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## Christmas Greetings

to all our readers



"PEACE ON EARTH" .....Peace is the very stuff of Islands living

TO FIT PROVINCIAL PATTERN

# School Costs Are Cut Down For 1971

General cuts in services and supplies have been approved by trustees of Gulf Islands School District in an effort to bring the 1971 operating budget to within 110% of last year's costs.

Provincial department of education has established a formula by which each district is required to live within 10% of the previous year's costs.

Should the district establish a budget in excess of this figure then any 100 ratepayers may formally object and the budget must be presented to the ratepayers in the form of a referendum. If the referendum is approved, then the board is vindicated. If the by-law fails the trustees must then pare away costs until it can come within the figure specified.

Rather than face the possibility of a vote, trustees last week agreed to reduce the estimates for 1971 spending by cutting back in various directions.

There were 26 slashes in services for schools next year.

They range from the elimination of supervisors, or specialist consultants in various fields of education, down to a 50% cut-back in the purchase of library books and to leaving a paint job until 1972.

Trustees approved the cuts on Wednesday, with specific expressions of regret. Only firm opponent was Mrs. Iona Guthrie who voted against the motion.

Saving amounts to \$40,545. Clerical staff will be pared down by an allocation cut of \$250. Office supplies and telephone will be cut to the same degree. Honorarium paid to trustees in past years amounted to \$75 per quarter. This will no longer be payable. Addition al levy this year of \$300 by the provincial school trustees association will, likewise be cut.

Secretary's travel allowance will suffer a cut of \$250 and

the district superintendent will take a chop of \$300 in travel allowance.

School district pays for the services of one supervisor and shares three with Saanich. When one retires from the area in June, he may not be replaced.

Principal Donald Hartwig expressed regret at the decision and explained that the counsellor was particularly valuable among supervisors.

Resource centre, or the office from which special aids and tools are available to teachers on every island will be reduced

Decision was greeted by Mrs. Guthrie as a "detriment to the classes in district schools".

Changes planned in the resource centre afforded a further saving of \$7,535, explained Financial Committee Chairman Harold Hoffman, leading the way.

# Premier's Greetings

This is the season when cares are set aside and thoughts turn affectionately to family and friends; the season of pleasant memories and joyful anticipation.

This is especially true as we prepare for Christmas 1970 and the arrival of 1971, a most important year in the history of British Columbia.

The deep religious meaning of Christmas makes us realize that we should renew our faith in our fellow man, and rejoice in the many sincere friendships with which we are blessed.

My family joins me in extending to all of you the traditional wish of "Peace on earth -- Goodwill to man", and may you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Clerical work in the school is to be reduced and purchase of library books will be cut from \$8,000 to \$4,000.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School library was described recently as a very fine library but without books, observed Mrs. Guthrie, bitterly.

Teachers' supplies meet a \$25 cut per teacher, to save \$5,000. Janitors' supplies will be cut. Various cuts will be made in the provision of tools and equipment.

Set back in the witch hunt are such equipment, painting, playground equipment and the two outdoor workshops planned earlier.

Transportation assistance hitherto provided for students attending school off island is to be chopped right off. There is over \$3,000 there. Sports trips have been financed by the district to the tune of \$1,000 and this proved less than enough. Next year it will be \$250.

Mrs. Guthrie, opposing the motion, concluded her criticism with the comment, "I think this is a very retrograde step!"

Art education will be chopped short and music will continue.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Richard Blanshard, first Governor of the Crown Colony of Vancouver Island, came ashore at Fort Victoria March 11, 1850 -- and there was a foot of snow on the ground.

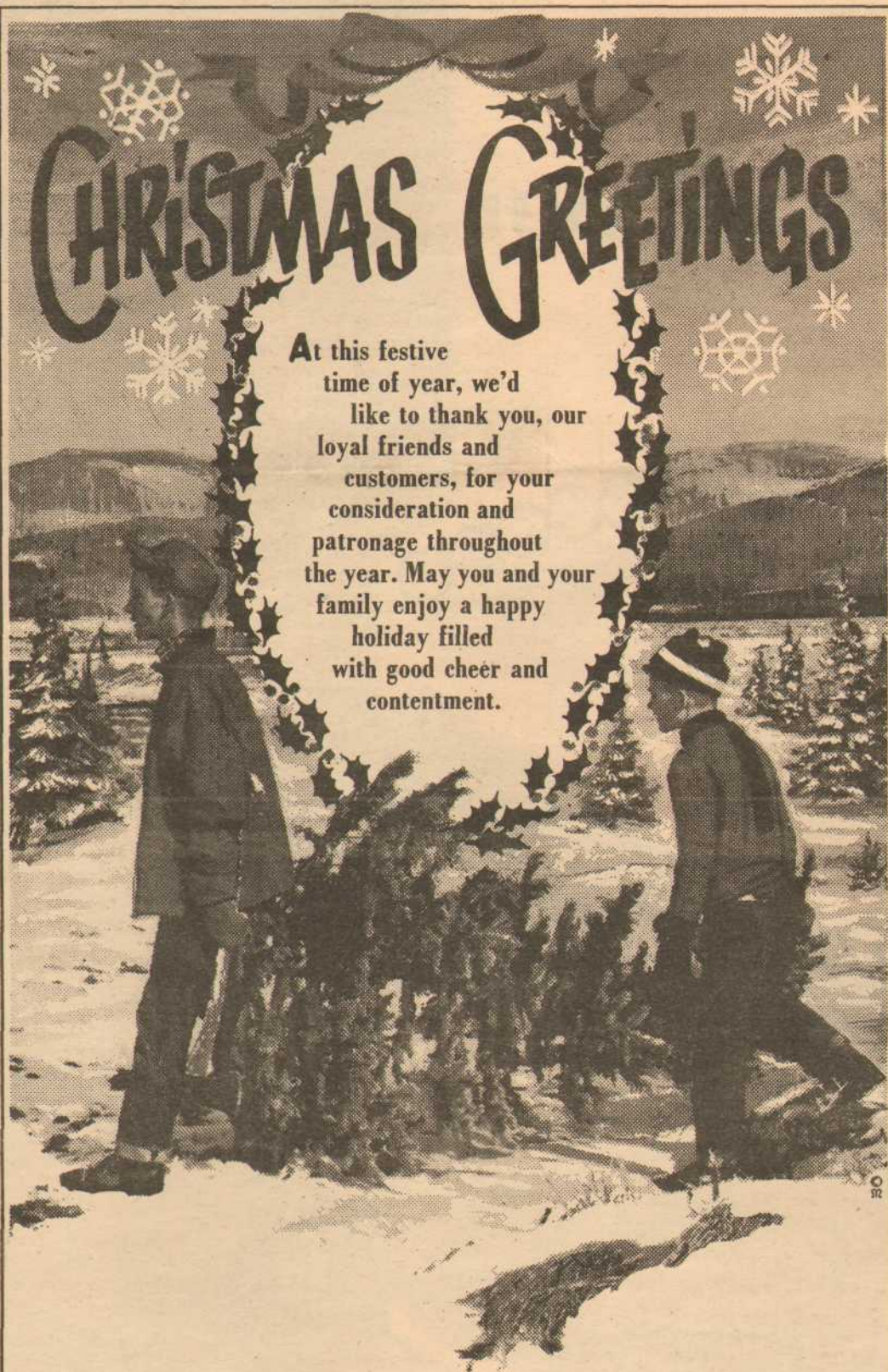


## CHRISTMAS CHEER

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this festive time of year, we'd like to thank you, our loyal friends and customers, for your consideration and patronage throughout the year. May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday filled with good cheer and contentment.

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For a Merry Christmas

For you, we prescribe good wishes, glad greetings and much gratitude.

LES & KEITH & ALL THE STAFF  
AT  
**GANGES PHARMACY**

**TOO COSTLY**

School trustees of the Gulf Islands take part in the deliberations of B.C. School Trustees Association. The association keeps trustees in touch with policies and ideas in connection with their duties.

Last week a motion to withdraw from the association was watered down when a trustee explained that the board could protest nothing without membership.

It was agreed that the fees levied against the islands are too high in proportion to school population or classrooms.

Association will be invited to re-allocate its levies. In the meantime the islands will pay nothing to the association.

**In Brazil**

Brazilian lore and legend says that Three King's Day is a time for poetry contests. Verses accompanied by guitars are featured.

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**What Are the Facts About Christmas?**

Everybody thinks that space travel is something very new, but an elderly gentleman in a rather unique "space-suit" set the pace years ago. His name: Santa Claus.

Now is the season when he's taking off again, for it's Christmas.

How much do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International, to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom.

1. The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:
  - (A) Charles Dickens
  - (B) Sir Henry Cole
  - (C) John Calcott Horsley
2. The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:
  - (A) January 6
  - (B) July 4
  - (C) December 25
3. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:
  - (A) The Puritans arrived in New England
  - (B) 1856
  - (C) Santa's Helpers Union went on strike.

4. The original name of the gentleman we know today as Santa Claus was:

- (A) Kris Kringle
- (B) Clement C. Moore
- (C) St. Nicholas

1. (C) is correct. Artist Horsley designed the first known Christmas greeting card for his friend, Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman. Charles Dickens had his share in Christmas 1843, too. His book, "A Christmas Carol," was published that year.

2. (A) is correct. At first, January 6, the Epiphany, was observed as the feast of Jesus' baptism, with a secondary emphasis on His birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

3. (B) is correct. New England states outlawed the celebration of Christmas until the middle of the 19th century.

4. (C) is correct. Kris Kringle is the German name for Santa, while Clement C. Moore contributed to the image of Santa Claus with his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823. St. Nicholas was a real person, a fourth century bishop, and the first Santa Claus.

**LET'S SING**

Let's sing a Christmas carol  
 For children far away  
 Where hunger stalks their table  
 And misery holds sway.

Let's sing of peace to them  
 From people of good will  
 Whose kindly hearts, and sharing hands  
 Their terror tries to still.

Let's sing about the Holy Babe  
 Born on Christmas night.  
 Who came to earth, to show us  
 How love will conquer might.

As the silent Holy Night  
 Rings in a bright new day  
 Let's sing a Christmas carol  
 For children far away.

- Margaret Thornley

It has been a pleasure to serve you throughout the year, and it's our privilege to greet you and wish you the merriest Christmas ever.

**ISLAND GARAGE**  
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*Greetings*

A happy season to you, with greetings and good wishes from us.

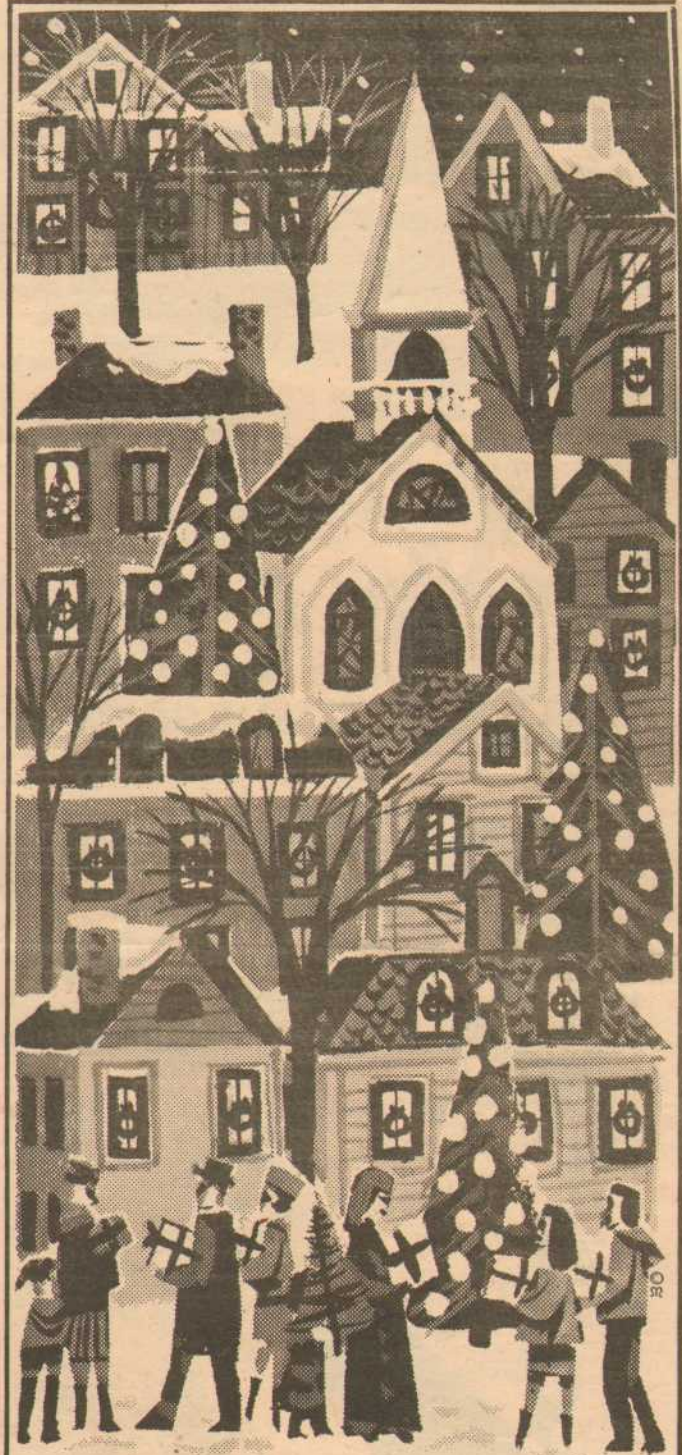
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**GREETINGS**

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From All The Staff At  
**MOUAT'S**

# MEMORY S NOTEBOOK

## A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

BY ELSIE WORTHINGTON' SURELY THERE ARE but few Canadians born in the first two or three decades of this century who have not, at some time during childhood, enjoyed, tolerated, or suffered their way through a Sunday School Christmas concert.

Memories of this custom of a bygone day are no doubt as varied as the temperaments of the participants. Circumstance played a part, as I so well remember.

Most of my childhood was spent in an Ontario town in the years preceding and during World War I. For two years of that time I had a foot in each of two religious camps; attending my own Anglican Sunday school each Sabbath morning and the nearby Presbyterian mission school in the afternoon. Mother went along with the idea and no doubt welcomed this diversion which kept an active little girl busy on dull Sunday afternoons, for lively play on the Sabbath was frowned upon in our dour Scottish town. But

when Father came home from the war he put an end to the spiritual two-timing.

