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Christmas Greetings

To All
Our
Readers

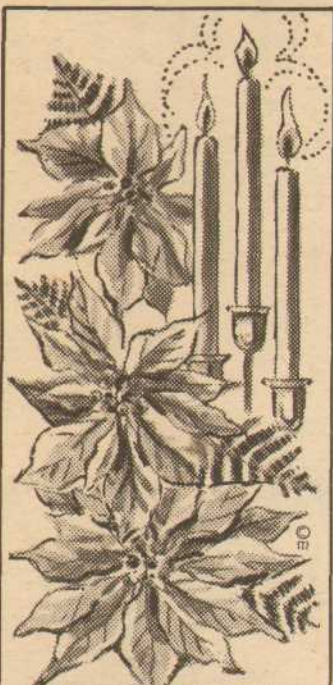


George Pearson is the author of the Care Tree at his Pender Island Home. For many years the aging islander has invited Christmas donations to Care. Each contribution is marked by a light on his Christmas tree overlooking Navy Channel. This symbolic light to help an unknown person in an unknown land is George Pearson's interpretation of Christmas. And George speaks for so many of us here.

Margaret Patterson, of Vancouver and Bennett Bay on Mayne Island took this picture of George Pearson lighting another Christmas Tree light in his own island-born Christmas Tradition

May the happiness and joy of the season
touch every home and family.

IT'S RICH
Mince pie symbolizes the riches of the East, brought by the Wise Men.



CHRISTMAS

At Christmas, we send greetings and good wishes to all. From Em, Hattie, Loraine & Brenda

MOORE ACCOUNTING

'Greetings' Say It's Christmas

All the merriment, all the magic, all the glory of Christmas comes now to the people of this community, like a wonderful package of gifts they can share and enjoy. The wrappings on the package glow with brightest promise—joyful music in the air, gleaming lights and gala decorations, fun and festivity, trees and greens and all the trimmings for a Christmas just brimming over with the good things and glad times that the season inspires.

Now that the long-awaited moment has arrived, what does this community Christmas package hold? The tag gives a clue. It reads, "Greetings, good will and good wishes—Merry Christmas!"

In the community, in the home, in business and social relations, the true spirit of Christmas begins and grows from greetings.

The greetings may be—as evidenced by this special Christmas Greetings Edition—an expression of good will and gratitude from business people of the community, who are sincere in their desire to impart special appreciation of their patrons' confidence and trust.

But whether it's a cheery "Merry Christmas" to a new acquaintance, a warm exchange of season's best wishes with an old friend or still deeper exchange of felicitations with a loved one, the holiday greeting embodies the guiding spirit of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Enchanting as they are, gifts, parties and other such gaieties are but the outer wrappings of the holiday package that means Christmas, with its message of fellowship, friendship and love.

Joy to the World
Isaac Watts George F. Handel

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-
2. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the
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Intangible Gifts Are Bringing Best Blessings, in Abundance

Among the treasures and pleasures of Christmas, gifts loom large—as all who greet the Yuletide as a season of laughter and a time to be glad of heart well know.

Tangible gifts, large and small, have their place in the holiday scheme of things. They're the outgoing expression of the generous Christmas spirit.

It's the intangible gifts, though, that seem to shine most radiantly, Christmas after Christmas.

The delighted smiles of children and the wonder in their eyes, the privilege of aiding the less fortunate, the opportunity to cherish and strengthen friendships and family ties, the renewed

spirituality, the solid foundations of health, happiness and love, faith and hope—these are the intangible gifts.

Blessed indeed is the Christmas that brings an abundance of such gifts!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

