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## POPULAR FIGURE



FARMER HERE FOR 50 YEARS

## First in 1969

Miss Harris was the first young lady to arrive at Fulford this year. She was the first islander to arrive despite the lack of ferries.

Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harris of Fulford.

She weighs five pounds and 10 1/2 ozs. and was born on New Year's Day.

The baby arrived at 1:10 pm at Lady Minto Hospital at Ganges.

## WHEN ICE WAS THERE

It has been cold at Ganges in the past, but the New Year holiday spell was among the coldest in recent history.

Dick Toynbee spoke last week of his parents' recollection of a frozen harbour. Ganges Harbour has been frozen right across and not merely where the boats are tied up, he reported. He could remember the time when a man could walk on the ice to Goat Island when Alan Best was living there.

Most residents agreed that it had been cold enough.

## DEATH OF W. PALMER

Man whose contribution to farming on Salt Spring Island was recognized last year died suddenly on December 29.

He was William M. Palmer, of North End Road.

Last fall Mr. Palmer was presented with a life membership in the Salt Spring Island Farmer's Institute in token of his long and active service with the farmers' group.

He died as he had lived, out in the farmyard, where he succumbed to a weak heart.

Willie Palmer was one of Salt Spring Island's prominent citizens. For years he was prominent in the activities of three groups, the farmers' institute, Central Hall Committee and St. Mark's Church.

Born in England in 1897 Mr. Palmer had already left his native hearth before he looked to the west coast. He was living in Philadelphia, in the United States, after leaving England. His mother came to the Islands to serve as housekeeper at the

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## ELECTION MEETING

Three candidates in the February 10 federal by-election will take part in a public meeting in Ganges on January 17.

Election meeting will be in Mahon Hall and the public will be invited to attend and to take part.

Candidates are Liberal Eric Winch, New Democrat Tommy Douglas and Progressive Conservative Dr. Magnus Verbruggen.

Meeting has been arranged by Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

## CONCERT CHANGES

The overture concert association has been advised that the duo pianists, Stecher & Horowitz, now on tour in Europe, have had their tour extended, so will not be able to appear in Ganges on March 9.

To fill their place, we offer the Ganges membership on January 19, at 2:15 p.m., the duo pianists Howard and Patricia Barr. The Barrs have been acclaimed by the public and press wherever they have played.

## FIRST PLAN OFFERED

## FULL TREATMENT

### — PENDER ISLAND PROJECT

First application for the discharge of fully-treated sewage effluent into the sea has been made in respect of a Pender Island development.

Last week Gulf Islands Industries Ltd., of Vancouver, disclosed plans for the new subdivision.

The sewage system will provide comminution, or cutting up, settling and chlorination.

It is the first project mooted in the islands to provide for complete treatment.

Official of the development company told DRIFTWOOD that the treatment plant envisaged is a four stage unit known as "rated aeration". Similar plants are already operating in a number of interior mainland communities, he added.

The sewage is comminuted, or chopped up, initially. It then passes into the aeration chamber where it is subjected to a forced draught of air to provide it with the oxygen the

matter needs for decomposition. From this section, the now partially broken down material is passed into a settling chamber, where the sludge falls to the bottom, leaving an almost wholly liquid content.

From this process the effluent is treated by hypo-chlorination to clean and purify it.

The effluent at this point may be released into a river or stream without offering offence or pollution, DRIFTWOOD was told.

A partial fifth stage consists of aerobic digestion during the process of aeration, the spokesman noted.

Last year there was considerable opposition on Pender Island when Magic Lake Estates sought, and gained permission to discharge partially-treated sewage into Swanson Channel.

New project is an extension of the original Magic Lake Estates at Pender.

When Maliview Estates Ltd. sought and received permission to discharge partially treated sewage into Trincomali Channel there was greater opposition.

General view expressed by the residents of the Gulf Islands was that partially-treated sewage should not be permitted and that full treatment should be afforded prior to discharge.

Most controversial of all subjects has been the effect of sewage in the sea. Engineers and biologists have offered assurance that such discharge is harmless. Engineers and biologists have also presented evidence that the discharge is very harmful.

Uninformed public has asked for the maximum treatment prior to discharge in order to be sure that there is no ill-effect, even should the critics prove correct.

This is the fourth application to be announced among the islands and it is reported that a score or more of further such applications are pending.

The decision to install a complete sewage works was made by the company in deference to public opinion, stated a spokesman for the company.

There is no regulation which requires it, he added.

## MAIN CABLE IS OUT TWICE

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### CREWS KEPT HOPPING OVER HOLIDAY

It's no fun being a B. C. Hydro man when the power fails.

Power failures on the islands during the past three weeks have been largely due to storm. Second factor, which caused the breakdown over the week end, was a failure in the submarine cable.

The islands are served from Crofton and a submarine cable runs from the Vancouver Island community to Salt Spring Island it is then transmitted to the other islands by cable.

On Saturday the main cable from Crofton broke down. There was a short in the cable which occurred where it leaves the

water at Rainbow Road. The fusing of the wires was so violent that it blew a hole in the outer casing.

The stand-by cable was put into use on Saturday.

On Sunday evening the stand-by cable broke down.

The islands were being fed by a three-phase supply using all three cables connecting to Crofton.

Holiday breakdowns were almost all attributed to trees falling across the wires.

Sunday before Christmas, during the first fall of snow, linemen were faced with a failure on Salt Spring Island service and on the 25,000 volt circuit which serves the outer islands.