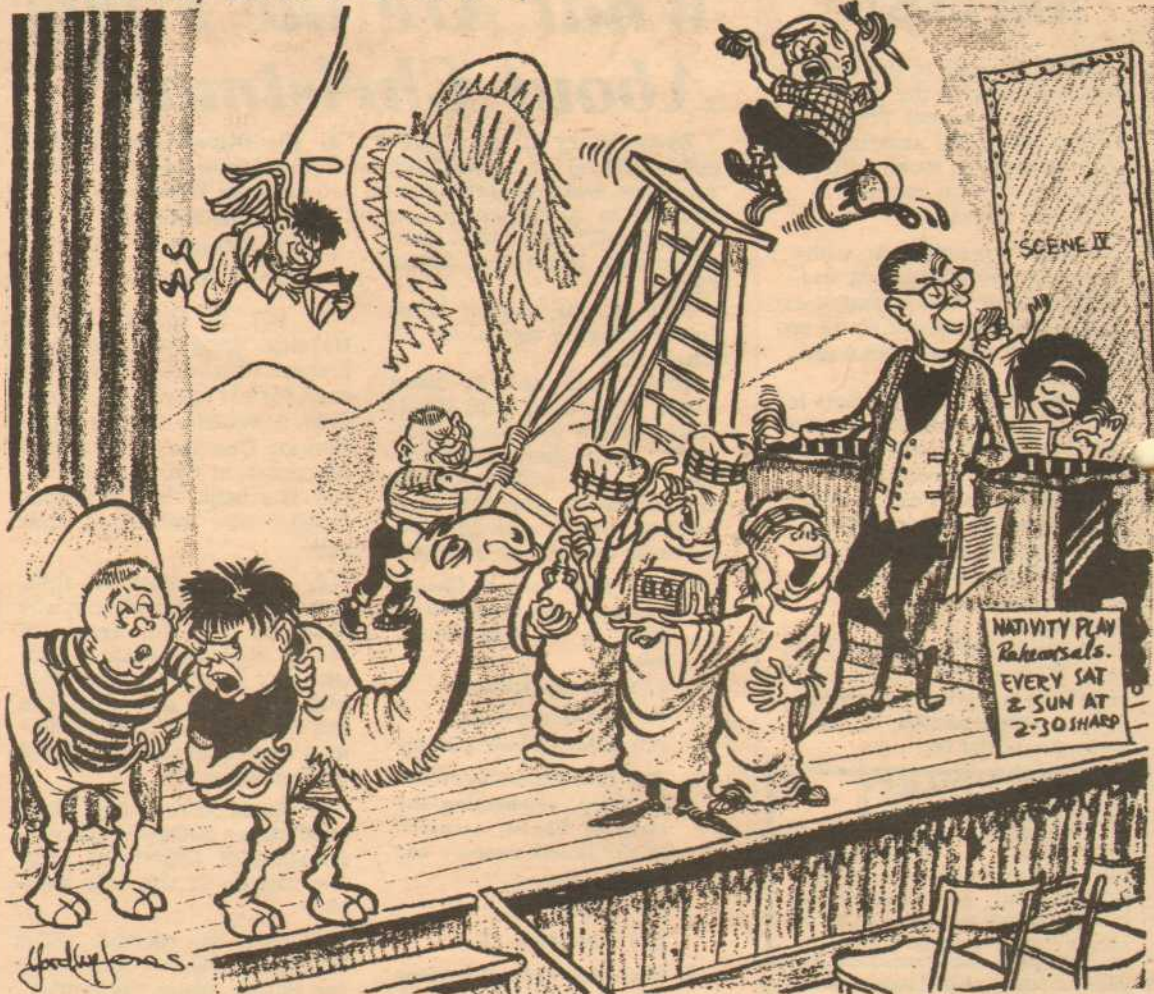
### TWO PICNICS

It was fun while it lasted. I enjoyed two Sunday School picnics and two Christmas parties each year - an advantage not to be lightly dismissed in those days. And the experience taught me many things about ecumensim, although the lessons did not bear fruit for many years.

Looking back, I realize that Anglicans and Presbyterians would have found it difficult to worship with an easy mind in each others churches. Although holding a common belief in God, their views on the proper way to worship Him seemed poles apart. Their differing philosophy of life could be detected in parties arranged for their Sunday School children.

Christmas "treats" at the "English" church left hazy memories of a relaxed and happy mixture of Santa Claus, magicians, games, and bags of oranges and nuts. Presbyterian

(Courtesy Canadian Churchman)



"One more crack from those three wise guys and the camel won't be the only one with lumps."



### A Christmas Wish

The bells are ringing, loud and clear... chiming Merry Christmas, and to you, good cheer.

**Nels Degnen**  
**BULLDOZING**

parties were really concerts, followed by refreshments. They were more formal and we were required to stay with our class-

es. But the Presbyterians served the most luscious food! Currant buns were the good old standby at Anglican picnics and parties. On the other hand I recall so well the mouth-watering iced cakes, each piece topped with a fat half walnut, served by Presbyterian ladies!

**TWO CONCERTS**  
My two Presbyterian Christmas concerts stand out so clearly in memory because of the devastating attacks of stage fright suffered on each occasion. Our little mission Sunday School joined with the large downtown church school for the Christmas concert, held in the church.

Countless others have shared the experience of a little girl, who, having learned her "piece" word perfect, mounted the platform, oozing self-confidence, only to have every bit of that same self-confidence drain away as she saw before

her an endless sea of faces in a long narrow church. Somehow memory remained true, the quaking knees did not collapse and I was able to recite my "piece" "loud and clear" as directed.

This trying ordeal served to cushion an even more paralyzing experience in the same church the following year.

Four girls from my class were teamed with a quartette of boys from a corresponding age group, and trained for several weeks to sing a special Christmas song. Came the night of the concert and in due time the number was announced and our names called. We were seated half way down the church with the boys' class behind us.

We four girls walked sedately to the front, fully expecting the boys to follow, but to our consternation found ourselves alone

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# Merry Christmas

Santa rings the bell for a Merry Christmas with all the Yuletide joy that makes this season bright. To our friends and patrons, grateful thanks.

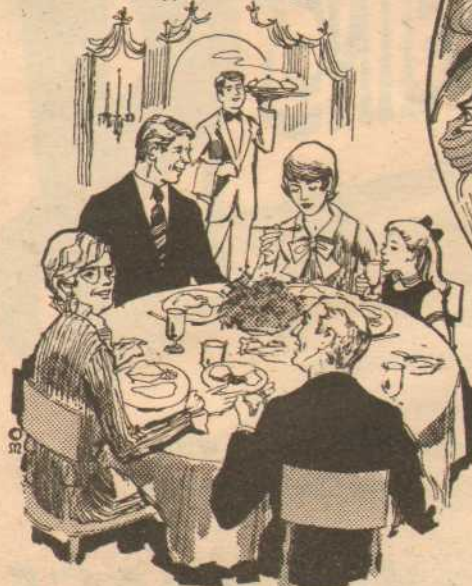


From Phil, Yvette & Staff  
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## Greetings

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# Churches Grace Greeting Cards

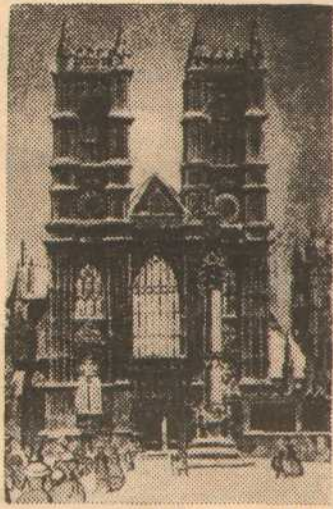
As jubilant bells ring out the good news of Christmas, churches of this community stand as symbols of the true spirit of the season.

Landmarks in the history of Christendom, these churches are the living center of current activities, especially at Christmas, when choral programs, pageants and other special services express holiday joy.

Across the country, and in other lands, soaring steeples and ringing bells beckon worshippers to "Come to Church on Christmas."

Small wonder, then, that churches are a favorite subject for Christmas greeting cards. This year, the 95th anniversary of Christmas cards in the United States, is no exception.

A look into the past shows three well-known churches which were favorite Christmas card features. The Little Church around the Corner and Trinity Church, both in New York City, and Westminster Abbey in London are pictured on cards dated around 1925 and now in the Norcross historical collection.



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**CHURCHES, LONG** a symbol of the Christmas season, have appeared in innumerable ways on Christmas cards. Pictured here is Westminster Abbey, subject of a card from the Norcross Historical Collection.

The oldest of these church buildings is Westminster Abbey, a national shrine and the Mother Church of the Commonwealth of Great

Britain.

In 1966 the Abbey celebrated its 900th anniversary, and thousands of people from all over the world visited the church where both commoners and royalty have worshipped for centuries.

In commemoration of the event, Westminster underwent a 10-year program of cleaning and repairs that cost \$1,120,000.

It was on Christmas day that William the Conqueror was crowned at Westminster, and buried there are Newton, Darwin, Keats, Tennyson, Browning, and royal personages such as Queen Elizabeth I and her rival for the throne, Mary Queen of Scots, Richard II, Henry VII and St. Edward, whose shrine is the most sacred spot in the Abbey.

In September 1965, a tablet was added in memory of Winston Churchill.

### In Japan

East meets West in gift-exchanging customs. Japanese exchange "Oseibo," or year end-gifts, beginning about mid-December.

### ABOUT WISE MEN

Except for the words of St. Matthew, legend accounts for the little that is known about the wise men. One of the legends says that the star appeared to them once more, near the end of their lives.

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on the platform. Two of the boys refused to leave their seats. One boy started along the aisle but finding his comrades had deserted him he changed his mind.

A second boy, after much persuasion left his seat, but seeing the first boy turn back, his courage also failed and he, too, beat an ignominious retreat.

Meanwhile, our teacher, seated at the piano and faced with the fiasco, decided to make the best of the situation. She played the opening bar and gave us the chord to start. Silence followed her efforts. We were too terrified to sing, besides, we had depended on the boys' voices to lead us. Before giving the chord a second time teacher hissed: "Sing! You can do it!"

### FOUR THIN VOICES

Obeying the peremptory command, four thin quavering voices began "Hark the Christmas Bells are Ringing". Returning strength and courage seeped into the second verse. I am sure a wave of sympathy from the vast audience engulfed us and helped us to find full voice for the third and remaining verses. The applause was tremendous - and sweet! And each of us received an extra bag of candy at the end of the evening.

The old-fashioned Christmas concert has become for most churches a thing of the past. Where Sunday Schools still celebrate Christmas it is usually with a pageant centred on the Nativity, which is as it should be, for the Nativity is the heart of Christmas. Children taking part are undergoing the same joys and fears, depending on temperament and circumstances. They too, will recall their experiences with varying degrees of pleasure as they leaf through the pages of memory's notebook in the years to come.

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**BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a happy New Year.  
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**SINCERE GREETINGS**  
To all our relatives and friends  
for CHRISTMAS and for all of 1971 from  
Ken and Clair Butterfield

**Merry Christmas and A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
TO ALL OUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS  
From: Evelyn & Ronnie Lee & Elizabeth - Fulford

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
To All My Friends & Neighbours  
From  
Mrs Alice Bennett Fulford Harbour

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Canada, we wish to extend our best wishes for a very  
**BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON**  
to all those who have helped us—"Inasmuch as you have  
done it unto one of the least of these."  
On behalf of many helpless children we extend our thanks!  
Gertrude Adams: Alice Thompson

IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN!

**Holiday Fun Prompts Lively Ideas**

Christmas gatherings just naturally turn into parties—

**Season's Greetings**  
Mrs. Jean de Macedo  
and  
Miss Mary Corbett  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**TO MY RELATIVES & ALL MY FRIENDS**  
I WISH THEM ALL  
A VERY  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
AND A  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Mrs A. Jameski

friends and relatives drop in with holiday greetings, and all of a sudden it's a party!

Party games designed specially for the season can spur on the fun.

For groups large or small, parties planned or impromptu, the following entertaining ideas are suggested.

One way to "break the ice," especially when all of the guests are not well acquainted with each other, is to play a guessing game. A Christmas Personality game can be played by pinning a name such as "Rudolph," "Santa" or "Christmas Angel" on the backs of several guests. Then each tries to guess his name by hints others give.

Another way to start a party is to start the guests out thinking! Have a little contest and see who can spell the most words with the letters in "Christmas."

**Musical Candy Cane**

A lively combination version of Musical Chairs and Hot Potato makes use of some unbreakable symbol of Christmas festivities—a small package, one of the sturdier tree ornaments, a big candy cane.

One person who is not playing puts on a Christmas record. Everyone sits in a close circle and passes the object around. When the music suddenly stops, the person who has the object in his hand is out. This continues until the circle is reduced to one—the winner!

**Pin the Star**

Children never tire of exciting party games, while the adults may need a rest. One game that is loads of fun for kids to play and adults to watch is a seasonal version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." This one is "Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree."

It's easy to cut a large shape of a Christmas Tree out of green construction paper and tape it to a wall or door, making sure it is low enough for the littlest guest to reach the top.

Each child gets a paper star with tape on the back and takes his turn being blindfolded and spun around. The one who can place his star closest to the top of the tree wins.

**Christmas Tree**

A Christmas Tree game that everyone can play is a guessing game. In "Christmas Tree" the person who is "it" leaves the room while the other players decide on a secret word. It must be a verb, or a word showing action, such as run, eat or swim.

When "it" comes back, he tries to guess the word by asking questions using "Christmas Tree" in place of

the word. He may ask, "Do children Christmas Tree?"

**Merry Christmas**  
to Everyone and a  
**NEW YEAR** filled  
with peace  
**NANCY, BILL and FAMILY**

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and Family...  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR...**  
TO ALL THEIR FRIENDS

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& Neighbours  
A Very Merry Christmas  
& A Happy  
New Year

**Seasons Greetings**  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
from  
**EDNA & SANDY**  
May the warmth of good  
fellowship fill you with  
joy at Christmas and  
throughout the New Year!