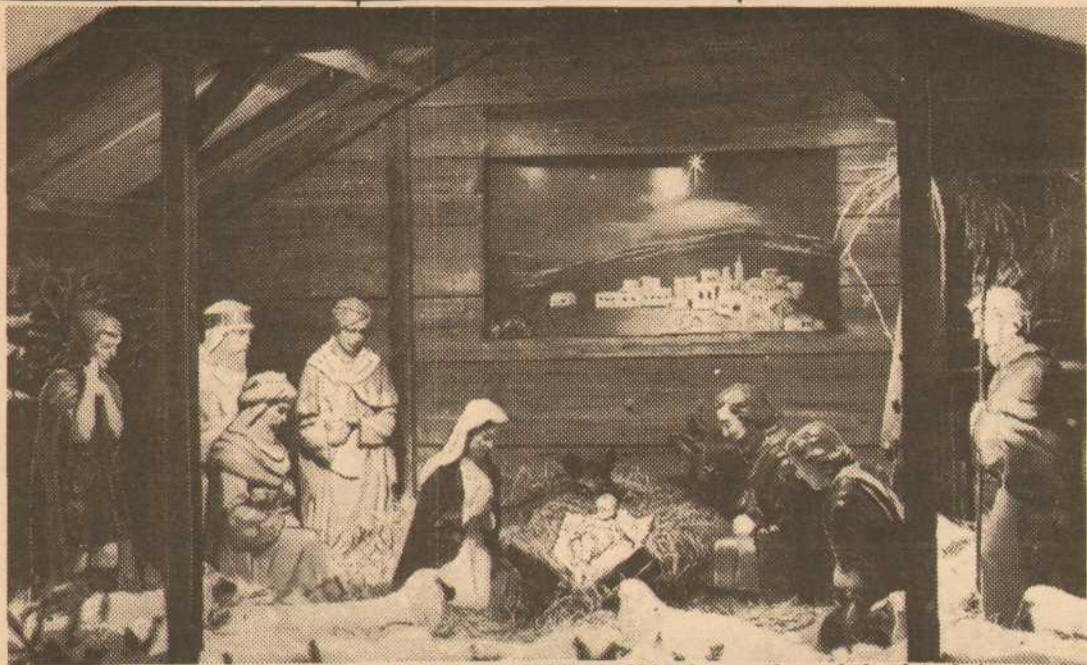
At this festive time of year, we'd like to thank you, our loyal friends and customers, for your consideration and patronage throughout the year. May you and your family enjoy a happy holiday filled with good cheer and contentment.

BENS' LUCKY DOLLAR
GANGES

Rx FOR: Everyone!
take large dose of
Christmas Merriment
DR: Santa Claus

Many thanks for your loyalty and confidence.
From The Ramsey Families & All The Staff

GANGES PHARMACY



SINCE DAYS OF OLD, REPLICAS OF THE MANGER scene have helped to bring mankind closer to the meaning of Christmas. The crib or creche here is typical, in its presentation of Mary, Joseph and the Infant Jesus, with the shepherds and Wise Men and, of course, the animals of the manger. It's typical, too, of the way the Nativity and the events surrounding it have long inspired artists and craftsmen, musicians and singers, poets and writers.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Virginia & Ray

Arty / Crafty

Dramatizing Birth of Christ Awakens Awe and Wonder

Creche, Christmas crib, manger scene, crib of Bethany, *praesepe*—in many countries, the representation of the Nativity through figures from miniature to lifesize goes by many names.

Under any name, the re-creation of the manger springs from one guiding, and abiding, purpose—bringing people closer to Christmas. The highest wonder of the Christmas story is its sheer simplicity and reality.

A Child, the Son of God, born in a manger on a starry, silent night is a concept all can comprehend because of its closeness to human experience.

Anyone who watches a child before a manger scene this Christmas will readily see, in the child's awe and enthusiasm, that re-creating the Miracle of Christ's birth is an exalting experience.

Begins in Italy

Christmas belongs to the people. So thought St. Francis of Assisi.

His way of helping his Italian parishioners grow closer to Christmas was to create

the very first *praesepe*, or Christmas crib.

His carol, "The Song of the Creatures," made the Nativity still more real to them since it told of the lowly animals which were part of their lives and livelihood.

All this happened early in the 13th century. From that time, the idea of the creche or crib has spread to virtually every country on the globe.

Today, especially in Latin America and Europe, the manger scene sets the theme for a holy and happy Christmastide.

Told in Rhyme

The story of the Nativity and its meaning for mankind is a favored poetic theme, as is the holiday cheer of hearth and home.

Poets as diverse as William Shakespeare, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Greenleaf Whittier and T. S. Eliot have made their contributions.

Numerous carols first were poems—witness Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day":

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.'"

Probably the overwhelming winner among widely-known secular Christmas poems is Clement Clark Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

The poem, written for his own children in 1822, is popularly called, "Twas the Night before Christmas."

Inspires Music

In serious music as well as popular carols, the Nativity scene lives on.

