the club can help us all in some

measure to reach our potential of self-expression, and to fulfill a need in the life of the community. So we say, HATS OFF TO THE HOUSEWIVES!



Happy Wishes for Christmas

May all of your gifts be wrapped in holiday spirit, your tree be decked with good things.

Harry & Devina Baines

SPANISH HILLS STORE

North Galiano Isl

To all our loyal customers, may peace, joy, contentment ring out clearly through your Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

GALIANO GENERAL STORE



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy New Year

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & CUSTOMERS

Sallie & Dick Pugh

MINER'S BAY TRADING POST

Mayne Island

Merry Christmas

and the happiest of New Years to Everyone!

From MARY BACKLUND
GALIANO ISLAND



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BY MARY BACKLUND

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Dyer spent the past week end visiting their family in Victoria.

Miss Jean Lockwood has returned from a visit to Nanaimo.

Mrs. Gertrude Schneider and Mrs. Gerda Zeisman, of Edmonton, Alberta, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. James Deas.

Johnny Jonsson is busy building his new house near the Morshead's, and last Sunday morning early, Mr. Morshead and his nephew, who was visiting for the weekend from Vancouver, were helping to build. The young nephew fell down several feet from a part of the roof, and was quite badly hurt. Mr. Morshead immediately got Dr. H.D. Barner, who attended him and sent him to hospital in Vancouver.

People attending St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Sunday morn really had a treat, as John Esau, director of the Willingdon Mennonite Church Choir in Vancouver, brought eight choristers over with their organist, and gave a concert of sacred music and song following the regular morning service, conducted by our Rev. Benjamin Fream.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coopsie have returned from a visit to their daughter in Edmonton, Alberta.

Tom Carolan went to Victoria to attend the wedding of a treasured friend, a nurse from Veterans' Hospital there, Mrs. M.E. Backlund also attended the wedding, standing in for the bride's mother, who was unable to attend.

GARDEN CLUB

You may have noticed that the flower boxes along Centennial Park have changed from summer to winter colours, and are now bedecked in holly boughs.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. Lowe of Lakeridge Resort, for their kindness in donating the holly branches; and also members of the Garden Club who withstood the wind and rain to remove the remnants of faded summer flowers and insert bright holly branches for the Christmas season.

Christmas season extends over a long period. Ferry services among the islands have been working to capacity for the past several weeks.

A number of cars have been left behind on several occasions at Fulford and Swartz Bay and a late run has been operated by the ferry to take the last cars at night.



We wish you a Merry Christmas

and happiness in the New Year

KENT'S STORE

Port Washington



Joyous Christmas

To every happy islander on each happy island!

Bob Sauerberg

INTER ISLAND WATER TAXI



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We're sending our warmest wishes to you and your family for a very, merry Christmas!

Ralph & Susan Smith

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WARMEST WISHES

May your holiday be blessed with the sounds of joy, laughter.



SPRINGWATER LODGE

MAYNE ISLAND