**BEST WISHES**  
for a  
**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Tommy Douglas, MP**

Wishing All Our  
Friends a  
**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Wilf & Mona Warren

Just to wish all the staff  
and Doctors of  
**LADY MINTO GULF ISLANDS HOSPITAL**  
and my many friends who  
were all so good to me  
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
Margaret Westcott

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
& A Prosperous  
New Year To All  
From Betty Drummond

**Merry Christmas & a HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
from LIZ, JON & STEPHANIE SNEYD

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

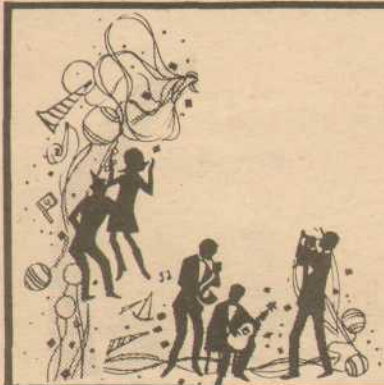
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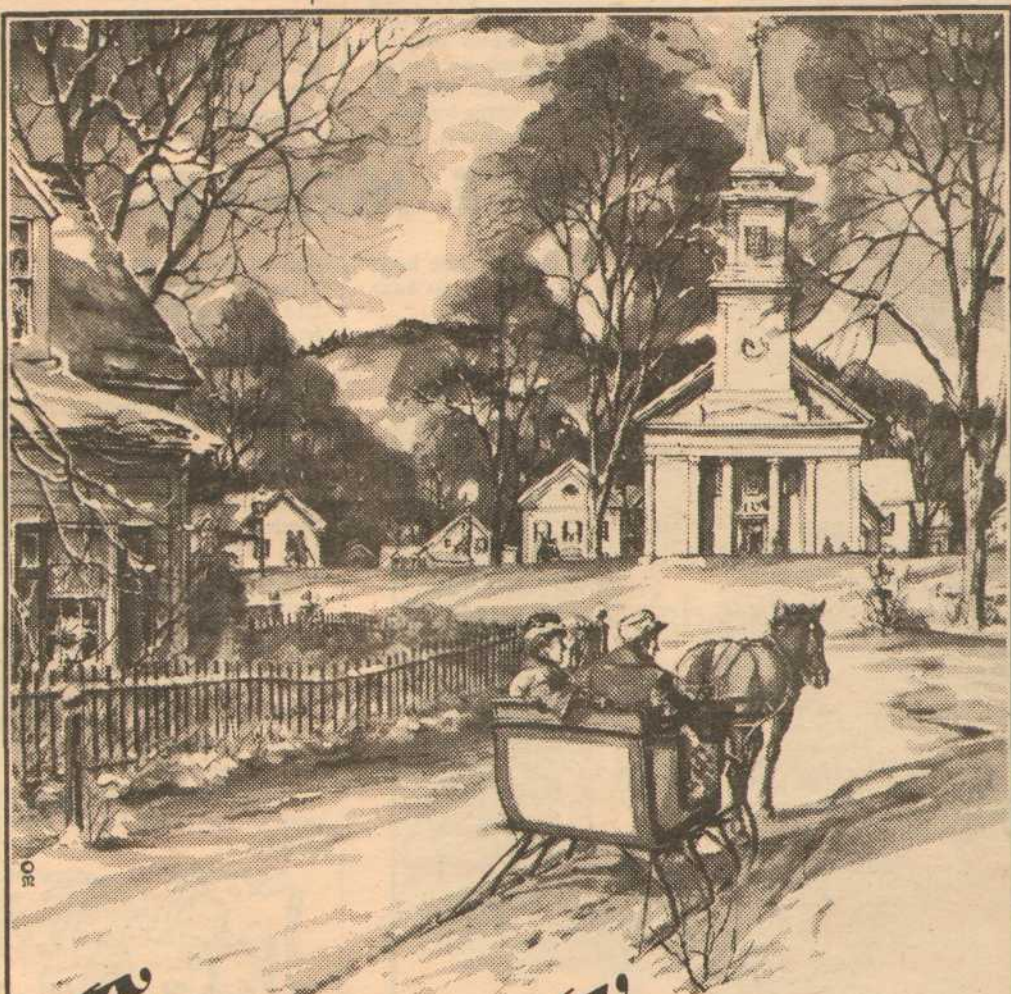


IN FRANCE, TRADITION HAS IT THAT shepherds should take their lambs to church on Christmas day. French shepherd pictured here is taking part in a special holiday celebration which has been a tradition in the town of Baux for more than 10 centuries. Photograph is from the Encyclopedia International.

**In Holland**

For St. Nicholas season, it's traditional in Holland to make flat cakes called Klassjes. Once exclusively made in the form of the bishop, St. Nicholas, Klassjes now take any form of bird, beast or fish.

We are very happy to wish all our friends  
in the community  
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# Christmas Greetings

The beauty of the Christmas countryside fills hearts with warmth and good cheer. We take this time to share with you the traditional greetings of the season, and to thank you for your loyal support.

FROM ALL THE STAFF AT

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### ROAD SALT BLAMED FOR DAMAGE

Salt used on island highways has been blamed for a school bus breakdown.

On Wednesday afternoon last week Chairman George Heinekey told the board of trustees of Gulf Islands School District that after a bus broke down, with damaged brakes the brakedrums proved to be filled with salt.

George Lampier stated that either the buses were falling apart or an investigation should be made of their history.

These troubles can't all be blamed on the roads, he asserted.

It was reported that two buses had suffered damaged radiators and other defects. The damage

was attributed to the condition of Beaver Point Road, explained Chairman Heinekey.

"Tell the driver to slow down!" suggested Mr. Lampier.

The buses were termed "fairly new" and it was agreed that they are experiencing considerable failures recently.



*Merry Christmas*  
to all our friends & customers  
*The*  
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### WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever." Psalm 145:2.  
For meadows silver-white with hoary dew  
For sheer delight of tasting once again  
That first crisp breath of winter in the air  
The pictured pane; the new white world without;  
The sparkling hedgerow's witchery of lace;  
The soft white flakes that fold the sleeping earth;  
The cold without, the cheerier warmth within;  
For red-heart roses in the winter snows;  
For all the flower and fruit of Christmas-tide;  
For all the glowing heart of Christmas-tide---

We thank Thee, Lord!  
-John Oxenham.

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& the girls - Brenda, Barbara,  
Susan, Karen and Kathy

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# More Students Going To School By Ferry

Centralization of the outer island schools is under debate by Gulf Islands School District.

Pilot project has been tried out whereby students at Saturna School have attended school on Pender. The plan has been withdrawn for examination, but educators all round were happy with the results.

Students were transported from Saturna to Mayne. The school superintendent was happy with results and trustees were sufficiently convinced to pursue the matter in the new year.

Under the proposal all students in elementary school at present on Saturna and Mayne would travel daily to Pender by

ferry, returning the same day.

The benefit to the district would be twofold, trustees were told. The community would benefit in terms of improved educational facilities with a larger outer islands school and the district could operate a central school, complete with additional transportation, more econo-

mically than by operating the present separate islands schools.

In January the chairman of the board will interview Gulf Islands ferry officials with a view to establishing new hours for service. He will be accompanied by the chairman of the education committee and the transportation committee.

## LIFE MEMBER

J. M. Campbell is to be honored for his contribution to education in British Columbia.

On Wednesday afternoon last week trustees of Gulf Islands

School District approved a resolution to offer Mr. Campbell a life membership in the school trustees association.

Vancouver Island Branch of the B.C. School Trustees' Association will be recommended to extend the membership to its former chairman.

Mr. Campbell served on the board of trustees of the Gulf Islands School District from January, 1958 until December 1969. During that time he was chairman of the board on several occasions. He was chairman of the Vancouver Island Branch and he was chairman of the B.C. School Trustees' Association.

Proposal was warmly supported. Mr. Campbell is a Saturna Island sheep farmer.

He was also the charter president of the B.C. Educational Institute.



### Piñata Fun Gets Break

A joyous Christmas tradition for Mexican boys and girls is the breaking of the piñata, a decorated earthen jar.

Sometimes, the piñata may be a caricature of people or animals.

The piñata is suspended by a rope that can raise or lower it. Each child is blindfolded and usually given three chances to poke at the piñata with a stick.

When it's broken, the piñata releases a bounty of delicious fruits, sweets, nuts and toys.

The children scramble to claim as many goodies as possible.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Director of adult education, Mrs. Don Layard, has been commended on the "splendid job" done during the fall session of night school.

Mrs. Barbara Toynbee introduced the recommendation. She was supported by the chairman, George Heinekey, who agreed that the fall session had been a tribute to the director.

The adult education has so far operated in the black and it is hoped that it will remain so in the new year, trustees were told.

## SALARIES SET AT 7.71%

Teachers have reached agreement with school trustees in the Gulf Islands School District in the matter of salary negotiations.

The negotiations have reach-

ed their close with an agreed increase of 7.71%, which is the level established earlier in the

year by Greater Victoria district negotiations.



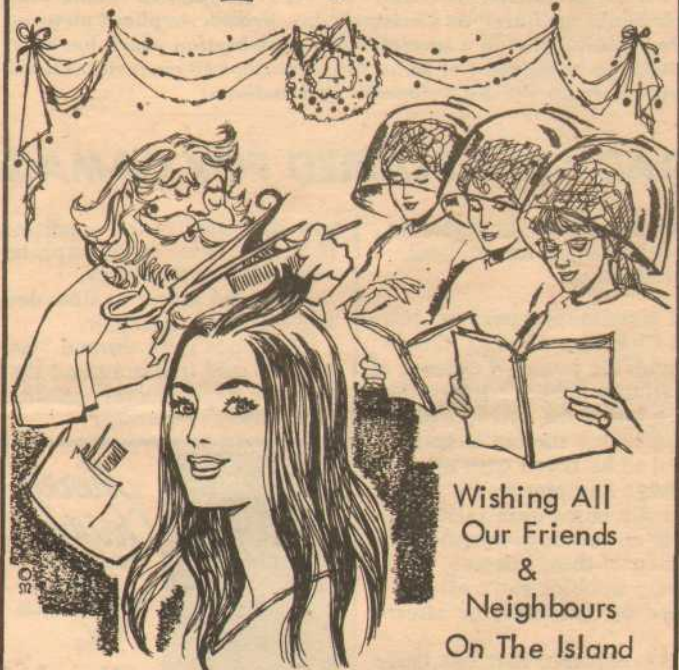
## GREETINGS

During Christmastime we extend to all our neighbors and friends warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday.

Bill, Doris and George de Long

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## GREETINGS



Christmas wishes and perennial thanks to all our fine patrons and friends. May joy brighten and fill your homes. Merry Christmas.

**GULF ISLANDS FLORISTS & HANDICRAFTS**

# Gulf Islands Driftwood

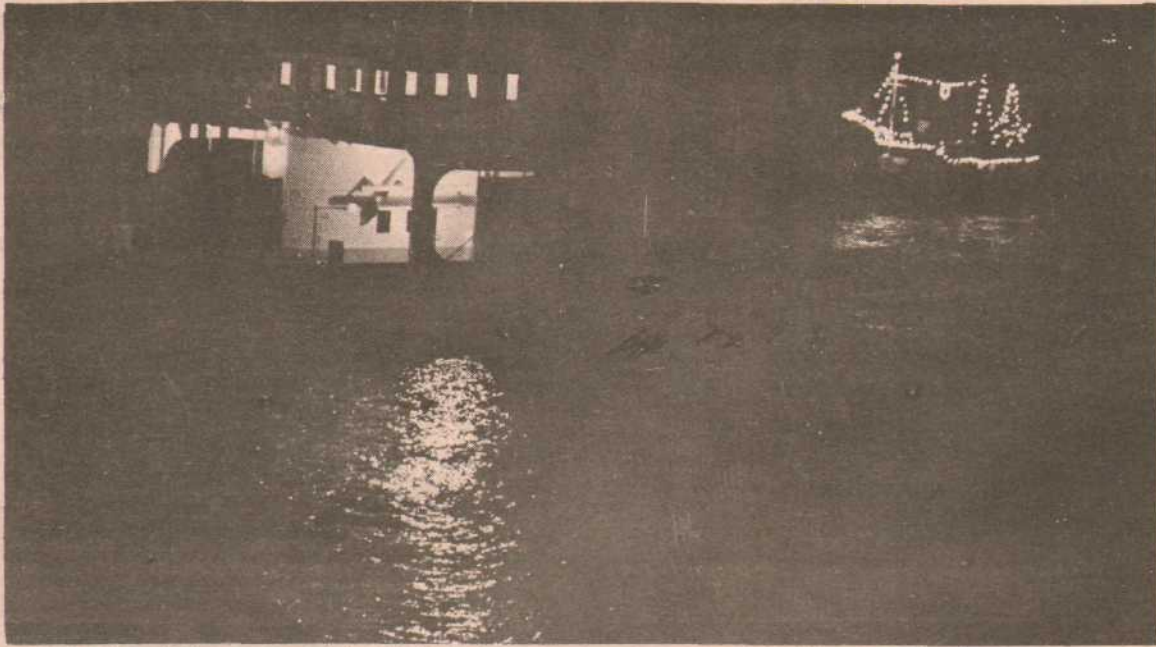
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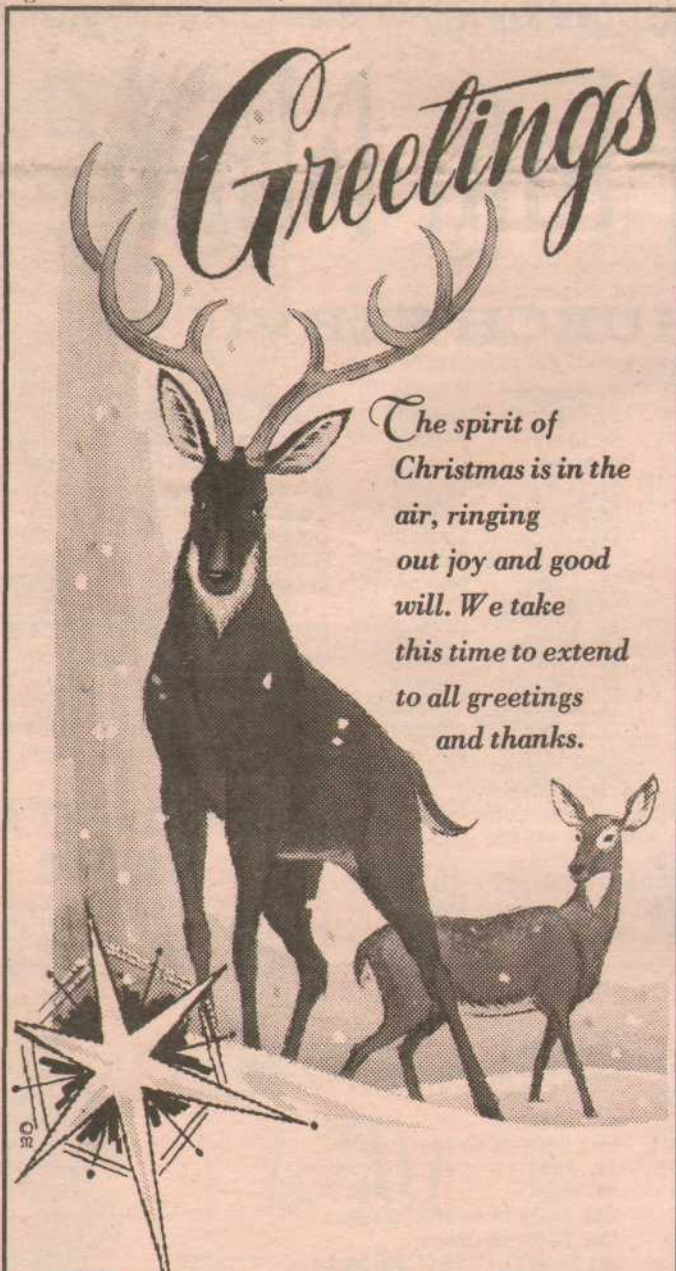
Santa Claus Ship, sponsored by Victoria Jaycees, is seen on Sunday night alongside the ferry vessel.