Handel's "Messiah," Bach's "Christmas Oratorio," Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are noteworthy examples of music performed year after year at Christmas.



As the children nestle down to Christmas dreams, we extend happy wishes to you and your family.

Andy & Roberta

At

G.I. Trading MEAT DEPARTMENT

Ed & Sylvia

At

GANGES MEAT MARKET



Greetings

Best holiday wishes and sincere thanks for your confidence.

SALT SPRING AUTO-MARINE



Merry Christmas

We welcome this joyous season and share its peace and tranquility with our many friends.

W. BANGERT CONSTRUCTION



AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

In appreciation for our many friends, we wish you a merry Christmas season topped with a rich frosting of happiness.

From Carol at

RAINBOW BEAUTY SHOP



Good wishes, gratitude... stem right from our hearts and go out to you.

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DRESSING THE QUEEN

Once, it was customary for people to give their country's rulers clothing for Christmas, and Queen Elizabeth I acquired a large part of her wardrobe this way, historians say.

CHOOSING LOG

Ash was the wood chosen for some of the first Yule logs, because Christmas lore said that the Christ Child had been bathed and dried before an ash-wood fire.



GREETINGS

The days of yesteryear live on with every new Christmas season. May you enjoy your holidays with that good-old-time happy spirit.

TURNER'S STORE



You're on our greetings list. Happy Holidays and sincere "thank you."

ROY LEE PETROLEUMS LTD.



During this happy season, we hope your home is filled to the roof with warmth, joy and good cheer. Our thanks for your confidence.

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HOLIDAY 'SENSES' TAKER

ARE the senses of those about us in tune with the Christmas season? Here are five lively ways to test-check folks at a party:



1. Sight Tester: Place 20 or more Christmas-mas-ey items on a table or in a box. (Articles such as tree ornaments, small toys, wax figures, candy canes, etc.) Allow each person 30 seconds to study the collection; then have him or her write down a list of what the box contains. Allow two minutes to complete each list of items.

Decking Halls Has History

"Christ was born on Christmas day, Wreathe the holly, twine the bay."

From England of long ago come the words of this carol, showing the early role of the bay tree and its greens in decorating for Christmas.

Its use harks back to ancient Greece, when both the bay and the laurel bedecked homes and public places in symbol of triumph. As traditional Christmas greens, they reflect the same joyful spirit, say the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

Holly, of course, is still popular as Yuletide greenery. But nowadays, when it's time to deck the halls, bay leaves are more likely to spice holiday cookery, rather than holiday decorating.

Greens Have Meaning

Greens that adorn home, streets and stores at holiday time entered the lore of Christmas from pagan rites of old.

The ancients believed that each green had its own significance, and an ability to do certain good—or evil—things.

Ivy, they thought, was festive. Its convivial nature came from Bacchus.

Yew and cypress had the highest virtues. Theirs was the quality, and the symbol, of eternal life.

Mistletoe Has Powers

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force them to answer questions.

At present, the most prized property of mistletoe is the license it gives for plenty of Yuletide kissing. Fortunately, there's plenty of mistletoe.

Thanks to the birds, the plant spreads widely. The birds eat mistletoe berries and carry the seeds to trees near and far, say the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

Merry Christmas

To all our friends:

From

Ron Cunningham
TRACTOR SERVICE
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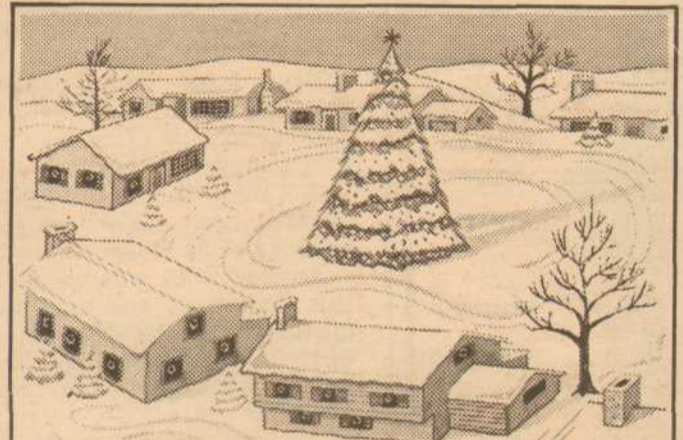
2. Touch Tester: Place 10 or more items in Santa's sack (a laundry bag will do). Coins, keys, toothbrush, fur piece, eraser, etc., are suggested. Each contestant inserts his arm, identifies the objects, and lists them on paper within two minutes time.