The higher voltage system was attended to first.

Crews were out until the early hours finding and repairing breaks. Each time a break was repaired another was found.

Heavy snow on trees causes the tops to collapse and crews will be faced with the problem of getting down such branches

up to 30 feet in length.

Snow and high winds are the main culprits.

### EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED AS MERCURY FALLS

Cancellations have been the order of the day throughout the islands.

Although the weather abated last week and snow began to run off, there is sufficient snow on side roads and private property to hold up movement.

New Year's parties throughout the islands were cancelled and various functions since that time have been cut back.

Old Age Pensioners Organization at Ganges will not hold its dinner next week owing to the difficulties of travelling.

The business meeting of the organization will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23, and further plans will be made at that time.

They will bring their own two nine-foot long Baldwin concert grand pianos, in a special trailer.

This concert will displace "Moods of Man" scheduled for February 2. The "Moods of Man" will be presented in March.

## ZENITH 4444

New service has been introduced at Ganges by the RCMP.

If the police are wanted in a hurry for emergency or urgent reasons they may be found at all times.

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## Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wakelin were honored by their relations and friends Sunday, December 29 on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The "at home party" was arranged by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wakelin, Chemainus and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haslam, Victoria.

The beautiful anniversary cake was made in the form of a 50¢ piece and was decorated with gold icing and roses.

Mrs. Wakelin was presented with an orchid corsage from her family, both Mr. and Mrs. Wakelin received many gifts and cards.

The Wakelin's were married January 2, 1918 in San Diego, California. Mrs. Wakelin was born in West Virginia. Mr. Wakelin has lived on Salt Spring Island for over 60 years.

Among those attending the happy occasion at the Wakelin home on Sharpe Road were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wakelin, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wakelin, Vancouver; their grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haslam, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson, Chemainus; Mrs. Eileen Reader, Port Alberni; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lee, Mrs. Myrtle Drinkwater and Mrs. Doris Rogers.

### QUIET HOLIDAY

It was a quiet holiday period for the Ganges RCMP detachment.

This week Cpl. Vern Meyer summed up the holiday in brief.

"Nothing happening at all," he reported.

**DEATH OF POPULAR ISLAND FARMER** (From Page One)

home of H. W. Bullock. Mr. Palmer accompanied her and also came here to live.

Towards the end of the First World War he was appointed to take charge of the Bullock farm and continued in that capacity until the death of Mr. Bullock in 1946.

He married Miss Irene Pallow, who was teaching school on Salt Spring Island.

After the death of Mr. Bullock he farmed his own land at the north end until his death.

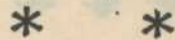
He leaves his wife, Irene, at home.

Last rites were observed from St. Mark's Anglican Church on Friday, January 3. Archdeacon R. B. Horsefield officiated and interment followed in the cemetery of which he had been secretary since 1934.

Honorary pallbearers were Jesse Bond, George St. Denis, Guy Cunningham, John Reid, Lloyd Reynolds and Arthur Millner. Pallbearers were Ronald,

Alan and Brian Cunningham, Mac Mouat, Bert Barber and Graham Shove.

Goodman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**HE IS MOURNED  
BY DANCERS**

BY MADELINE BARBER

It is with deep regret, we learned of the sudden passing of one of our most loyal members, William Palmer.

He has been a staunch supporter of our square dance club since its inception some 13 years ago. He and his wife, Irene, were always on time and seldom missed a session. Always willing to help in any way, he was our treasurer for a number of years, also secretary and auditor.

**REPORT LEFT  
OUT W.M. MOUAT**

Report last week of the services for the late Thomas Mouat listed the family of the nonagenarian, but one name was omitted.

His half-brother, W.M. Mouat is living on Charlesworth Road.

This name was inadvertently left out of last week's story.

A smile like his can never be replaced. May all square dancers take a pattern from him! Sadly missed by Madeline and Bert Barber, caller for the Wag-on Wheels Square Dance Club and all club members.

**Ganges**

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A.V.H. Agar, Harbour House were Mrs. Agar's mother, Mrs. A.K. Butler, Victoria; her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E.H.W. Husband and Mr. Agar's sister Mrs. Doris Archer all from West Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jenkins Jr. with Linda, George, and Patrick, from Tsawwassen were here for the Christmas holidays with Mr. Jenkin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jenkins, Rainbow Road.

Phillip May and Brian Clark, Vancouver were visitors last week of Phillip's grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy Wrotnowski, Vesuvius Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stone, Seattle arrived Thursday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Graham Shove, "Gailee".

Spending Christmas Day with the Baker family, Robinson Road were Miss Helen Mellor, Victoria; Dr. J. Neil Fletcher, Comox; Mrs. M. Ellis of Pioneer Village; Mrs. Diana Elliot with Douglas and Ian; Douglas Sprewster, Mrs. C. Woody and Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Wilf Taylor with Marilee.

A large family Christmas party was held at the Donald Corbett's, Painter's Lodge, Campbell River. Those going from Salt Spring Island were Lt. Col. Desmond Crofton, Miss Denise Crofton, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Shove, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris and Jim, Mrs. Arthur Gale with Derek, Deidre and Rupert, Lt. Commander and Mrs. R. E. Stone with Diana, Charles, and Naomi; also Bob Morris from Ashcroft. Travelling from Edmonton to join the party were Lt. Col. and Mrs. John Crofton with Desmond, Kevin, and Neil. The John Croftons are spending the New Years holidays with Mrs. Arthur Gale.