### PENDER PARTRIDGE IN A CARE TREE

BY CULTUS COULEE

DRIFTWOOD'S editorial on George Pearson's CARE tree,

quoted by CBC's Neighborly



*The spirit of Christmas is in the air, ringing out joy and good will. We take this time to extend to all greetings and thanks.*

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### SUN COMES OUT FOR ISLANDS

Dark cloud of gloom lifted the islands' sun when Saanich MP David Anderson recently proposed that the Gulf Islands become a national park, with property rights withdrawn.

Last week the gloom lifted some when the Vancouver Sun shone brightly over the archipelago. Les Way, former B.C. publisher who has a retirement home on Mayne, wrote of the hostility among islanders towards Mr. Anderson's suggestion. Writer Way interviewed islanders and quoted from letters which have appeared in DRIFTWOOD. Top man on the Sun way totem pole was at the bottom of the page when Salty's classic recommendation, that the government go park somewhere else, was the featured curtain line of Way's presentation.

Esquimalt-Saanich's Anderson proposed the establishment of a national park here, with the government acquiring all properties and islanders forfeiting their properties in exchange for a pension.

### NO DRIFTWOOD!

There will be no Driftwood until January 14. Staff will be celebrating the holiday and then getting over it.

Store and office will be closed until Monday, Jan. 11.

### CHRISTMAS STORY

Story appearing elsewhere in this issue by Elsie Worthington has already been published in DRIFTWOOD. It ran in the Christmas issue of 1963.

Newsman, Edgar Dunning, brought mainland newsfolk flying.

Vancouver Standard Oil's Pat Patterson got in first licks with her pix for "The Pipeline". Vancouver Sun was obscured by two days of storm. But Friday Dec. 18, a four-passenger Victoria Flying Ser vices craft pulled up at Bedwell marina, where

"We quite expect to reach the top again," reports Mr. Pearson.

It has been a heavy month for the sponsor of the campaign. Wearisome? "Only somewhat tired old man," he described himself.

George Logan met, and rushed, Moira Farrell and fotog, 12 miles to North Pender and the (Turn to Page Ten)



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### SCHOOL BUILDING AHEAD

#### — EXPANSION? —

What's the rush? When trustees of Gulf Islands School District debated the 1971 budget the chairman was insistent that the figure come down. George Heinekey explained that there may be a need for a school building by-law in the next year or so and that the budget should be pared down ahead of time.

Provincial department of education requires of every district that the operating costs of any one year be kept down to 110% of the previous year's figure. No district is permitted to increase its costs more than 10% per year.

If the district exceeds that figure ratepayers of the community may demand that the entire budget be the subject of a vote. Such a demand requires the support of 100 ratepayers. If the vote is affirmative, the school district is entitled to retain that budget and collect the taxes to that amount. If the community votes against the budget, the district must then, and at once, prepare a new budget coming within the limit of 110%.

In past years, when the budget has exceeded the set figure, there has been no protest from the community. This year, the board is determined to come within the limits.

"I am very concerned over it; Chairman Heinekey told his colleagues, "We will very likely have to go to the public for renovations to the elementary school and for another school if it comes up. It would be very hard to go for another referendum."

### TO MEET JANUARY 11

### AID TO LIBRARY IS CUT

The Annual Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association will be of more than routine significance this year.

In previous years the Library has received an annual grant from the province, through the Library Development Commission, amounting to half the Library's income.

This has now been changed and the method of calculating the grant will result in less financial support from this source in the future.

This and other important matters will be discussed at the meeting which will be held in the upper hall of the United Church, Ganges, at 3 p.m., Monday, January 11.

The Library Board hopes to welcome both old and new members who are interested in the welfare of the Community Library.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

# Happy New Year!

FROM

Everyone who makes it possible each week to produce another DRIFTWOOD Like...

- Lillian Thomas, who sets miles of type and
- Phyllis Meagher, who calls it "Mar", and goes berserk between customers and labelling papers and
- Papajohn McMahon, who combs Saturna for hidden names and
- Elsie Brown who knows what's going on at Mayne and
- Mary Backlund, who writes most of her spare time and
- Doreen Morris who uses a typewriter while Fred goes fishing and
- Bea Hamilton, who practically invented Fulford and
- Cultus Coulee, ars gratia artis and
- Jessie Sayer in the far north of Salt Spring Island and
- Salty, who keeps Art Simons in line and
- Wally Thomas who watches the accounts and
- Tony Richards who mans the press and
- Valerie who has a room to herself and
- Jill who does the bindery and
- Frank Richards who sweeps up the floors and
- Barbara, who cracks the whip.

## PEARSON CARE TREE AT PENDER

(From Page Nine)

Pearson place at Armadale. Mr. Pearson puts up a globe for each donation. That day the total was \$1,255. He had to put a one-inch rope on the 20 foot Douglas fir "to keep it from blowing away. The storm put out a lot of lights. They can't stand a storm. Then you have to get some more."

The 218 lights on the Christmas CARE tree were not so photogenic in daylight. It is in a field where sheep may safely graze.

The girl wore a red Santa coat. She asked, would the sheep come up to the tree? "Oh, yes!" I said. "All I have to do is get a pan of oats, and you can't get rid of them." And they took pictures of me and the sheep."

"Such fine young people. I wrote to their editor to say how nice it was, having them."

Time up; and Logan's taxi whipped the SUN folk back to Bedwell. From clouds of bright spray - up, up and away!

### PHOTO BY SHARP

Photograph appearing on the front page in a Christmas setting was taken by A. M. Sharp, of Ganges at St. Mary Lake. It depicts the peaceful serenity that is the character of the islands.

# Silent Night, Holy Night

## CHURCH SERVICES

### ANGLICAN

Dec. 24	St. George	Ganges	Midnight Communion	11:00 pm
Dec. 25	St. Mark	Central	Holy Communion	11:00 am
" "	St. Mary	Fulford	Holy Communion	11:00 am
Dec. 27	St. Mark	Central	Holy Communion	8:30 am
" "	St. Mary	Fulford	Morning Prayer	11:00 am
" "	St. George	Ganges	Year's End Evensong	2:30 pm
" "	St. Margaret	Galiano	Holy Communion	8:00 am
" "	of Scotland	Galiano	Matins	11:00 am
" "	St. Mary	Mayne	Evensong	2:30 pm
" "	Magdalene			
Jan. 3	St. Mary	Fulford	Holy Communion	9:00 am
" "	St. Mark	Central	New Year Communion	11:00 am
Jan. 6	St. George	Ganges	Holy Communion	10:30 am
Jan. 10	St. Nicholas	Vesuvius	Holy Communion	9:00 am
" "	St. George	Ganges	Holy Communion	11:00 am
" "	St. Mary	Fulford	Evensong	2:30 pm
" "	St. Mary			
" "	Magdalene	Mayne	Evensong	2:30 pm

### UNITED

Rev. Fred Anderson, Box 461, Ganges, 537-2439.				
Dec. 24		Ganges	Family Service	7:30 pm
Dec. 27		"	Worship Service	11:00 am
" "		Burgoyne	Worship Service	2:30 pm
Jan. 3		Ganges	Worship Service	11:00 am
Jan. 10		"	Worship Service	11:00 am

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Dec. 24	Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	Midnight
Dec. 25	" "	"	" "	9:00 am
" "	St. Paul	Fulford	" "	11:00 am
Dec. 27	Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	" "	9:00 am
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Jan. 3	St. Paul	Fulford	" "	9:00 am
" "	Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	" "	11:00 am
Jan. 10	Our Lady of Grace	"	" "	9:00 am
" "	St. Paul	Fulford	" "	11:00 am

### COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL

Rev. M. V. Gilpin				
Dec. 25		Ganges	Christmas Service	11:00 am
Dec. 27		"	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
" "		"	Evening Service	7:30 pm
Dec. 31		"	New Year's Eve Watch Night Service	11:00 pm
Jan. 3&10		"	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
" "		"	Evening Service	7:30 pm



**to be frank**



By Richards

New Year's Eve Dance at Fulford will usher the new year in. It will do it significantly.

The dance is to usher in the centennial year of 1971.

Salt Spring Island Centennial '71 Committee will formally welcome the dawning of the Centennial '71 Year at Fulford.

It was Christmas last week. Ask the post office. Heard a lot about how busy they were so on Tuesday I went to see what was happening. The place was empty. Don't know what everyone was talking about! It was Christmas for Bob Sauerberg on Tuesday. Big boat for a big load... must be some good parties coming up on the outer islands!

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is dropping back into low gear. The chamber decided to get an early start on the tourist brochure. Two weeks ago every business who has supported the folder in past years, as well as a few new ones, was exhorted to say what they wanted to say in the folder and to pay on the nose. So far two



Our heartfelt old-fashioned good wishes and thanks to loyal patrons and friends.

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Fulford Harbour

have replied. If the response doesn't come up a bit, there'll be no point going ahead.

I have made no New Year resolutions. If I were to make them I would only break them and what's the point in that? But I have a New Year resolution for some other people. Like Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. I wrote them about a year ago in a very rude manner. They didn't reply. Or the Neon Products in Victoria who never replied to my letter of several months ago when I urged them to straighten out my account. Or the Imperial Esso Oil Company in Edmonton. I sent them photostat copies of a long exchange of letters in respect of their accounting confusion. They cashed my cheque, which was endorsed to protest their accounting procedures, but not even the president of the company would reply. My New Year resolution for big companies would be not get too big to write to little people.

Ernie Watson gave his staff and associates a Christmas party on Sunday at Harbour House. The whole operation is packing in for a holiday while things are slow. Ernie and his family were planning a trip south. The trip has shrunk until now they plan two days in Vancouver. Things weren't quite that slow.

Cats have a lot of friends. Last week some fool cat climbed a tree on North Beach Road and then froze. She wouldn't budge. After three days in the tree the cat was getting hungry and the owner was getting worried. On Sunday island woodsman who makes his living tree-climbing and topping, gave up his morning's freedom to rescue the animal.

Letty Turnbull is happy with the chores of finishing her home on Scott Point. She enjoys living on Salt Spring Island. The other day she explained one of the features of the islands that holds her. The night was stormy and she was reading a book which called for close attention. As the storm increased in its frenzy her attention was called away from the book and she became aware of the commotion outside. Switching out the light, she sat behind the windows looking out on the storm. There was enough light to show the trees tearing back and forth in the wild winds and the fury of the wind over the water. She

had no use of radio or television or even for reading. The show of the year was going on outside, she recalls, and she nearly missed it. Mrs. Turnbull is Kay Booth's sister.

Fred Saunders has lived on the islands for eight years. And he's never seen his name in DRIFTWOOD. Whaddya know?

Buzz Brown had a tough week. He was busy at work in his new home and he went to brush a cobweb away from the structure he was working on. His hand caught his glasses, sent them flying and broke them. Buzz is a man of infinite patience and sadly repaired them with adhesive tape. When dinner time came around he figured he'd earned it. He sat down to regain his strength, bit heavily into a mistake and broke his dentures. He counted 10 and finished his meal on one plate. He had occasion to call at his bank the following morning, only to discover that an account was all screwed up. It just wasn't his week!

Windsor Utley was boasting the other day. He was boasting of his skill at preparing turkey and his listeners did not jeer. They had tried it and they went along with it 100 per cent. Except he pointed out he smoked it with apple wood. I quit. I'm staying with cigars.

Keith Ramsey is back for the Christmas season on Salt Spring. He still has to return to his UBC studies next year.

Men's lib was lagging last week when Mrs. Shipley Bayless was laying down the law about men in kitchens. They can cook if they set their minds to it, she agreed, grudgingly, but it's the housewife who always has to clean up after them!

Talk about cleaning up... Harry Peverell on Friday dried as many glasses as he would use at home in a year; worst of it was that his wife saw him do it. Now, who's going to be cleaning up in the kitchen after her?

Constance Swartz at Pender has a brief summary of too-near telephone lines. "They're on my line," she explained of another island home, "which means they are as easy to communicate with as if they were on an ice-floe off Baffin Bay.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - William Fernie, founder of the coal enterprise and the town of Fernie, had previously sought his fortune in Australia, New Zealand, and South America.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It would be ungenerous at Christmas to speak critically of one's fellows. When sentimentalists all over the western world are filled with the temporary sweetness of Christmas love we can only join them for fear of appearing to criticize so evident a virtue.