3. Hearing Tester: Participants are asked to identify voices and sounds emanating from behind a curtain or in another room. Records played at the wrong speed, disguised singing voices, a rasping of wood, riffing of cards, tearing of paper, etc. will bring forth some amusing answers. Each sound is to be listed.

4. Taste Tester: Ask participants to hold nose and try to identify such items as mince pie, apple cider, flavorful candies, lemon peel, etc. This task is difficult in that the nose plays a large part in the individual's recognition of tastes.

5. Smell Tester: Arrange for guests to whiff common household items, such as vanilla extract, camphor, turpentine, alcohol, etc. After sampling a number of such scents, especially if strong, identification is next to impossible.

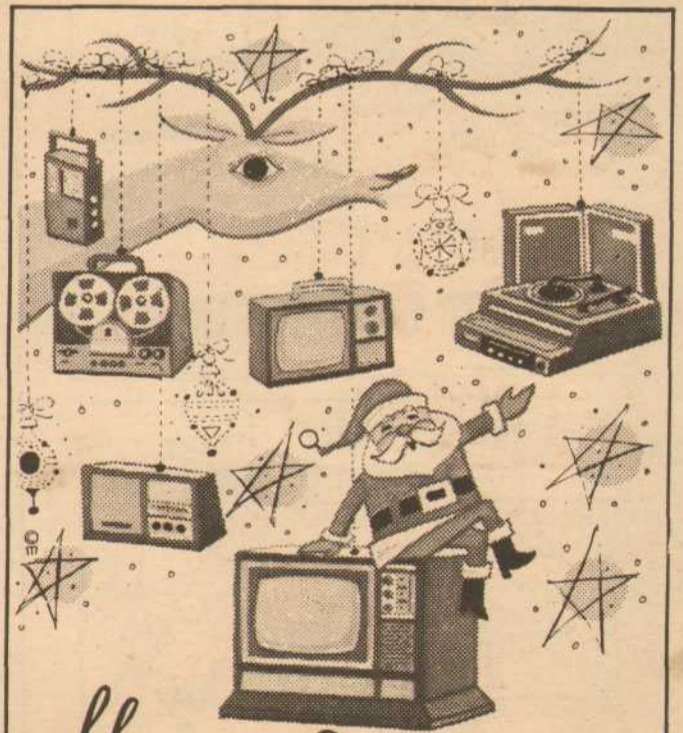
BEFORE TURKEY
Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy of early England.



GREETINGS for Christmas

May the cheery sounds of Christmas carry with them the warmest joys, and thanks to you, our good friends and customers.

CRUICKSHANK CONSTRUCTION LTD.



Merry Christmas

Here's hoping that you tune in on a happy and healthy Christmas season.

DON & LOIS
at

DICK'S RADIO & TV

SEASON'S Merry Makers

Oh, What Fun It Is...

SO YOU'RE BEING EXTRA GOOD for Santa Claus, and you think you're pretty smart, eh? Well, try a little of that pent-up energy on these riddles. If you peek at the answers down below, Santa is going to know.

1. Everyone is careful not to forget anybody with a card or present at Christmas, but we all overlook something. What?
2. People are shopping, people are wrapping, people are sleeping, people are working, but there's one thing we are all doing together, all over the world.
3. Light those Christmas candles, but, before you do, try to guess which burn longer, green candles or red candles.
4. It's not a centipede; it's not woolen stockings. What has more feet in the winter than any other time of the year?
5. If a customer tips a clerk a nickel for cutting a piece of wrapping paper into two lengths, what would be the going rate for four lengths?

ANSWERS: 1. Obviously, our noses. 2. You probably guessed it; we're growing older. 3. Candles don't burn longer; they burn shorter. 4. Calculated coldly, the skating pond. 5. The tip at a nickel a cut should be 15 cents.

HARBOUR *LOW COST* GROCERY



JOY to the WORLD

To all our friends and neighbors we sing a joyful carol of holiday wishes... love, peace, happiness, and togetherness.