Friends staying with Mrs. W. Knox, Tripp Road this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grigor and Mrs. Wilson Hunt, Penticton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kindskog and daughter Wendy, Ladysmith and Miss Jackie Robson were visitors for Christmas of Mrs. Lind-

**FERNWOOD**

BY A PINCH HITTER

Robert Taylor and his friend, Brian Cunningham, are enjoying their two-week annual vacation, not on our snowy slopes, but on the balmy island of Hawaii. Robert's brother and his family left earlier for their annual vacation on the same island.

skog's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McDermott.

Mrs. D.H. Hook has been over in Langley visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jefferys for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Cecil Springford with her sisters Miss Frena Aitkins, Mrs. James Mitchell and her niece Miss June Mitchell spent Christmas with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Springford, Quamichan Lake.

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| Ar Tsawwassen   | 9:10 am | 7:10 pm |

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| To Mayne:       |          |         |
| Lv Tsawwassen   | 9:30 am  | 7:30 pm |
| Ar Montague Hbr | 10:45    | 8:45    |
| Ar Miners Bay * | 11:20 am | 9:20 pm |

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|                 |         |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| To Victoria:    |         |         |
| Lv Miners Bay * | 6:45 am | 4:45 pm |
| Ar Montague Hbr | 7:25    | 5:25    |
| Lv Montague Hbr | 7:25    | 5:25    |
| Ar Swartz Bay   | 8:55 am | 6:55 pm |

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|-----------------|----------|---------|
| To Mayne:       |          |         |
| Lv Swartz Bay   | 9:20 am  | 7:20 pm |
| Ar Montague Hbr | 10:45    | 8:45    |
| Ar Miners Bay * | 11:20 am | 9:20 pm |

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# GALIANO

To begin a brand new year, it is fitting for your old reporter to say a most sincere thank you to the patient editors, and to the mailmen, who carry our letters for us, both through regular channels, and those who are kind enough to take them right to the office when we are late.

Christmas season on Galiano went off very well, beginning as usual with that wonderful Bell-ingham Jaycees Christmas Ship, to delight all who go to see the gay festivities, even in the roughest weather.

To send off the working men for their holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Deas and their staff gave the boys from Peterson-Hume Construction a gala dinner, by candlelight, and all of the trimmings. The long tables looked just splendid in their decorations and complete with a huge tree.

The boys surprised the two waitresses, Sandra and Mary, with a generous gift, too.

The New Year's Party in Galiano Hall had to be postponed, because of the bad weather, but will go on on Saturday night, with a good attendance hoped for.

By the way, we are blaming

all of our good friends from the East for this extra heavy snow-fall and chilly temperatures, they must have brought it with them in their pockets. We are more than embarrassed when we have been bragging to all of them about roses at Christmas time, and never any "real snow-fall, or zero weather", now we have to find some justification for all of this!

Mrs. Ken Sater, Mrs. John Blomly and Mrs. Hank Knudson are to be congratulated for their hard work and organisation of a nice party for all of the children they did not have much time to organise things when they got the final word of grants of money from the Galiano Club, Chamber of Commerce and Rod and Gun Clubs, but they managed to have a gift for all, and Santa came, to delight and give out the carefully-wrapped gifts.

Galiano did not fare nearly as badly as other places in the recent cold spell.

We got rid of most of the first snowfall before we had the next and therefore only had from 18 to 24 inches to contend with.

Our road crew, foreman John Shaw and Ralph Stevens, worked long and hard hours to keep most roads open, they seemed to go up and down Montague Hill so many times, what with all of the ferries landing there now, and pulling some people out of the snow who had no chains.

We saw the big grader over once or twice, too, and in one of the big storms, the lights went out at Fred Robson's place.

Within two hours, men were over from Salt Spring to fix the trouble, and anyone can just see that being a Hydro worker is not much fun, when there is a howling, freezing storm, and they have to climb the power poles to put up another transformer, so that power is restored.

We owe our Hydro crews a hearty "thank you" for their efforts. Most people had water troubles of some sort, quite a number had broken pumps, and water lines, but we are all

# SATURNA

Diogenes, the ancient Greek, spent a lifetime looking for an honest man and used a lamp even in the daylight. We don't know whether he found one or not but he would have as much trouble on our fair Isle finding someone who has not had this Hong Kong Flu which translated into Islandese means Dawgone Flu.

Our annual Christmas dinner and party put on for free by The Women's Club was again a huge success. Just under 150 turned out and all had a grand turkey dinner with trimmings. All the kids got a present from Santa Claus and both schools put on a grand concert and show. Thanks again all youse delicious damsels. Ye New Years Eve Party planned for the hall had to be called off as those who weren't sick had been or were afraid of being. And the furnace in the Hall had quit and we could give several more reasons but that should do for 1969.

One of reasons for Channel 6 being off the air everytime our juice went off was that although

grateful that we had the lights and telephones.

As far as we know, there have been no injuries due to the weather, people just stayed home and kept warm!

Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Twiss went to Victoria to spend holidays with their family there.

Five of the six beautiful Barner girls were home for Christmas four from Vancouver, and Miss Derry Barner from Powell River.

The Tolan family, from Seattle, spent holidays at their Georgeson Bay home.

Mr. and Mrs. D.A. New were happy to see relatives from England for just a day, during their tour of Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ker and two daughters, came in on the ferry for a few hours' visit.