It is in this spirit that we have compiled a list of presents we would offer direct from the DRIFTWOOD Christmas Tree.

To Mr. David Anderson we would present an apple in the hope that he might introduce knowledge into his Garden of Eden...or rather, our Garden of Eden.

To Premier Bennett, a will-form to remind him that the deteriorating environment of British Columbia is a legacy to another generation.

To Mr. John Tisdalle, a book of transfer tickets to enable him to catch any ferry and to choose his direction as the whim moves him.

To Mr. Tommy Douglas we would find a pen and paper to enable him to keep in touch with his islands.

To the Royal Canadian Mounted Policemen on the Islands, the Book of Wisdom, to aid their liaison with Canada tomorrow.

To Mr. Marc Holmes a ticket to Hawaii to rest up after the planning furore and to Miss Joan Purchase a ticket to some more distant point for a holiday while planning is discussed on the outer islands.

For Mr. George Pearson we would find a megaphone in order that more might hear his message of human sympathy.

To Mr. George Heinekey a calendar without Tuesdays to avoid school board meetings which clash with newspaper publishing days.

To Mr. Nels Degnen, a bowl of goldfish with a magnifying glass so that he may always find a big fish.

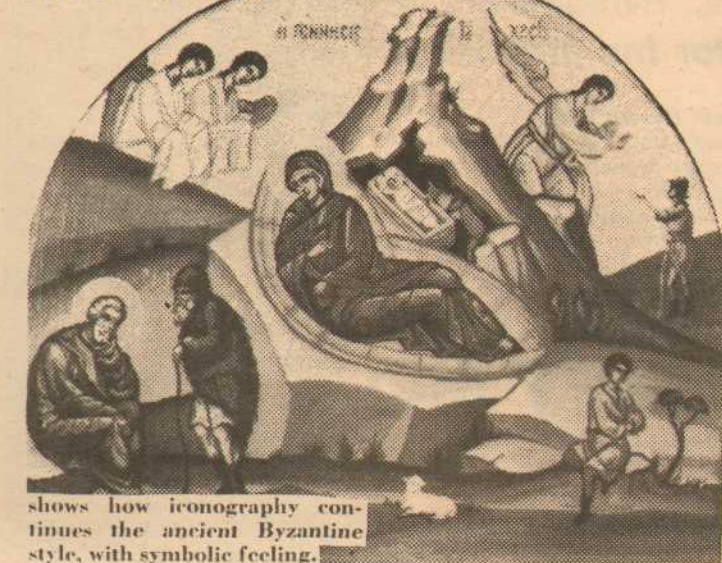
To Mr. Bob Akerman, nothing, on the grounds that now he has Drummond Centennial 71 Park, he needs nothing.

For Mr. Jim Money we would find a complete set of government forms to keep him busy for the rest of his life.

And for all islanders a blank and empty Christmas card in order that each may write in his own good wishes for this Christmas and next year.

The tree is now stripped and empty.

## NATIVITY SCENE



shows how iconography continues the ancient Byzantine style, with symbolic feeling.



— DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES SALTY IS UNABLE TO APPEAR THIS WEEK - LOSS OF PICTURE IS ONLY TEMPORARY!!  
*Merry Christmas*  
ART SIMONS

## Telling Story Of Nativity

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:15-16.

As even little children know, the words of St. Luke tell the story of the Miracle in a manger. Shepherds watching in the fields, herald angels singing—these things Christians can picture today because of St. Luke, the physician who became Christ's disciple.

Traditionally, St. Luke did still more to preserve the spiritual treasures of the Christmas story. He literally pictured the Madonna.

According to this tradition, St. Luke was an iconographer as well as a physician, and as such he created the first image of the Madonna, a painting that became the guide for many icons in later centuries.

As legend has it, St. Luke's icon of the Madonna and his other paintings were the forerunners of the style of artistic expression known as Byzantine art.

Oppressed and suppressed in some eras, Byzantine religious art has so original and distinctive a style that it returned again and again, to thrive throughout 12 centuries. Today, it is enjoying a rebirth, through the efforts of dedicated iconographers.

### Showing Images

Iconography is a system for representing Christian subjects by means of pictures or images. Originally, the term meant "portrayal," and applied especially to panels portraying the figure of Christ, the Madonna, a saint or some scene from the Bible, according to the Grolier Book of Art.

In the Greek Orthodox Church icon technically means a movable religious painting. However, iconography often refers, more broadly, to wall paintings and mosaics as well as portable icons.

### Going Iconoclastic

The art of the Byzantine—or Eastern Roman—empire first flourished under the rule of Justinian, in the 6th century A.D.

But trouble loomed ahead. When Emperor Leo III came to power, he brought with him a deep hatred of all images, especially icons, say the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana.

As an Iconoclast—hater of icons—Leo forbade the creation of religious figures and images, and the Iconoclastic

Age began in 726.

Paintings on church walls were whitewashed, ivories and mosaics removed, countless works of art destroyed.

### Comics Get Help

When icons returned to favor in the 9th century, the Iconoclastic Age had been responsible for the loss of much religious art—but it had some benefits.

Secular art gained by it, as artists of the monastic schools began to work under the patronage of the nobility.

Even modern comic strips owe something to the Iconoclasts. The monastic artists who turned to secular work brought with them the Byzantine method of telling a story through a continuous series of drawings.

### Symbolism Rules

Surviving wars, crusades and conquests, Byzantine art flourished till the middle of the 15th century.

Over the years, Byzantine artists influenced others, but were rarely influenced by others. Though the early Renaissance brought realism,

## Iconography? It's Part Of Today

The ancient Byzantine art of iconography is a contemporary art, too, and very much a part of today.

So declares John Papaspiropoulos, leading iconographer and owner-creator of the Byzantine Icons Studio, New York.

He points out that the turn of the century Art Nouveau technique, which has influenced much contemporary art, is related to Byzantine religious art. A non-realistic use of color and flattening of perspective are typical.

As an iconographer, Mr. Papaspiropoulos leads the development of a "Byzantine art of the 20th century."

Assisted by the artists of his studio, he has decorated some 30 churches in the United States. In his native Greece, he has decorated 19 Athens churches.

Like Byzantine artists of centuries past, Mr. Papaspiropoulos works with traditionally authentic egg tempera. He makes his own tempera from egg, vinegar and ammonia. To this emulsion, coloring agents are added.

He makes extensive use of gold leaf, another traditional element in Byzantine art. His work shows his own personal touch but always follows the pure Byzantine style.

the colorful, decorative and formal qualities of the Byzantine style remained virtually unchanged.

In Byzantine art, highly stylized figures appear, with little or no three-dimensional effect. Gold backgrounds suggest almost no sense of space.

Familiar scenes such as the Nativity show painted figures that are allegorical, mystical, symbolic—but never realistic in color or form.

For believers of the Greek Orthodox faith and other Eastern churches, the symbolic nature of Byzantine art has a deep religious significance.

Considered solely as an art form, the Byzantine technique is renowned for its beauty and decorative character. In its symbolic approach, this ancient art is closer to the art of today than the representational works of more recent centuries.

### There's Inspiration

As in all forms of art, the story of the Nativity has been a source of inspiration to iconographers through the ages.

The Madonna and Child have long been favorite subjects for icons, while Byzantine triptychs often showed Christ, Mary His Mother and John the Baptist.

Other early iconographers turned to St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, as a subject worthy of attention. The good bishop is known in legend as the forefather of Santa Claus.

### In Guatemala

An ancient custom in Guatemala is to "light the road to Bethlehem" by placing lanterns in windows and doorways for nine nights before Christmas.

## Late Start For Christmas

It was not until mid-morning on Saturday that the Salt Spring Island community was suddenly preparing for the visit of the Christmas Ship from Bellingham.

Wires were crossed and half the island was under the impression that the American ship of Christmas spirit had decided to bypass the island.

Bob Blundell was called into service and he started a campaign for help and hospitality which was rolling under full power by the time the Washington vessel steamed into Ganges Harbour.

There was a reception commi-

tee for the American Santa Claus and his helpers; Mahon Hall was ready for his reception of hundreds of children and the ship's crew were entertained before they retired early to sail out of Ganges early on Sunday morning.

The crew were happy with the reception; the children were delighted to find Santa and another international Christmas trip was marked down a success. It was the 20th sailing of the ship sponsored by the Bellingham Junior Chamber of Commerce. It was also the 20th annual visit to Salt Spring Island.

## SOUTH PENDER

BY CULTUS COULEE

Glad Yuletidings from California, for Bill and Rita Gill at "Fazenda de Paranapiacaba". Dr. W. Delahaye Gill and his wife, Sandra, Palo Alto, have a living Christmas doll for Jennifer and Andrea. And Wendy Parkinson Gill, born December 8, at Stanford Hospital, has two small sister angels, guarding her crib.

The Herbert Spaldings are at Little Bay after 10 days in Summerland with David and Isabel Spalding. Herbert spent four days at Grand Forks with Game Warden Robert Shepard and wife Iris. Mr. Shepard is head of Game Management Area 7; Anarchist Mt. to Christina Lake... Mrs. Spalding to Galiano with

son Jonathan and wife Marilyn, to sister-in-law Mrs. Jessie Bell house.

Bill and Sybil Willson from Boundary Pass to Ganges to Sybil's parents, the Claude Conerys.

Henri Renaud and Harry Deacon, Victoria, to Bonheur for a breather, only to have breath knocked out by a tearing southeaster.

Message from Vancouver visitor at Ganges Emporium Potters' Guild show, to Murray Roway, Stanford Beach. Mrs. Robert E. Walker, (nee Evelyn Eveleigh); Marine Drive, Point Grey - "Say to him, 'she's practicing up on her aeroplane spin!"

Now you see it; now you don't! The sign Tim Hume painted for the Community Club - a whale spouting, "You are now entering a litterfree area. A community project, with your cooperation," embellished the south end of the Canal bridge for a few days, and was gone.

Bubbles, the Singing Whale, has gone, but there is a spouting truck, on Pender. A couple stood on the side of Hooson Road, waiting to navigate two potholes, full of muddy rain. Comes a flying truck, Sir Walter Raleigh at the wheel. Before the two could step back, raindrops were falling on their heads. Both soaked from top to toe; glasses coated; free mudpacks. Vive la politesse!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Prosperity in '71

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## THE FOURTH WISE MAN

BY GRACE A. WRIGHT

Every year we commemorate the birth of Christ, God's greatest gift to mankind, by the giving and receiving of gifts.

Traditionally we think of just three Wise Men, or oriental kings, as they are often called, being led by a glowing star to the birth place of the Christ Child, a lowly manger in Bethlehem. These wise men travelled from afar to bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Child whom the prophets were proclaiming as the long-awaited Messiah. On their way through Jerusalem, Herod, the King, asked them to search diligently for this wondrous Babe whom he considered a threat to his kingdom, as he wished to destroy Him. He did not tell the wise men of his nefarious designs but an angel of the Lord appeared to them in a dream warning them so they took another way home and did not pass through Jerusalem. God also sent His angel to Mary and Joseph and bade them flee into Egypt with the Child.

According to a story written many years ago by a man called Van Dyke, another wise man had also started on his way with his gift for the Christ Child. He was called Artaban, a kind and gentle man. On his way to Bethlehem he stopped to help a man lying by the wayside, stricken with a fever. When the man was well enough to be left, Artaban hurried on his way to Bethlehem and arrived just too late as the Holy Family had already fled. By this time Herod had discovered the birth-place and had sent his soldiers to kill the Child.

Artaban, dressed in his kingly robes, met them in the doorway of the Inn, outwardly very calm. He beckoned the captain of the soldiers aside and said: "I am waiting here to give the captain this jewel if he will go on his way and search no more." As he spoke he held out the beautiful glowing ruby he had meant to present to the Baby Jesus. The captain was overcome with greed. He stretched forth his hand for the jewel and shouted to his men: "March! There is no child here."

### In Italy

From Italy comes a most poetic addition to Christmas lore. For three weeks during the Christmas season, children traditionally go from place to place reciting Christmas poems. They expect coins in return, to buy holiday goodies.

### In Austria

Custom of writing letters to Santa Claus may have begun in Austria, where, long ago, it was an Advent tradition for children to write letters containing lists of what they'd like to receive on St. Nicholas' Day.

Artaban, turned toward the East, lifted his eyes and said in a quiet voice: "God of truth, forgive my sin. I have said that which was not true to save the life of a babe. Make me worthy to see the face of the King of Kings." Then Artaban went on his way rejoicing, knowing in his heart God had forgiven him and that his gift had been found acceptable in the sight of the Lord.

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AT FULFORD CHURCH

**THE LATE PETER CHURCHMOUSE**

BY BEA HAMILTON

Oh, hang up the holly  
And trim the wee tree,  
And a Christmas tale  
I'll tell to thee...

Would you be thinking that a dead mouse would make a good Christmas story? No? Well now, you'd be surprised! Just put together the poor wee dead mouse, a trio of children and St. Mary's Church and you have

the makings of a perfect setting for an enthralling tale.

I mean it for it happened something like this only last week. Carol singing practice was going ahead with the small members of St. Mary's Children's Choir in preparation for a special Christmas service. Arriving at the church, the children discovered a small mouse, dead. And what does a small dead mouse suggest? A funeral, of course! Here

REPLY TO PARENTAL ENQUIRY

**TRANSPORTATION AID GONE?**

When a letter was received last week from a student's mother, asking for transportation assistance, the school trustees sugges

ted that there may be no such assistance paid in future. The Gulf Islands School District board of trustees heard a plea for help for a student who wishes to attend school outside the district because the course he seeks is not available in the district. Trustees explained that the practice of offering help to such students may well be withdrawn in 1971 in order to bring school costs down to the level set by the provincial government. It has been payable where a student has attended another school district in order to study

was the perfect setting - the church, the graveyard with lots of room for a wee mouse; no minister, but who needed a minister? These children knew what to do. All set - the youngsters had it all planned, even gave the deceased a name PETER CHURCH MOUSE. You had to have a name to bury, you know.