Bob, Edane & Barbara THE BLUNDELLS

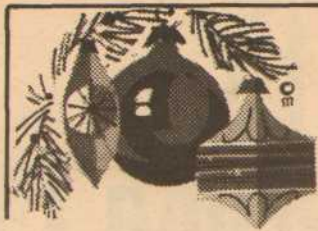
G.I. PROPANE GAS



A Very Merry Christmas

We hope lots of good cheer will be coming your way during the holiday season... and may we say "thank you" for your patronage

SALT SPRING FREIGHT SERVICE LTD.



Decorating for Christmas

CANING EVIL
Because candy canes have the legendary ability to ward off evil, they became part of Christmas, bringing good.

Indoors, outdoors, all around the house—Christmas is the season for decorating, and what a wealth of decorations there are!

The tree seems to be just the beginning. Its ornaments and lights become continually more varied and delightful.

Wreaths and greens, plants and bouquets, table centerpieces and window adornments appear in the home.

Outdoors, decorations range from a string of lights and a wreath on the door to manger scenes to such creations as Santa, sleigh and reindeer up on the roof-top.

Some of the yard and roof embellishments are real works of art—no wonder communities give prizes for outdoor decorating and lighting.

A diversity of designs for decorating are ready-made, offering welcome help during the bustling holiday season.

Still, it's fun to use personal ingenuity and creativity in making unusual Yule decorations, suggest the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

One thought might appeal to bird-lovers: Place a wreath, ready- or hand-made, outside a window. "Decorate" it with foods tasty to birds, such as peanuts, popcorn, cranberries and bits of suet.

Simple, personal touches make a difference. For instance, greens, ribbons and glittering balls can be attractively arranged on a table or shelf.

Just putting some colorful ornaments and pine cones in a big glass bowl brightens things up.

Set the kids to stringing cranberries and popcorn in the good old-fashioned way. It's surprising how pleasingly they blend with the modern marvels of tree ornaments.

Every area of the home deserves some holiday accents. How about fastening candy canes to a broad, bright ribbon and draping it around the kitchen bulletin board?

For the more ambitious, there's the kissing bunch, an old English tradition.

An easy way to make one is to buy a ball of plastic foam. Greens—red-berried holly for color, mistletoe for kissing—can be inserted in the foam ball. Then a gala red bow and length of ribbon to hang it by are all that's needed.

Too late for this season? Much of the joy of Christmas is planning for the next one.



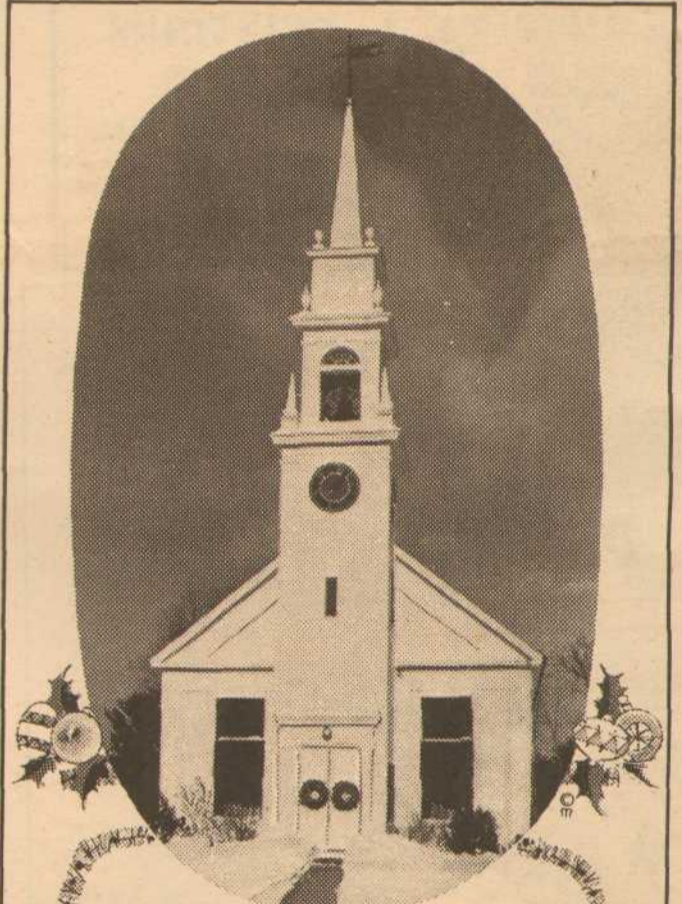
A Treasury of Christmas Wishes

May your holiday be full of glimmer... and brimming with precious memories.