We were indeed sorry to learn of the death in New Westminster of Mrs. Emret Sater, following a long illness. She and her husband lived for many years on Galiano, where their youngest son, Kenneth went to school for a year. A kindly and warm lady who had many good friends on the Island, she leaves, besides her husband in New Westminster, three sons, all who now live on Galiano, Olaf, Ivor and Kenneth one daughter in Campbell River, two in New Westminster, and one, Mrs. Eddy Odberg, in Sidney. There are many grandchildren.

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about the d-- phones and ours was out for over a week.

Every Saturday Night for next 12 weeks a free movie in the hall. That will be a change provided our genial friend Tom Durlie keeps the commercials to a minimum. All kidding aside, no commercials will be shown.

Got some lovely b-day presents from my fair lady friends, one a BLONDE wig with the (Turn to Page Seven)

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## IT IS NEVER CLEAR

Where do I vote? Have I a vote? Am I on the voters' list?

These are the questions which are asked from every quarter as an election looms. Sometimes they are answered. Other times they are never answered.

On February 10 the voters of the islands will be invited to name the man who will represent them at Ottawa for the next several years. Three candidates have been named and three candidates have been talking at some length about the issues involved.

The election machinery is already in motion and gradually the election will be ready for the electors.

Information is scarce and sketchy. We gain the impression that the federal government sets up these things with a greater attention to the pattern than the meaning. The elections act appears to be more legally lettered than spirited.

Last summer there were undoubtedly some islanders who never did vote for lack of information. And where do they go for information?

To the officials of an election everything is cut and dried. To the electorate nothing is clear.

And no one appears to care very much whether the voter is ever clear. It is possible the candidates might.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SUNDRY OBSERVATIONS

Editor, Driftwood,  
Last May an American lady, at Havre, Montana, told me how her ancestors fought as Huguenots in France, for religious freedom, before fleeing to Germany, whence they emigrated to the U.S.A., and settled in Nebraska.

Her three brothers ignorantly signed away the freedom of religion which would have been the birthright of any British-born child. The three married girls of the Roman faith, and thus ended three hundred years of religious persecution. That is how Catholicism is being made 'universal'.

The oldest spelling found of the modern name Campbell, is Cambel, and the name is a mutilation of the European and British form, found in Fife, Perthshire, as well as in Argyll.

Only the C of the Chief, is truly European, as the spelling known to us, was first used in the reign of Alexander, in 1268. That was two hundred years after Margaret of Hungary married the bigamous Malcolm Canmore, husband of Ingeborg, whose fate is still unknown.

This historic queen appears as St. Margaret of Scotland in church news, and apparently is no longer of the Church of Rome but is a staunch Anglican.

So we find history presented to the general public in such a way that the religion of the Indo-Eurasian gods, becomes Christian truth, and a lifetime of study is necessary to unravel, the ignorance which results in the minds of the modern students.

- D. S. Morrison,  
Isabella Point Road,  
Fulford Harbour,  
January 6, 1969.

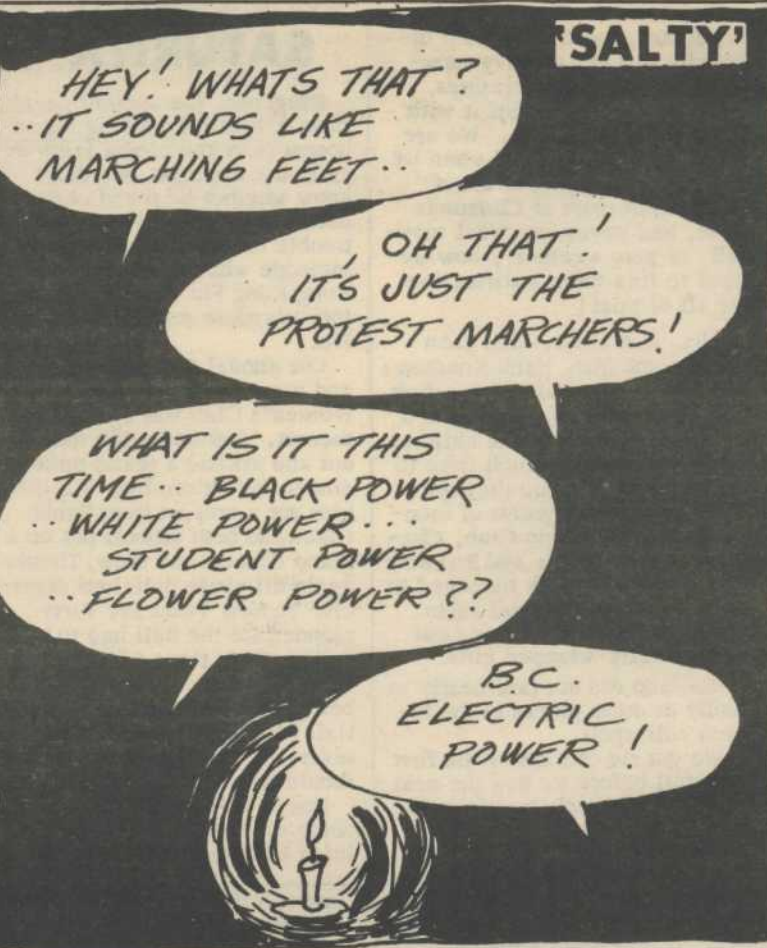
### A WARM PEOPLE

Editor, Driftwood,  
I enjoy reading your weekly paper.

I've been coming to Salt Spring for week-ends and longer stays for about 10 years now, and never have I ever met more friendly people.