But there was a bit of a snag; Mrs. Bessie Dane, one of the choir directors, pointed out that singing practice was essential and time was short, so the children decided that PETER could wait for another week. What was a week anyway? Peter was dead and couldn't get away. But oh yes, he could! the next week rolled around, the children came back and rushed to look for the dead mouse - still determined to "do the right thing by poor PETER." But no mouse - dead or alive! Now in the meantime, Mrs. Dane had gone home to pick up some forgotten papers and had left the children to carry out their little plan thinking of course, that they would just poke the mouse into a hole and that would be that. Well, it wasn't that. It was this: there couldn't be a burial without a body - right? But there could be a burial service - a sort of memorial to the dead and lost - Peter CHURCH MOUSE. The children got organized and when Mrs. Dane walked in she found the children sitting quietly in a pew and listening intently while Elaine read the burial service from the Chancel, with all the solemnity due to such a place and service! And that should be a fitting ending to the story - but there is more. After the children had left, Mrs. Dane found an empty tooth-paste box reposing on top of the cash-box near the door and being litter-conscious as are all good Islanders, she took it with her as she had to go to the neighbor's next door, to Roseneath Farm. However, finding no one at home, she left the empty box for the Shaw family to dispose of which was found by Miss Cree Shaw when she returned home. On investigation, Miss Shaw found the box contained five dead flies! and a note. The note read: "PETER CHURCH MOUSE. Died December 9th. Buried December 17th, 1970. Loved by Mother Dad Wendy Christine Elaine."

And in the far corner two potent words - Rat Poison. This little tooth-paste box was intended for a coffin for Peter CHURCH MOUSE!

This tale may not go down in the church records but I'll warrant St. Mary's is the first church in the world to have a burial service read in memory of a mouse! Merry Christmas everyone!

The children involved are six who form the small choir: - Elaine Patterson, Christine Lacy, Wendy Reeves, Frances Byron, Terry Horrocks, Lornie Hughes.

a course or pattern not offered in the school district. Where the course can be taken by correspondence this is the preferred routine.

Trustees agreed to consider the provision of school patrols in the new year.

Mrs. Taimi Hindmarch, teacher at Saturna, asked permission to take her class through the Fraser Valley for a week next spring. There would be no cost to the board, other than paying a substitute teacher in her absence. This was also referred to the incoming board.

**FERNWOOD**

BY JESSIE SAYER

The Christmas lights are shining all over the Islands, the stores are all a-glitter and everyone is busy.

I'm sure the less fortunate will not be forgotten by the many generous people on our Islands.

To all readers at home and those lucky enough to be spending a holiday in warmer climates, a happy Christmas and a prosperous 1971!

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**DIVINITY FUDGE**  
3 cups granulated sugar, 2/3 cup corn syrup, 1/3 cup water, 2 egg whites, pinch of salt, vanilla.

Boil sugar, salt, water and syrup in pan until it forms a hard mass in cold water (it should be brittle) gradually pour into stiffly beaten egg whites, beating constantly. When mixture begins to stiffen, add cut up green and red cherries, nuts or raisins, and vanilla. Test one on buttered plate and if too soft beat more until a soft ball is dropped or can be spread into a buttered pan and cut into squares when cool.



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The Chairman

*Merry Christmas*  
Here's to a Christmas Holiday abloom with the very best.  
To Gulf Islanders & All Our Friends  
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### Legend, Lore Of Holiday Takes Varied Forms

The belief that Santa has a reindeer-drawn sleigh and enters homes through the chimney may have come from Scandinavia. An old Norse legend about the goddess Hertha said that she rode on a reindeer's back.

Her appearance in the fireplace in mid-winter was thought to bring good luck to the home.

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"Silent Night, Holy Night" was written in 1818 by a village priest in Hallein, Austria. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the words, to an accompaniment created by his organist, Franz Gruber.

Legend has it that the church organ was out of order — damaged by mice — and so "Silent Night" was first sung to a guitar accompaniment.

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Who invented that popular holiday beverage, eggnog? It has been part of the festivities for so many years that nobody really knows its origin.

One possibility is that eggnog came from the Old English hot drink, sack-posset, which was also made of eggs, milk, nutmeg and sugar.

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Among the earliest Christmas tree ornaments were some that resembled the sun, stars and moon, or animals.

Using signs of nature as decorations can be traced back to the feasts of the winter equinox, when sun-worshipping pagans hung similar trinkets on trees.

"The cattle were lowing," says the carol, "Away in a Manger," and Nativity paintings often show the animals



CHINESE CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE "SHEN Dan Jieh," the Holy Birth Festival, at Christmas. But Santa Claus is on hand, too, as he is in this scene, typical of a Taiwan Christmas, where he greets youngsters enjoying a ride on a merry-go-round. Photograph is from the New Book of Knowledge.

of the manger.

Appropriately, tradition says that cattle and other domestic animals should have a special feast on Christmas Eve. It's legendary, too, that cattle are given the power of speech for a few moments at this time.

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Mistletoe, said to hold a license for kissing, was renowned in ancient times for many mystical powers. Because of its pagan associations, it was long forbidden in churches.

A German legend held that, if a sprig of mistletoe was carried into an old house, the ghosts of the house would appear and answer questions.

goodness sake? Autumn, he says. That was Autumn. And you check the calendar and by gum, the man was right!

We have been going through the autumn days under the delusion that we would soon be over winter — and we haven't even started throwing snowballs yet! But it seems we will have that chance (to throw snowballs I mean) within the next few hours according to the announcements weatherwise.

But this morning is so beautiful — the sea is just shimmering with silver over blue and gold; even the ducks, flying into the sun rays, seem to be made of molten gold and the wide open wings of an eagle as it soars past seem to be rimmed in gold... the waves are all silver and gold crested — and I wonder if marine birds suffer from cold feet?

Among the many visitors coming to visit relatives here were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tutt, and son Michael, from Sardis, B. C. They had a pre-Christmas family party at the home of Mrs. Tutt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dane. It was the start of a merry Christmas for young Michael.

#### In Panama

Children in Panama participate in midnight mass on Christmas Eve by caroling to an accompaniment of castanets and tamborines.

## FULFORD

BY BEA HAMILTON

Members of the Women's Institute and one or two visitors had a good time at the Christmas party held at Dromore on Thursday. A hot turkey smorgasbord with all kinds of good things was enjoyed and some nice gifts were sent in by Santa who forgets no one, not even the members of the W.I. Mrs. M. Gyves, who is our only charter member, was recently out from hospital and was pleased to join the party.

A visitor from Victoria was Mrs. Irene Stewart's daughter, Betty, her small baby, and Ricky, a little friend. (Betty is Mrs. Callow, by the way). Mrs. Gladys Lee was also a visitor.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. Violet McClaron showed some slides taken by Mrs. A. Davis on her recent trip overseas. It was interesting to see the ships going through the Panama Canal and all the interesting countryside.

Also some pictures of cousins never seen and others only seen briefly over 70 years ago when Mrs. Davis was about the age of four. Anyway, it was a "good show" and was a merry start for the Christmas season.

The theme of this party and meeting was taken from a short verse by M.A. Scott, found in the B.C. Women's Institute News, "A Christmas wish for you is this..."

Not only a day but a year of bliss;  
Not only the joy of gifts and giving,  
But also the gift of the joy of living."

Tomorrow, says the radio announcer, will be the first day of Winter!

"Tomorrow" was Tuesday, Dec. 22.

What have we been having these last six weeks or so, for



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# MAYNE SCHOOL CONCERT

BY ELSIE BROWN

Parents and friends of the school children and pre-school-

ers were on hand at the Mayne hall on Friday evening for the annual Christmas Party and en-

tertainment. The children had indeed "Decked the Hall with Boughs of Holly" not to mention the Christmas tree.

The first item on the program was a play entitled "Just Before Christmas" directed and narrated by Meg Drummond. Harrased mother of 13 children was Mrs. Nancy Rainsford; minister, John Rainsford; visitors, Mrs. Sophie Betts, Mrs. Mildred Paton, Mrs. Blanche Anderson, Mrs. Marie DeMeester, Mrs. Agnes Vegsund and Elsie Brown; children, Linda Lane, Christine Halvorsen, Joy Ruck, Darcie Wilks, David Smith, Steve Lane, Gordon Wittner, Robert and Leslie Halvorsen, Marty Waterhouse, Richard and Robert Shortreed and Derrell Imrie.

The children were engaged in their various preparations for the coming Festive Season while mother was busy baking and doing other numerous tasks. The table looked like a replica of Ma Kettle's and it was hardly the day for unexpected guests. However unprepared as she was, clad in bedroom slippers and hair in curlers, the hostess welcomed the guests who made themselves at home. They were entertained by the children who recited their pieces very nicely. The play ended with the singing of Silent Night as the visitors took their leave.

Santa made his annual appearance bearing his many gifts for the children waiting in shiny-eyed expectancy. He was his usual ebullient, round and jolly self and no one was forgotten. Shouts of glee followed the unwrapping of gifts and parents joined in the fun.

Carol singing preceded the serving of refreshments which was under the direction of Mrs. Karl Vegsund.

In charge of the refreshment stand where delectable goodies were served were Mrs. Pearl Brau, Mrs. L. Shortreed, Mrs. Ken Halvorsen; others assisting were Mrs. Edith Imrie and Mrs. Effie Piggott.

Miss Pat James was unavoidably absent due to the fire at her home last week.

## DEATH OF MISS M.A. JACKSON IN VANCOUVER

Galiano nonagenarian died on Monday in a Vancouver hospital. She was Miss Margaret Agnes Jackson who was in her 92nd year.

Miss Jackson came to Galiano in 1933 to assist her brother in the operation of Sutil Lodge at Montague Harbour.

Miss Jackson was a teacher at Lord Selkirk School in Vancouver until she retired in 1933.

She leaves her brother, Stanley Jackson, of Galiano and a sister, Mrs. Owens, in Vancouver; also nephews and nieces.

Memorial service will be held at Galiano on Saturday, Dec. 26 with Rev. O.L. Foster officiating.

May & Bob Aitken  
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WISH THE  
COMPLIMENTS  
of the  
SEASON  
To their many friends  
in The Gulf Islands

# SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

Sorry about missing out last week's news, but there wasn't too much to send in and we didn't care about that time whether there was or not. Lovely Lorraine Campbell sent in about her son Jimmie's wedding for me despite the fact that she was up to her ears in guests and all the attending work that happens when a son gets married. Must be getting old, as it seems I catch all the odd bugs floating around that lay you out.

Good News! Bob and petite Penny Kohlman have had a baby SON. As mother is not yet home from Lady Minto and father is still in seventh heaven we don't know the wee tot's name yet.

Our Christmas Concert in ye hall this year was again a whopping success. The Play was called "Babes in Toyland" BUT the amazing part was that the BABES who took over from tantalizing Taimi Hindmarch the teacher and staged the whole thing, the mothers were Babes from Toyland and how!

Bantering Bernice Crooks; bashful Betty Carpentier; actinic Andy Johnson; glorious Gloria Smith; roseate Rosaleen Sumislawski; and jingling Jan Crooks. Actinic Andy, shining Shirley Money and bashful Betty made the costumes. As usual gentle Clarice Warlow very very patiently sat at the piano and helped and consoled and in fact was gentle Clarice.

After the play our Saturna Island Free School sang several carols then carols were sung to "PIPE" Santa Claus onto the stage and presents were given to all the kids (only those up to a certain age, NOT Uncle Art etc)

Turkey sandwiches were served, with pop for the kids and here and now we would like to ask, where in the world, and for even all the gold, could you have a more wonderful Christmas Party? We knew every child performing and if they made a mistake it was all the best part of a wonderful party.

On Sunday, Dec. 20 at our St. Christopher's Church, we had our annual Christmas Service conducted by our favorite padre, Rev. John Dangerfield. We had a wonderful turnout by Islanders of all faiths who, besides wishing to go to a church at this time of year, went in sincere appreciation of the padre's worth in our small community.

On Monday night we had our annual Candlelight Supper in

the hall. It was a turkey dinner such as only our fair ladies could put on. It was a very quiet dinner at which old friends had a grand dinner and "JUST" sat or meandered around and talked and enjoyed themselves. To a lot of us this has become one of the high points of Christmas.

At this time of year, besides all the best wishes flying around, I like to stop and think back on the past year and think or maybe thank the Lord for what we should be thankful for.

Our Fire Department and our new Fire Hall and thanks to all those who have helped to make it what a success it is.

Individuals such as Davie Jacks, Jim and Bill Money, Les Ramsey, Dr. Rob Dixon, the Maskows, the Whittings, the Crooks, the Hindmarches, Benny Begon and his Shale House Gang, the Rasmussens, our wharfinger, Gordie Campbell, the Art Ralphs, the Warlows, etc. etc. and at this point we will have to stop naming names because when the chips are down most of the people here more than arise to meet the emergency.

Our Saturna "ORCHESTRA" or if you wish a good jazz band.

Our Women's Club! No word that we know would do adequately. (Turn to next page)



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

& A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To all my friends  
Mary Backlund

## PAT WENT THATAWAY AT PENDER

BY CULTUS COULEE

Southlands has gone Western. Pender's answer to Ponderosa. Mrs. A. E. Craddock, has now fenced a paddock; built a three-box-stall stable, and tackroom. The lowrise is for Patricia Craddock's Amber, 16 hands; Conchella, dark brown, 16 hands, and

### SATURNA

ate praise or could possibly express what they mean to our Island. AMEN.

Our Ferry Crews, and even to the B.C. Hydro who, through Tom Davidson, give us a real service.

To the Weatherman! Well, maybe?

To all our neighbors because like all small communities although they know all our faults and gossip about us "WHEN" any one of us gets in trouble or sickness are all in there helping.

To Frank and berylline Barbara Richards, ye EDITORS of the DRIFTWOOD who have had the courage to print our epistles. There is much more we could print in this vein but that's it for 1970!

To ALL my friends and particularly those who don't agree with me, Granmarie and Papa-john wish just "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

her black son, Tonka, 6 months, who wears a little star, right down the middle of his forehead.

It is 12 years since Pat used to ride her dear Conchita at the old Camp Bay place. The new horses are from Hunter's Holiday Ranch, Saanich. Sister Vicki Gillespie rides Conchella, Tonka tap dancing ahead, ears pricked for adventure.

Pat went thataway; roaming the highways and byways, old logging roads and open country; wearing the biggest grin ever, beneath a cowboy brim. Also wearing buckskin jacket, chaps and cowboy boots. Hi Ho, Amber!