Sincere "thanks" to everyone.

From Mary & Hilda at

'MOD 'N LAVENDER'



In the Spirit of Christmas

Happiness. Joy. Peace.

That's the spirit of Christmas.

It warms the heart. It

brings young and old together.

And it brings to mind just

how much we value your support.

From All Your Good Friends At

SALT SPRING LANDS LTD.

Christians Celebrate Holy Day With Prayer and Thanksgiving

For those who celebrate Christmas as a holy day, the holiday is greeted with rejoicing, with prayer and thanksgiving, in church and private devotions.

The word "greeting" has a special significance here, for herald angels singing to shepherds in the fields and a star shining in the heavens truly brought greetings—according to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, "good news of great joy which will come to all people."

Long before the December 25 birthdate of Christ was celebrated in devotions, it had marked a season set aside for another kind of greeting. In Northern Europe, Teutonic tribes of pagan times greeted the rebirth of the sun, of the winter solstice.

Earliest celebrations of Christmas combined some of the ancient pagan traditions. By association with Christian beliefs, old customs of greeting the sun became symbolic of a recognition—a greeting of faith, hope and life eternal.

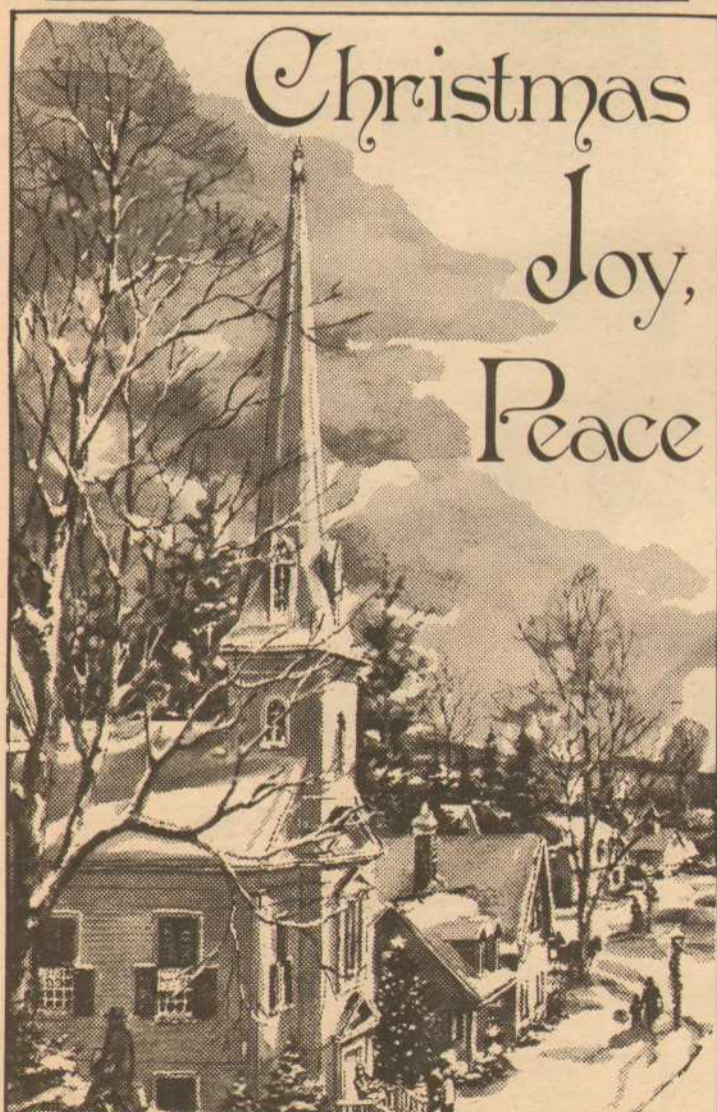


Merry Christmas

'Tis the season to be jolly, and here's wishing all our neighbours and friends - A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bill, Doris & George de Long

FERNWOOD STORE



Christmas Joy, Peace

To all men of good will... to all our good friends... we send greetings for a happy holiday. We appreciate your loyal patronage.