I decided to spend Christmas on Salt Spring and was invited to have Christmas dinner with a well known Island family. The hospitality was truly wonderful. The snows and freezing weather extended my stay unexpectedly and the lights going out was a little inconvenient, but the warmth of the islanders' hearts more than made up for any inconvenience.

May I, through your paper, say thank you to all and sincere wishes to all for a happy and healthful 1969. Thank you.



And please keep St. Mary's lake and others clean and as natural as possible.

- D. A. Spruston,  
2036 Carnarvon St.,  
Victoria, B. C.  
January 4, 1969.

### POWER SERVICE

Editor, Driftwood,  
During the past two weeks, we have experienced excessive interruptions to our power service.

Four outages have resulted in service in this area being off for 24 1/2 hours total time.

One serious example occurred on December 21/22 when we were "out" for 19 hours, despite the fact that the rest of the island had power restored almost immediately following the break. I agree with Mrs. Horsdal's letter - why should this area be always the last to receive service?

I have never experienced power interruptions in either Winnipeg or Ottawa in ten or more years in each city that amounted to the disruptions that we have had lately. A complaint to the District Hydro Manager resulted in a reply to the effect that the trouble was due to storm damage.

This was not so during the 19 hour interruption we had on December 21/22, when power was on all during that time within a few pole lengths from this location! Hydro also state that service is restored to serve the largest number of users first, and that a "few" subscribers were left when the repair crews went home to bed, and were not available the next morning! Are 25 Fulford residences and about 100 users a "few"?

I believe that the time has come when Salt Spring Island should have a local Hydro Substation and distribution system, instead of being subject to the switching actions taken at the Crofton Sub-station, and also subject to the hazardous situation whereby all of our power comes through underwater cables from Crofton. What would happen if a storm - such as happened to the cables serving Thetis and Kuper Islands recently?

We also have no standby power station, or alternative power feeder systems. No electricity for cooking, heating, light, furnace, water pumps or even the TV until new cables were installed. This might take several days. The freezer contents would be spoiled again.

This Island has the unique distinction of having the main power

interconnecting hydro transmission lines between the mainland and Vancouver Island crossing our area, but we cannot connect to them! Power may exist in these interconnecting lines - that are tied in to the North-West grid (a system serving the entire area from Spokane, Seattle, including the main Hydro generating stations serving cities as far as Los Angeles - practically an uninterruptible reservoir of power that we can draw on if required.) We cannot touch this power because we have no substation.

Surely it is time that we have come of age since the present electrical system was installed on Salt Spring Island, and qualify for our own Hydro substation here, and connected to the main distribution system, instead of having to take whatever power interruptions are sent to us through Crofton. I understand that all power for the other Gulf Islands also comes through this Crofton bottleneck, so when our Hydro is interrupted through the present under-sea cables, all the Gulf Islands, including Salt Spring, have no electricity. A very vulnerable system it would seem. If we cannot get our local substation, we should at least have a standby plant of adequate capacity to carry our electrical service until cables or other failures could be repaired. We deserve better facilities from our Provincial System, and at least as good service as other communities receive.

Incidentally, I would suggest to your readers that when a power

er interruption occurs, the TV and any other appliances be turned off, and only switched on again after the power has been restored for a few minutes. This will eliminate a lot of trouble that occurs from power surges that are inevitable when power is restored, and helps the Hydro to take up the load. It is also a good idea to turn off the oil furnace or electric heat until the service has been restored for a few minutes.

Perhaps if we all demanded that our Hydro Service be improved and more reliable facilities installed, we would get better service. If not, we have to take what Crofton chooses to send us.

- A. G. Sheffield,  
Fulford Harbour,  
January 6, 1969.

### THEY CARED

Editor, Driftwood,  
I want all your readers to know that once again my effort for C.A.R.E. of Canada has been a great success. The final total was \$1076, or 29,052 lbs. of food to be sent, or 14 1/2 tons.

To so many on Salt Spring, who have so generously helped, to this end, MY SINCERE THANKS. Also to you, Mr. Editor, for your fine help, and space in this paper.

I would especially like to mention the gift of 85 cents and 15 cents from Nancy and Sarah Merston. And the \$1.00 from Glen Govier, earned by a good first report from school.

Well, folks you see no one is too young or too old to join in giving food to the hungry. No one is too young or too old to feel the warm glow of the heart which always comes from such unselfish GIVING.

Wishing you all the very best in 1969 and saying like tiny Tim "God Bless us all."

- George Pearson,  
Pender Island P.O.,  
January 3, 1969.

### ALTAR TO MOLOCH

Editor, Driftwood,  
Know all men by these presents that I have erected an altar to the great god Moloch on my lot. Owing to a lack of human sacrifices I have been obliged, up until now, to appropriate the great god with burnt offerings of waste paper.

Therefore, as Pontifex Minimus I would appreciate receiving donations of victims for sacrifice to be delivered on the hoof, in the form of slaves, Christians, mothers-in-law, nagging wives and especially editors.

Yours sanctimoniously,  
F.H.A. Collins, Box 51,  
Ganges, B. C.  
January 6, 1969.

(The thorn-in-the flesh of Salt Spring Isle in Canada's (pause) Evergreen Playground).  
P.S. Any errors in spelling will be, as usual, the fault of the editor.

## CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1969

| ANGLICAN                 |          |                                       |          |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| St. Nicholas'            | Vesuvius | Holy Communion                        | 9:00 am  |
| St. George's             | Ganges   | Choral Communion                      | 11:00 am |
| St. Mary's               | Fulford  | Evening Prayer                        | 2:30 pm  |
| St. Margaret of Scotland | Galiano  | Holy Communion                        | 8:00 am  |
|                          | "        | Matins                                | 11:00 am |
| UNITED                   |          |                                       |          |
|                          | Ganges   | Sunday School                         | 9:45 am  |
|                          | "        | Divine Worship                        | 11:00 am |
| ROMAN CATHOLIC           |          |                                       |          |
| Our Lady of Grace,       | Ganges   | Holy Mass                             | 9:00 am  |
| St. Paul's               | Fulford  | Holy Mass                             | 11:00 am |
| COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL  |          |                                       |          |
|                          | Ganges   | Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes | 10:30 am |
|                          | "        | Evening Service                       | 7:00 pm  |
| INTERDENOMINATIONAL      |          |                                       |          |
|                          | Hope Bay | Family Bible Hour                     | 10:30 am |

# CHRISTMAS AT LETTNER'S

BY CULTUS COULEE

"Please come - to help decorate our tree", the card says, and happy to comply with the Lettner tradition, South Penderites, come Christmas Eve, pile down the hill to Bedwell Harbour Lodge.

Sixty feet of west windows catch the afterglow on sea and hills. Logs blaze in a fireplace big enough to roast a mini-ox. Stan and Helen Lettner circulate the eggnog. Daughter Katharine in Chinese kimono, flickers like a red candle, in the crowd. Yosuke Omoto has readied the mincepies and psychedlectable goodies and the hostess brings him to join the party.

Trays of bright baubles are brought and from a ladder, Stan directs the trimming of the floor-to-ceiling fir.

Dave and Isabel Spalding are down from Summerland, at their Little Bay cottage. Brother Jon is over from Vancouver, with his parents, the Herb Spaldings, who openly dote, as they watch their grandchildren, Jane, 11, and Elizabeth, 9, moving like the skaters and ballet dancers they are, while Michael 8 and Pamela, 6, conduct themselves with grave decorum. Jonathan, 14, has to re-tell the getting of his first deer, with his Winchester 30-30, at Centre Mt. in the Kettle Valley, on a week's wet and snowy hunting, with his father Dave Spalding, his grandfather and Len Henshaw.

Another three-generation family is that of Lt. Comm. Jack McAndrew and Mrs. McAndrew, Lodge guests from Victoria, with son Bill, his wife Carolyn and their daughter Robin, 3, who could adorn the tree as a cheeky cherub. Heather McAndrew just made the ferry, from a hectic day at Eaton's candy counter, proceeds to her English course at U.B.C., where brother Bill is working for his doctorate in Canadian History, after ten years in the Queen's Own Rifles, some of them in Germany and Ghana; and a B.A. at York University, Toronto. Jack McAndrew is well-known from the frigate days of summer training in Bedwell, and used to return for hunting in the fall.

Larry and Donna Moore, from Camp Bay, have an indulgent eye on Dennis, 13, Deborah, 11, Darryl, 8 and Randy, 6. How come Pender children are all health, helpful, happy and handsome?

Others enjoying the fun and the hi-fi carols, are Mrs. Marian Guillain and Josie, Lodge guests from Vancouver; Grace and Gerald Ashthorpe, Gertrude Bennett with Monica and son-in-law Charles Mitchell, en route to Buffalo, N.Y.; Lou Budd, Grace and Dave Gardner, Rita and Bill Gill, Jack Orton, Mrs. Eve Smith, John Smith and Mrs. Connie Swartz.

Como de costumbre, Stan reads from St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 1 to 14. The huge bible, dated December 26, 1812, was given to Helen Lettner by her father, Dr. George Brebber, and is signed by Catharine Grant, her great, great, grandmother.

After food and farewells, some move up the hill to even-

ing service at the tiny Church of the Good Shepherd, half hidden in the friendly firs; while below,

on Bedwell Harbour, shines "The light that never was, on sea or land, The consecration and the Poet's dream."

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## AND DINNER AT BEDWELL HARBOUR

Another Lettner tradition is the Bedwell Christmas dinner, en famille. Kathie's artistic eye is well known, and California giant cones from the little drooping jackpines of San Simeon, plus local driftwood, add to the decor. Across the dining room's far wall, Charlie McDonald and Doug Bury of Victoria, have arranged a panel of boughs bearing gleaming gold and luminous red balls.

Sherry in front of the fire; and then the feast, Stan, whose baritone brought joy to TUTS, also brings artistry to the carving of the turkeys.

This is North Pender's day and the Bowermans are here, as always. Mrs. Stella Bowerman, 81, shines like a blue star; - "Stella by Starlight". Daughter Mae and son-in-law Don Dobie, are over from Campbell River. Daughter June (the new school trustee) and her husband, Max Allan, with Jim and Linda; sons Les, and Elmer Bowerman and his wife Marge (Corbett), with Sharon and Ted, cluster around.

This honoured lady came to Pender in 1911, the wife of Walter Bowerman. With his brothers, Harold, Everett and Herb, they put up some of Pender's finest houses. Most famous, is The Maples, on Browning Harbour, built for Elijah Pollard, and known as a guest lodge, in the far corners of the continent. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Geister

and Mr. and Mrs. A. Ted Jorgensen with son Patrick Neil, from Pender; Mrs. Marian Guillain and Josie, Vancouver, and local regulars Lou Budd, Jack Orton and Mrs. Connie Swartz, all enjoy the party.