## THAT'S A REAL IMPROVEMENT!

World of education is author of a substantial proportion of jargon found in the modern vocabulary.

The educationalists cannot be honest. A dull student becomes a slow learner. A bright student undertakes enriched courses. There are thousands of examples. In keeping with the pattern the provincial department of education has come up with a honey. What used to be the Textbook Branch of the department is now known as the Provincial Curriculum Resources Division.

There is something slightly unreal about education in the modern setting.

## SHE SAYS -MANY THANKS

BY MARY BACKLUND

In this season to be jolly, it is also time to sit back for a few minutes, and think of all the people to whom we are thankful and who make our lives worth living.

So this week, your Galiano correspondent will say "Thank you", first of all to my Editor, and staff, who see fit to publish my writings, and who enabled me to receive a National award this year in a Canadian Women's Press Club Memorial Award contest.

Thanks also to the postmen, who carry the mail, and especially our Galiano postal staff, and friendly Bill Langley, who carry the mail on the ferry to Sidney for the Outer Islands.

To our minister and his wife, for spiritual help and guidance to all of us; they put in more sea time than the ships' crews, with four churches to care for.

To the RCMP... the Mounties who do not ride horses as in the movies, but who go out in the trim ships, to keep law and order in all of our Gulf Islands; without them, the whole world would surely be a poorer place to live.

To our very own friends in B.C. Hydro, at Salt Spring, who keep us in this necessary luxury of lights and heat, and who have to go out in the dark and stormy nights when the lights go out, to climb the poles and fix the troubles for us.

A special thank you to B. C. Tel, friendly Gary Lane, who lives at Mayne Island with his wife, and recently moved to this post from Kamloops. He also

### SCHOOL BUS IS AMONG SHIP CROWD AT GALIANO

Use of Galiano school bus to transport Galiano children to Montague Harbour was approved by Gulf Islands School District last week.

Children were going to meet Santa Claus at Montague Harbour when the Christmas Ship came in.

works hard to keep the telephones in good shape for us.

To the roads crews, who keep the roads tidy; John Shaw, our foremen, who is looking well now, following some illness in the past few months.

And to our storekeepers, who see that we have food to buy, and do many favors for us during the course of the year.

Last but not least, our own loved ones, and friends, who offer help and encouragement to us, all of the time, and for the many readers who like us, and the ones who do not like us.

We thank them, one and all. Have a fabulous holiday, and all blessings for the coming Centennial year of 1971!

To Our Friends & Families  
On The Islands,  
we wish you all a  
*Merry Christmas*  
& A Happy New Year  
Jack & Jean Silvey  
& Family

## NEW YEAR'S PARTY AT GALIANO

Galiano Lodge will feature a New Year's Eve party next week. The Lodge has changed hands

since last January, but the new management is continuing with the holiday pattern already set on the island.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

& A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
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**to Everyone**

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AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

To All Our  
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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Gordon F. MacFarlane is appointed Vice-President—Corporate Development, with responsibility for broad corporate planning, the development of the Company's data processing, the Company's participation in the Trans-Canada Telephone System and regulatory matters. Mr. MacFarlane, born in Victoria, graduated from the University of B.C. in 1950 with a degree in electrical engineering and joined the Company in the same year. He has been Vice-President—Operations since October, 1967.

Terence F. Heenan is appointed Vice-President—Operations, with responsibility for the over-all operation of the Company's

system. Born and raised in Halifax, he has a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Mary's University and an electrical engineering degree from Nova Scotia Technical College. He has been Vice-President—Staff (Operations) since September, 1967 when he joined the Company after serving with Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company and the Trans-Canada Telephone System Advisory Group.

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# Holiday Blends Many Customs

"Anybody found feasting or observing Christmas day in any way shall pay a fine of five shillings."

And so, throughout New England Pilgrim settlers had to treat Christmas as just another working day. Governor Bradford noted that "no man rested all day" on December 25, 1620, say the editors of Encyclopedia Americana.

Today, in the United States and Canada, Christmas celebrations are a colorful blend of customs from many lands. The main features of the holiday festivities are much the same everywhere—Santa Claus, Christmas trees, gifts, greetings, feasting, family visits, carol singing.

Each of these customs has its own history, and for the student of holiday lore and legend, the fascination lies in the variety of traditions brought by settlers from other lands and assimilated into what is now a truly American, or truly Canadian Christmas.

## Displaying Tree

The custom of the Community Christmas Tree began in the early 1900's with the people of Pasadena, Calif., who decorated a tall evergreen on Mount Wilson with lights and tinsel.

Madison Square in New York and the Common in Boston were the scene of trees set up in 1912. In 1914 Independence Square in Philadelphia had its first holiday tree.

Around each of these trees choirs gathered and sang carols.

The custom of lighting the National Community Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. began in 1923 when the Uni-

versity of Vermont sent a large tree to President Calvin Coolidge.

## Add Special Touch

In Quebec, customs from France lend their special touch to a Canadian Christmas.

France gave Canada the "creche," gatherings after midnight Mass with family and friends, savory pork pies called "tourtières," collecting gifts from door to door for the less privileged persons of the community.

After mass on Christmas Eve, the people of Quebec gather at homes of loved ones to participate in a night-long feast called "réveillon."

## Performing Pageant

From Germany came the Nativity pageant, and the first play of this sort in the U.S. was performed at the German Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity in Boston, in 1851. Children dressed as Oriental shepherds offered gifts to the Christ Child at the altar, singing carols at the same time. The gifts were later distributed to the poor of the parish.

## Play Delights

A hybrid Spanish-Indian play, called "Los Pastores," introduced by Spanish monks, may still take place in the backyards of San Antonio, Tex., at Christmastime. With no props, curtains and a cast of amateurs, it yearly delights with its spiritual innovations.

It runs from Christmas to Candlemas, in homes located in out-of-way places so only the initiated can find it. The object is to prevent the merely curious observer from watching this spritual miracle play.

## Decorating with Cards Can Be Yule Project

When children need a change from the toys on Christmas day, a promising project could be to let them see what they can do with the family greeting cards.

Here are some suggestions from Jeannette Lee, art director for Hallmark.

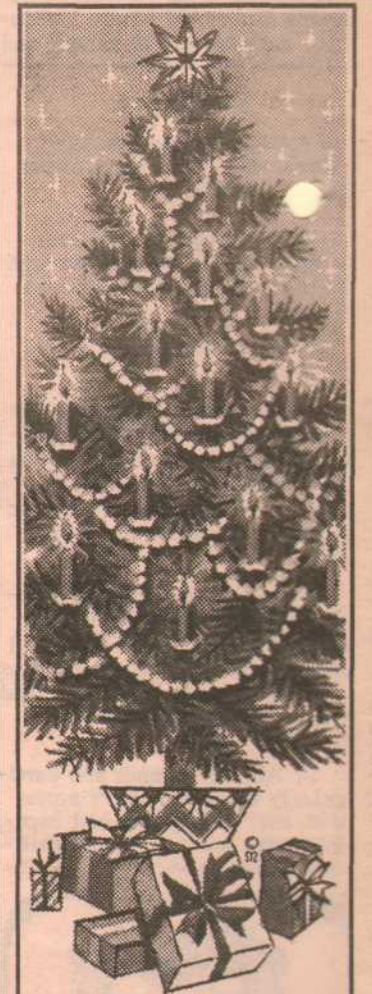
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# BUDGET

Last week trustees of Gulf Islands School District went to examine the 1971 budget with a sharp pencil. Chairman George Heinekey has prepared a detailed explanation of his approach to the budget and to a proposal for consolidation of outer islands schools.

When the new Educational Finance Formula was implemented in 1969, the intent of the department of education was to give all boards a three year opportunity to bring their budgets within the formula of this policy.

In 1969 and 1970 this board endeavoured to do this but was unsuccessful. In 1969, School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) was \$78,145 in excess of the basic education program, and in 1970 the District was \$77,240 in excess.

However, the board was getting closer to a figure which made it possible to get within reaching distance of this goal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the taxpayers of this district who had faith in the operation of the board for 1969 and 1970 and supported in this overage budget for two years.

When the school district sent in its 1971 budget after endeavouring to hold it against the increased costs of operation and an increase of approximately \$35,500 in increased salaries, the budget was over by \$44,635.00.

The board has made the reluctant decision to cut the budget to the prescribed formula and this necessitated making cuts in supplies, staff and operational expenses.

We endeavoured to do this with the minimum loss in educational standards and sincerely hope that this will only be temporary, for possibly one year.

We all must realize that we are in a period of inflation, and we must collectively do our share in combatting it.

The board also decided to look into the possibility of a change in schedule of the government ferry system to Saturna, Mayne, Pender and Galiano, with the survey in mind of perhaps consolidating some of these smaller schools into one. However, this will take a lot of research and I would like to assure the parents and property owners of these Islands that nothing will be done until it is fully explored and put forward to these schools at public meetings on all islands, so that everyone concerned will be fully informed.

## NOT EVEN HE CAN STAND ALONE

BY DONNA WINTER

When death runs like a river of molten lead,  
and all around us the seas are dead,  
When up above the skies are gone,  
What then to we have to pass beyond?

When the wolf and caribou are laid to rest,  
and the Eagle has gone from her empty nest,  
Will man still rush wild in his mad haste,  
to glean the last from an earth he's laid to waste?

When the great silver salmon no longer leap high,  
and the river's to the sea, give only death's sigh,  
Was it sold Southward for silver as the fee.

We are but one child in Mother Nature's home,  
and no one specie, not even man, can stand alone.

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AT GANGES

Visitors of Mrs. J. W. Baker, Robinson Road for the Christmas holidays is her brother, Dr. Neil Fletcher, Comox, also her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Bradbury and small daughter Suzanne and Miss Helen Mellor all from Victoria.

Arriving Boxing Day to stay with Mrs. Molly Layard, Church Road are her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Walsh and family from Haney.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Inglin, Beddis Road for the holidays are Mrs. Inglin's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dodds and family from Port Alberni.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlson, Monteith Drive are their son-in-law

and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hull, Vancouver, and also Richard Carlson from Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bousfield and two daughters Tara and Tracey, Shawnigan Lake arrive Christmas Eve to stay with Mrs. Bousfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris. Mrs. E. G. Bousfield of Victoria will be a guest at Harbour House over the holidays.

Guests of Mrs. W. M. McDermott for Christmas are her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. M. Kirkham, Vancouver.

Visitors last week for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Degen were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Isbister with Shari, Jeannie, and Kelly from Courtenay.

## Mayne

BY ELSIE BROWN

The Christmas Ship bringing its Cargo of Joy arrived at the appointed time Sunday morning and was greeted by a large number of Mayne Islanders and visitors; some seeing it for the first time and enjoying the experience. Bellingham Jaycees are responsible for this annual visit from Santa and his helpers, about 30 in number headed by president, Steve Intveld assisted by Riggs Nelson, Jim Ahrens, Dennis Johnson and Dan Swanson and of course the Bellingham Buccaneers. This is their 20th voyage to the islands. The hall was filled to capacity when islanders welcomed Santa with his messengers of Christmas cheer and enjoyed a happy re-union over a cup of coffee, sandwiches and cakes. Manning the refreshment booth were the old standbys, Mrs. Margaret Bennett, Mrs. Pearl Brau and Mrs. Sophie Betts. Fred and Margaret Bennett have been in charge of arrangements for this happy event since its origin many long years ago. Greatly appreciated by everyone.

Congratulations to Clifford and Hannah Adams, Oyster Bay on the arrival of a wee baby daughter, Brenda, born November 29th weighing in at 5 pounds 5 ounces. A sister for Judy.

Arriving to welcome the Christmas Ship were Karl and Agnes Vegsund's grandchildren Heather and Mark of New Westminster.

Home for the Christmas Season are Maggie and Charlie Rainford. Nancy will find two quite a change from the thirteen young fry she acquired last week.

Entertaining their family Christmas Day will be the Harvey Drummonds, Fernhill Road. Mr. and Mrs. Al Drummond and small son, David of Springwater Lodge, Jeanine and Ward and their friends.

Spending Christmas with the Ron Cunningham's will be Connie's mother Mrs. A. Webb of Vancouver.

The Neil Imries, Bennett Bay expect their family for the Christmas festivities - Danny and Edith Imrie with Derrill and Janette, and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Head and small son Tony of Galiano.

Another family group gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Heinekey, Vesuvius Bay for Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Shayne Heinekey and Marshall Heinekey of Vancouver and Marshall's fiancée Miss Rose Pelletier from New Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. Rick Weeks, West Vancouver will spend several days over the holidays with Mrs. Week's parents Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Humphreys, Crofton Road.

Mrs. Nancy Jones, Horton Bay Road, will enjoy Christmas with guests Gwen Hayball and Mabel Spence of Vancouver.

Celebrating the Christmas season on the island will be the Jerry Medcalf's, of Lester, Wash.

John and Kathleen Dought will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reagh at Horton Bay.

The Walter Markhams, Wilks Road, will entertain Ethel's brother and sister-in-law, the Bert Rays, next door neighbors. Our sympathy to Mrs. Ray whose mother passed away recently.

The Bill Wilks, Wilks Road, will have their annual family Christmas. On hand will be Tracy with small sons, Christopher and Stephen, and Vera and Barry with daughters, Darcie and Lisette. Visiting from Nanaimo will be Elsie's sister, Gladys

Hunter and her sister-in-law, Ruby Hunter.

The new staff at Mayne Inn will hold Open House on Boxing Day from 3 pm - 6 pm. They will be closed Christmas Day.

My thanks to all those who have contributed items and especially to Bob Sauerberg who has delivered copy regardless of weather conditions to DRIFTWOOD in his water taxi. A Merry Christmas to everyone!

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Jesus who in a manger lay  
So long ago on Christmas Day,  
Was sent to earth a Babe so  
small -  
The greatest Gift to save us all.

Then God ordained a guiding  
star  
To bring the Wise Men from afar.  
Four travelled o'er the desert  
wild,

To bring their gifts to that  
small Child.

But Artaban stopped on his way  
Because a man in fever lay.  
So three Wise Men, we have  
been told,  
Brought frankincense, and  
myrrh, and gold.