Helen & Alex Shelby at

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It's Green Up Time



Nature Takes a Wintry Bough to Show the Life Yet to Come

IN COLDER CLIMES, the December days are gray; evening comes early and dawn is late. Nature appears to have come to a standstill. It is no wonder that green is a color of Christmas—a symbol of eternal life amid the desolation of winter, a promise of life to come.

Tertullian, a Christian convert and ecclesiastical writer of Carthage in the second century, advised: "Let those who have no Light burn their lamps daily. Let those who face the fire of hell affix laurels to their corner-posts. You are a light of the world, a tree ever green."

But the laurels with other greens were soon accepted decorations in home and church. Although most of the greens of winter have their roots in pagan festivals, their use was really more natural than pagan. With the coming of Christianity, they fitted naturally into the celebration of the Feast of the Lord's Nativity.



LAUREL (BAY)

TRIUMPH is symbolized by laurel and is applied to Jesus for his victory over sin and death. This is not mountain laurel that grows extensively in the United States and which has leaves sometimes poisonous, but rather a plant close to the aromatic bay family.

Used in Britain for Christmas decoration, laurel did not come to America with other English customs. It was rather Irish immigrants who brought the plant for use, mainly for the Advent wreath.



ROSEMARY

"THERE'S rosemary, that's for remembrance," says Ophelia in Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Strangely enough, this low shrub of the mint family has almost been forgotten as a Christmas decoration.

Legend has it that Mary spread Jesus' garments over a rosemary patch to dry while on the trip to Egypt, and since then, the shrub has had its pleasing fragrance. Prose and poetry mentioned rosemary from 1300 to the mid-1800s, and that is usually where it now spends the holidays — in literature.



MISTLETOE

THE DRUIDS held mistletoe to be sacred in Britain, believing it had healing powers, made poisons harmless, and brought great blessings and good luck. Enemies who passed the parasite were believed to be compelled to lay down their arms and keep a day-long truce. As such a token of good will, mistletoe evolved

into a symbol of true love. Watch those kisses.



HOLLY

OF ALL greens, holly fits most easily into the Christmas festival with its white flowers to represent Mary's purity, red berries for Jesus' blood, and thorns for the crown to come.

Holly is believed to bring good luck to men, and is called the "he" of greenery.



IVY

THE OPPOSITE of holly is the ivy, badge of the wine god, Bacchus. Holly represents the home; ivy the inn. It is also the symbol of human weakness clinging to

Divine strength. Ivy is also considered to bring luck to women.



POINSETTIA

THE STAR of Bethlehem is seen in the flowers of the poinsettia, brought from Mexico to South Carolina by Dr. Joel Poinsett, U.S. ambassador to Mexico in the mid-1800s. The plant flourished and has become an American contribution to the greens of the holiday.

Mexicans believe that a young boy, going to Mass on Christmas Eve, cried because he had no gift for the Lord. At the church, he touched a shrub and it sprang into blossom. He then had the poinsettia, the most magnificent gift of all to offer.



Merry Christmas

Hoping your season's dreams come true, and your holiday is filled with joy, peace, love.

H.L. REYNOLDS TRUCKING



Merry Christmas

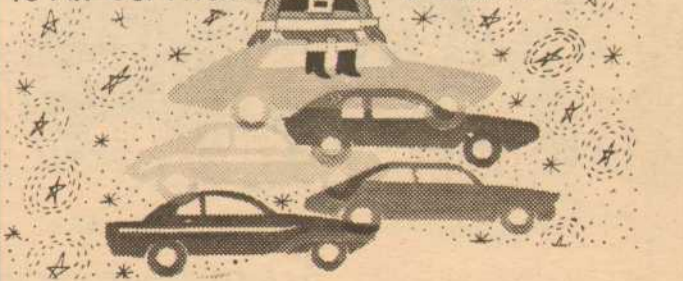
To All Our Friends & Customers

We're wishing that you'll enjoy warmth and peace at your hearthside this Christmas.

FLEXCRETE INDUSTRIES LTD.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All Our Friends & Customers



and "Merry Motoring" this holiday season.