The Lettners have as much fun as the guests. Christmases from Pontresina to Acapulco, and up the coast and home again, have not outshone those at the Lettners' Lodge, and its 'ambiance sympathique', for entertaining is their thing.

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## FULFORD

If it's any comfort to the people on this island, the most recent power failures have not been due to local trees falling on the lines. The B.C. Hydro tells us that the last power failures came from losing a cable coming from Crofton - in fact, they lost more than one cable. A lost cable it seems is one that burns out for some reason and when those burn out, no use us getting burned up. Power failure was corrected temporarily by switching to a stand-by cable - when that one went, they switched back to two of the existing new cables, such as Sunday night when the switch over was made, our power was cut off for a few minutes when Hoss Cartwright was dashing off to the rescue of a fair maiden so you lost a part of his dramatic heroics - remember? Frustrating, wasn't it?

Anyway, keep your fingers crossed that the complicated cable and power system stands up for the next few weeks, and remember it takes time to get the power back on.

Laying a cable across the water is no joke - even a kink in the cable can cause trouble. So dear people, when you have to light candles, cook over heat other than electricity, live in a cold house, just remember the Hydro men are out there in the cold and storm, trying to find the lost power that keeps the home mobile and in comfort. By the way, the Hydro crew are busy slashing trees away from the cables and you may see them on the island as you get around, if you can get about.

Enjoying our snow and black-outs were Miss Maralyn Horsdal from Ottawa and John Eyles of North Hampton, Dunstan. Mr. Horsdal was home for a day or two at New Year, while Valdemar Horsdal of Victoria and Miss Ayn Lougheed joined the family party at the Horsdal home over the holidays.

Miss Ronda Lee has returned to Saskatchewan after a pleasant holiday at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell have returned home after a trip to Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dayment are back after spending some time in Alberta.

Here's a notice to all W. I. members. There will be No Meeting held this month of January owing to many difficulties; people ill, snow still around and more threatening and it just isn't possible to get transportation. We will carry on next month. Donations towards the Reeves family Building Fund in the Bank of Montreal would be much appreciated. This is sponsored by the Women's Institute, and Mr. Merston will be glad to file any donation into the fund.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF FLORENCE MACMILLAN

Florence T. Macmillan passed away suddenly at her home at St. Mary's Lake, December 22. She is survived by her sister Mrs. Hazel Knox at home and her brother Arthur Thornton Eagle, Williams Lake. Funeral services were held Friday at 1:30 in St. Mark's Anglican Church, Salt Spring. Archdeacon R.B. Horsefield officiated, interment followed in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery, Victoria.

Goodman's Funeral Home, Ganges were directors. Mrs. Macmillan came to Salt Spring Island over 40 years ago and taught school at Ganges for many years as well as at Beaver Point and Galiano Island. She was active in the Girl Guide organization, being the first Brown Owl in the S.S.I. Brownie Pack.

She will be sadly missed by her many friends.

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 - Irene Palmer.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS our sincere thanks to all those who sent cards and flowers during the recent loss of our twin son, Douglas Andrew, December 9.  
 - Ron and Kathy Cunningham.

MR. AND MRS. CLIFF WAKELIN, Sharpe Road, wish to thank their relatives, friends and neighbors for the lovely cards, gifts and good wishes sent them on their golden wedding anniversary.

I WISH TO THANK ALL MY friends and neighbours for their help, gifts, flowers, letters and cards during my bereavement.  
 - Connie Arnell and children.

**NOTICE**

**CANCELLATION**

O.A.P.O. DINNER CANCELLED

The annual Dinner to be held January 15 is cancelled, due to sickness and inclement weather. Members will be notified and further arrangements made at the business meeting, Thursday, January 23 at 2 p.m.

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**BEDWELL HARBOUR**

(From Page Five)

(son of Henry), with three cruisers, the guests buying Indian sweaters as we'd buy candy bars. Republican Governor Dan Evans; and assorted Boeings, from Seattle. The "very nice Disney brother, who got Walt started". Bob Hope. John Wayne. Helen and Kath are as used to a Tallu Bankhead, Kim Novack, or John McIntire, in their midst, as a Pendrite. Even Dick Nixon, though he gave a wave, caused no ripple in the harbour!

But Bobby Darin had a poignant impact. Bertha MacKinnon waited on him in the store, as he tried hiding behind Hollywood glasses - to no avail. A week later, he was seen again, but this time, on TV... on the 8th of June... at Arlington.

Chez les Lettners, tout marche comme sur des roulettes. No wonder a banquet is a breeze; and Bedwell Harbour is their bag. Happy New Year - Helen, Kath and Stan!

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**SATURNA**

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crack that blondes have more fun (I won't buy that at my age), another sends me a dozen of her delectable buns another gave me a piece of poetry on a board to hang on the wall all about where my get up and go has went, think I'll send it to her husband next Christmas.

The young ladies next door are going over to Salt Spring in a.m. to see their mummy bantering Bernice Crooks who is in Lady Minto waiting for the new baby to arrive. Will give you the good news next week.