God warned the Holy family  
From wicked Herod they must  
flee.  
In time to foil vile Herod's  
plan,  
Came with his gift, the fourth  
Wise Man.

God knew for whom this gift  
was meant,  
And how in love it had been  
spent:  
For man to help his fellowman,  
Is all a part of His great plan.

In memory of that Baby's birth,  
We mark each Christmas here  
on earth,  
With cards and gifts to those we  
love  
While singing praise to Him  
above.

And those who do not bear His  
name  
Enjoy the season just the same.  
God sent His Son to earth to be  
The greatest Gift for you and  
me.

-Grace A. Wright.

**PHOTOANTITHESIS**

He did not seek fame,  
They did not print his name;  
But there he lies  
Where Death walked past.  
A bloody corpse  
All opened up by mortar blast  
For all the world to see  
What he was made of.  
And they photographed his  
death  
And published it in Life;  
Because this is the crazy war  
And this is the irony of  
Viet Nam.

- Malcolm Ford.

**GIVE TO CARE**

**AVERT OR ABORT?**

Why create a masterpiece  
Merely to destroy it?  
Better far that many  
See it and enjoy it.  
Why beget an infant  
Only to abort it?  
Doesn't it seem senseless  
To give life, then thwart it?  
Who knows what potential  
Dwells quiescent in it?  
Solution to World's problems,  
Some child must begin it.  
Great minds brought the Space  
Age,  
Greater will surpass it.  
Scientific knowledge,  
Who knows which babe has it?  
What though one may go awry,  
Others will redeem it.  
Power over Life and Death,  
Do we dare demean it?  
- A. M. Spencer.

**THE FALSE DAWN**

Spear points of light from up far  
in the night  
Stab forth one by one 'fore  
dawn's early light  
Where 'High Risers' hive high  
over the hill  
A new expression for the Scots'  
'kirk and mill'.

Now all about stone is poured  
and cemented  
To a stone age man we'd sure  
seem demented.  
Not a blade of grass or a limb of  
a tree  
For as far as we look is there to  
see.  
The cry of a sheep or the lowing  
of cattle  
All as forbidden as the infant's  
rattle.

As we look down from our match  
box suites  
Only car after car is seen on the  
streets  
As myriad cylinders foul all the  
air  
What is to do but to gasp in de-  
spair  
With Hydrogen Bombs neath land  
and sea  
Oh Stone Age man we are back  
with thee.  
- Robert S. Stewart

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DECEMBER 1970

DAY	TIME	HT.
25	0535	10.9
	0805	10.7
	1205	11.3
FR	2045	1.8
26	0610	11.5
	0920	11.1
SA	1230	11.5
	2125	1.2
27	0635	11.5
	1015	11.2
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	2200	.6
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	1105	11.1
	1345	11.5
MO	2245	.3
29	0725	12.2
	1155	10.8
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	0930	12.2
SA	1605	7.0
	2010	8.1
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	2215	7.7
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 With cosmic rays of every glorious kind  
 Which worked their magic wills unceasingly  
 On sweet Saturna, cradled by a soothing sea.

Such pleasant hours 'neath glossy bowers  
 With sun and dew and paint brush flowers  
 The green bright isle glowed lush with budding life  
 While out beyond man's fate seems doomed to strife.

Our solemn prayer would be to keep this free  
 As nature in her plan meant it to be  
 That deer and fish and wind and sea  
 Should merge and blend with herb and tree  
 To bless our souls with peace and harmony.  
 - Edith Davis.

**LIONS BINGO WINNERS**

Bingo winners were (Continued from Page Twelve last week) Mrs. Slice Bennett, Hart Bradley, Mrs. C. Scott, Mrs. Phil Valcourt, Mrs. E. John, Mrs. B. Degnen, Albert Kaye, Kathy Fraser, Holly Byron, Audrey Dumas, Norman I Lister, Pearl Kaye, Irene Hawksworth, Mrs. Stan Moulton, Roger Theberge (Victoria), Jim Spencer, Mrs. M. Doherty, Grace Wood, Donna Underwood, Mrs. Theberge, Ray Theberge, Ron Spencer, M. Sawyer, Mrs. H.M. Spencer, Roger Theberge and Bruce Fiander, who took the \$100 jackpot.

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## CHRISTMAS TREES AT GANGES THIS WEEK



Nearer Christmas tree was raised by Salt Spring Lions Club and the  
 far one grows outside Moutat's Store, who decorated it.

The simplest searching  
 game is one in which one  
 person leaves the room while  
 another hides a small object  
 that has been agreed upon  
 beforehand - a small pack-  
 age, some wrapped Christ-  
 mas candy.  
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 feet; thence N. 29 deg. 36' E  
 for 50 feet; thence S. 60 deg.  
 24' E for 130 feet; thence S. 29  
 deg. 36' W for 50 feet; thence  
 N. 60 deg. 24' W for 55 feet;  
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## Manger Is Theme Of Latin Yule

Though Santa and gaily  
 decked trees often appear  
 nowadays in Central and  
 South America, Christmas is  
 traditionally a time for reli-  
 gious observances.

Mass, at midnight on  
 Christmas Eve or early  
 Christmas Day, forms the  
 heart of the holiday in Latin  
 America, and the creche or  
 manger scene marks the sea-  
 son throughout churches and  
 homes, say the editors of the  
 Encyclopedia Americana.

Bountiful feasts, proces-  
 sions and other special events  
 may provide a festive note,  
 but custom says that gift-  
 giving time is Three Kings'  
 Day - Twelfth Night, Janu-  
 ary 6th, when the Wise Men  
 brought their gifts to Jesus.

Children put their shoes  
 under the bed or in the win-  
 dow, hoping to have them  
 filled with toys and gifts.  
 Water and hay are set out for  
 the Three Kings' horses or  
 camels.

While many Latin Ameri-  
 can countries share these  
 traditions and celebrate  
 Christmas in similar ways,  
 each country also has its own  
 special festivities.

## In Venezuela

Hallaca, a native Venezy-  
 lan dish, is an awaited de-  
 lacy during the Christmas  
 season. It is made of corn  
 meal with pork and chicken  
 stuffing and numerous other  
 ingredients, and then wrap-  
 ped in plantain leaves to  
 form a type of pie.

## In Argentina

It's a mid-summer Christ-  
 mas in Argentina, and the  
 traditional feast is generally  
 served outdoors. Rosebuds  
 and jasmine deck the table,  
 which has as edible center-  
 piece a whole roast suckling  
 pig.

## In Peru

Toro! In Lima, Peru, Christ-  
 mas day is not exclusively a  
 church holiday, because it  
 also marks the greatest bull-  
 fight of the year.

# Players Party Is A Ball

BY CULTUS COULEE

Pender Players party at The Glade, Thursday 17, was a groove, comme d'habitude. Hostess Olive Auchterlonie had brewed a brain-straining, laff-making quiz: hidden names of local roads. An easy, was a pioneer merchant - Corbett Rd., natch. Plus recitations; and poetry quotes.

President Auchterlonie gave \$10 to the Man of the Hour, Pender's Partridge in a CARE tree. "The total was \$1154 at supper time" George Pearson said, in thanking members. "The mail brought \$104, today. Edith attends to the money. We are having two auditors in." George began collecting 11 years ago. This is the eighth year of a tree lighting the way to CARE.

Play director Gertrude Bennett, helped with party preparations. Enjoying themselves in their simple-minded way: Maud Adams Baird, Jack Bridge, Shack and Helen Claxton, Jessie Cornaby, John Copley, Percy and Jaime Scott Corbett, Mrs. Addie Davidson and Jean; Alex Gray, Neptune and Dorothy Grimmer, Elfriede Hoffmann, Marion McKechnie, George and Edith Pearson, Frank Plunkett, Blanche Smyth, Daphne Stevens, Connie Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLachlan and Miss Sylvia Atkins, Vancouver will spend Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Bob Atkins, Sharpe Road.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Spencer are seen after their wedding in the Church of Our Lady of Grace on Saturday.  
— Photo by Sharp

## SOCCER PRIZES ARE ANNOUNCED

The winning tickets for the seasonal prizes offered by the Juvenile Soccer Club were drawn on December 15.

The winner of three containers of Christmas Cheer was J. Morrison, who is asked to telephone 537-2422 to make arrangements to collect his prize.

Other winners of Christmas Cheer were Mrs. H. Teal, and Mrs. T. Cawker.

Turkeys were won by Alex Shelby and Vera Nichols. The Christmas cake went to J. M. Lamont of Ladysmith.

The winning tickets were drawn by Capt. Don Fraser, Fred Haywood, and Tom Butler-Cole.

The proceeds will be used to purchase soccer shirts for one team and shorts for another team.

Local service clubs assist with travelling expenses.

## GALIANO FAMILY BEREAVED BY LOSS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Conway Farrell are mourning the sudden death of their daughter in Vancouver.

Mrs. Shelagh Kathryn Collett, on December 14.

She is survived by her husband Neil and four sons, Timothy, Hugh, Anthony and Max.

Funeral services were held in West Vancouver on December 18. Arrangements were made through the Memorial Society of B. C.

Mrs. Collett and her family were frequent visitors to her parents on Galiano.

## DEATH OF JAMES SIDNEY JONES AT LADY MINTO HOSPITAL

James Sidney Jones, Rainbow Road, Ganges, died in Lady Minto Hospital on Friday, Dec. 18. He was 82 years of age.

He leaves his wife, Dorothy, at home; a son, Michael, of Ganges and a daughter, Mrs. D. D. (Dorothy) Foad, Guernsey, Channel Islands; two grandchildren and two brothers and a sister in England.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at St. George's

## In Colombia

People parade in masquerade on Christmas Eve in Colombia. Each masquerader tries to guess the identity of others. When someone guesses correctly, he can claim a small gift from the person who was "unmasked."

St. George's Anglican Church, Ganges, with Archdeacon R. B. Horsefield officiating.

Interment followed in Ganges Cemetery.

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\* \*  
**SANTA SAILS  
 AMONG  
 ISLANDS**

Santa came from Bellingham for the 20th time. He called in at the San Juan Islands on Saturday before making the long leg of his international trip to Sidney. At Sidney he greeted his first Canadian audience on Saturday afternoon. From Saanich Peninsula he sailed up the coast of Salt Spring Island to greet island children and to spend the night. Santa Claus was Tripo Costello, already familiar to the islands in his jovial role.

Christmas is no holiday for Santa. By 8 am on Sunday he was steaming down Ganges Harbour heading for the outer island. Christmas was early Sunday morning on Mayne as children swarmed to greet and be greeted. Galiano was next, with calls at Pender and Saturna before he returned home across the line, another Christmas under his belt and already a memory to this year's crop of wide-eyed children.

roduced by the Victoria Jaycees as a complement to the Christmas Ship. The international Christmas Ship was sailing between United States and Canada, bringing Christmas to small children on small islands. The Santa Ship does likewise from the other side.

It had called in at numerous ports on both sides of the line by the time it finally reached home port of Sidney late on Sunday night.

### SCHOOL BAND AT CONCERT

Salt Spring Island school band has been a long time a-borning. Last week the delays were forgotten as the student players presented their first public concert. Parents, friends and school staff were eager to commend the players.

The band, the program and the student singers were all warmly acclaimed. The band includes secondary students, with a sprinkling of elementary school players.

Band instructor Maj. J. H. Dought had proved himself, as not a word of criticism was sounded.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress made," said Mrs. Barbara Toynbee, retiring school trustee, "and we are looking forward to the next concert in the spring."

The band included 41 players from Grades 5 to 10. Another 20 are preparing to join the band, making a total of 60 taking part in the band program.

The band started in October, 1969, but some of the players on Friday evening have only been with the group since September.

The band was only part of the concert. Students offered carols and songs following the Christmas theme.

Students of the hour were the saintly couple who started to giggle and occasioned a brief delay while they recovered.

Man of the hour was Maj. Dought who demanded complete mastery before any public presentation.

### SANTA'S SECOND VISIT

By 3:30 on Sunday afternoon a fair-sized crowd of children had gathered. An hour and a half later the glow on the water had grown into a full-sized Santa Ship. The Christmas visitor competed for wharf space with the Crofton ferry, but in music and lights there was no contest.

The Blue Fjord was lent to Santa Claus of the Victoria Junior Chamber of Commerce by Kari Norgaard, of Sidney, as it has been for the past eight years. It had been a heavy week end for the silors, but weather had been better than any Christmas in the eight-year story, said Skipper Norgaard.

Former Salt Spring Island writer, Ed Gould had a different report.

"It's been pretty rough," he croaked in a green voice.

There was nothing rough for the excited youngsters. Santa came ashore followed by clowns and assistants. Then followed boxes of pop, candy, toys and Christmas novelties.

Santa is a Saanich police officer, but the B.C. Ferries surroundings was by no means new to him. Santa was once a B.C. Ferries patrol officer before switching to the municipal police. The Santa Claus Ship was in-

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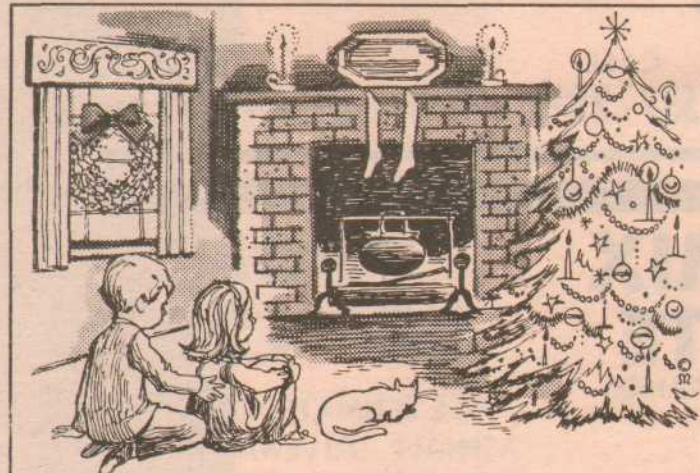
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Last week Trustee George Lampier asked whether there was any requirement to help.

Chairman George Heinekey explained that the students pay the first \$35 and that the district

meets the remainder of the cost. In the dormitory the cost is about \$60 per pupil, he stated. If the child is boarded out, when the dormitory is full, the cost rises to about \$75 a month.

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