The only guests we have been told of were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton of Edmonton who spent a few days with Mrs. Barton's daughter musical Marg Kerr. Bouncing Bonnie Boulding has left for Regina to get warmed up. Bonnie has been baby sitt-

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|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Basketball       | Mond. Jan 13 8 - 10pm  | Gym. Sec. School                 |
| Ceramics         | Wed. Jan 15 1 - 3pm    | Bd.Rm. Mahon Hall                |
| Pottery          |                        |                                  |
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followed by other figures, it falls due in January. Beneath each name is the month of expiry. Same applies to other months. Figures refer to the year in which it expires. Nov. 1-0-9-8 means that it expires in November, 1968 and is due now. Jan. 2-1-0-9 expires in January, 1969. Similarly, Feb. 2-1-0 indicates that it is not due until February next year.

## NIGHT CLASSES TEACH TRACING OF ANCESTRY

They teach almost everything these days. Adult education classes at Ganges even include a course on tracing ancestry. Students are encouraged to trace their own families as the practical aspect of their training. Directing the class is Mrs. Barbara Brumble. The purpose of the class, says Mrs. Brumble is to introduce the students to a very interesting

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## DELAY IN SCHEDULE AS TWO WHARFS ARE DAMAGED

Revised schedule of sailings for the Sechelt Queen between the islands and Tsawwassen has been held back.

Schedule was prepared by the B.C. Ferries. It was hurriedly withdrawn as two wharfs on the run have been damaged by the big ship.

Both Village Bay and Sturdies Bay wharfs have been damaged.

At Sturdies Bay the Sechelt Queen was blown off course on to the public wharf in the face of a north-easterly gale. Although the main ferry wharf remained virtually undamaged the lifting gear for the ramp jammed during an exceptionally high tide and the wharf was completely out of commission for a time.

In the meantime Montague Harbour is doing yeoman service as both the Sechelt Queen and the Mayne Queen use this wharf.

hobby and the candidates for the course may be those particularly who are convinced their ancestry could never be found.

Every possible method is employed to trace antecedents, mostly relying on local papers and other records of the early North American continent.

The investigation is a challenge to the students and much of what they learn en route can be amusing.

The genealogist cites an instance of the Bee family. A man of that name was delving into his own background and he found the record of his forebears' marriage set up in these terms,

"Mr. S. M. Bee to Miss Martha Flower... Well hath the busy

## FULFORD TIDE TABLE

| JANUARY 1969 |      |      |
|--------------|------|------|
| Day          | Time | Ht.  |
| 9            | 0240 | 11.5 |
| Thur.        | 0600 | 11.0 |
|              | 1155 | 14.2 |
|              | 2010 | 5.0  |
| 10           | 0410 | 12.6 |
| Fri.         | 0735 | 11.9 |
|              | 1220 | 13.8 |
|              | 2050 | 4.2  |
| 11           | 0450 | 13.6 |
| Sat.         | 0900 | 12.3 |
|              | 1250 | 13.5 |
|              | 2125 | 3.6  |
| 12           | 0525 | 14.4 |
| Sun.         | 0955 | 12.4 |
|              | 1345 | 13.4 |
|              | 2210 | 3.0  |
| 13           | 0600 | 14.9 |
| Mon.         | 1045 | 12.4 |
|              | 1425 | 13.5 |
|              | 2250 | 2.6  |
| 14           | 0640 | 15.2 |
| Tue.         | 1130 | 12.3 |
|              | 1520 | 13.7 |
|              | 2325 | 2.2  |
| 15           | 0710 | 15.4 |
| Wed.         | 1210 | 12.2 |
|              | 1600 | 13.8 |

## EXCHANGE OF PULPITS AT GANGES

Salt Spring Island churches have a good reputation for cooperating with each other.

On January 12 and 19 local Anglican and United Church ministers will be visiting each other's churches as guest speakers. A similar exchange will be taking place at the same time in many churches in the

Victoria and Duncan area. The aim is to help build bridges of understanding between these two denominations that are looking towards union within the next few years.

On January 12 Archdeacon R.B. Horsefield will be welcomed as guest preacher in Ganges United Church. On the following Sunday the Rev. Fred Anderson will pay a return visit, preaching at St. Mark's and St. Mary's Anglican churches.

To round out the ecumenical exchange still further, the Rev. M.V.G. Gilpin of the Community Gospel church will be taking Mr. Anderson's place at Ganges United Church on January 19.

Bee improved life's shining hour! He gathers honey now all day from one sweet Flower... and from this match, if Heaven please, he'll raise a swarm of little Bees."

## MRS. L. NICHOLSON PASSES AWAY IN VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Salt Spring Island residents were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Estelle I. Nicholson, December 23 in the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria. Mrs. Nicholson was born in Louisville, Kentucky and resided at 1035 Belmont Avenue, Victoria for the past 18 months.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 27 in St. Matthias Church, Victoria with Rev. Canon J. Rogers officiating.

The Nicholsons resided on the island for many years before moving to Victoria 18 months ago. Mrs. Nicholson was active in St. Mark's Guild.

## BINGO WINNERS

The Catholic Women's League Christmas Bingo held in the church hall before the holiday drew a large number of players.

The \$50 Jackpot was won by Mrs. George Laundry.

Door prizes of two turkeys were won by Mr. Spencer, Sr., and Mrs. B. Marcotte.

Winners of the set of games were Mrs. M. Gyves, Mrs. F. Fennell, Mrs. E. Monk, Mrs. G. Willis, Mrs. E. Ledger, E. Lumley, Frank Schwagly, Mrs. Monk, Mrs. G. St. Denis, N. Lister, Mrs. P. Valcourt, Mr. Saunders, Mrs. J. Dumas, Mrs. P. Lazenby, J. Anderson, C. Lengyel and Mrs. Willis.

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