MARCOTTE'S GARAGE

Time For Words

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HORIZONTAL

- 1—Christmastide.
- 5—The little boy's went "rum-a-tum-tum."
- 9—Small child's seasonal christmas gift.
- 13—Epic poetry.
- 14—American politician.
- 15—perdue.
- 16—Good Saint Nicholas.
- 18—To eye.
- 19—A continued story.
- 20—Often tired on Christmas morning.
- 22—Danish land divisions.
- 23—Kind of Boy Scout badge.
- 24—Teacake.
- 27—TV under the Christmas tree?
- 30—Found in a closet.
- 32—Sister of Ares.
- 33—Son of Bani (Ezra 10:34)
- 34—Poker stake.
- 35—Voided escutcheons.
- 37—Roman 156.
- 38—Stadium cheer.
- 39—Girl's nickname.
- 40—Ancient ruined city.

- 42—Imploring.
- 44—Bride's path.
- 45—Drift.
- 46—To clip (Scot.)
- 48—Paining dully.
- 50—Anchors —!
- 53—Girl's name.
- 54—Reindeer Rudolph was noted for his.
- 58—Legal wrong.
- 59—Constellation.
- 60—Facial expression on Christmas morn.
- 61—Actor Robert.
- 62—Scream.
- 63—Yellow and Coral.

VERTICAL

- 1—An affirmative.
- 2—Javanese tree.
- 3—Solitary.
- 4—Alienate.
- 5—Christmas gifts for happy little sisters.
- 6—Warua (sing.)
- 7—Eskimo knife.
- 8—Hypnotist.
- 9—Nova —.
- 10—Tree blowouts before the big New Year's celebration.
- 11—Perry's creator.
- 12—Rein animal.
- 14—A tax.
- 17—Name in evangelism.
- 21—Table scraps.
- 23—English philosopher.
- 24—Keen.
- 25—Suez, for one.
- 26—"— day of Christmas . . ."
- 27—Son of Eber (Gen. 10:25)
- 28—Even.
- 29—Girl's name.
- 31—Tom Sawyer, for one.
- 36—Fruit peel.
- 37—Mistletoe hangs from a great many of them.
- 39—Paradise.
- 41—Hauled.
- 43—Awn.
- 46—"Joy to the World."
- 47—British social reformer.
- 48—Canadian province (abbr.)
- 49—How to play it.
- 51—Mr. Vidal.
- 52—Chinese dynasty.
- 55—Wrath.
- 56—Manager Hodges.
- 57—Printer's measures.

Answer to Puzzle on Page Eight

By Any Name, Santa Always Pleases Children, Guards Fortunes of Many Adults, Too

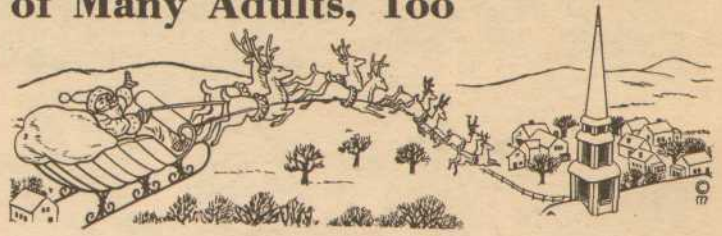
When what's-his-name arrives in town, everyone is glad to see him. Who's that again? Oh, Santa Claus, of course. Or he could be—depending on where he is—St. Nick, Pere Noel, Father Christmas, St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle.

Washington Irving called him Father Knickerbocker. To Russians, he's Grandfather Frost.

This magical man of many names not only brings gifts, he also has a lot of special gifts and powers, according to the lore of Christmas.

Santa inherits his powers from St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Consequently, he's said to be gifted at guarding the fortunes of children, merchants and sailors. He takes a special interest in helping single girls find husbands, and the earliest pawnbrokers called him their patron.



We are very happy to wish all our friends in the community
GOD JUL! GODT NYTT AAR!
MERRY CHRISTMAS - HAPPY NEW YEAR
 Mr & Mrs Satermo **PARK DRIVE GUEST HOUSE**

How to Keep Yule Plants

Yes, those cherished holiday plants can keep on growing into next year.

As a tropical plant, poinsettias like plenty of water and warmth—70 to 80 degrees. Be sure to keep these plants in a warm place at night.

Though they blaze with fiery-red-colored balls, Jerusalem cherries are rather cool natured. For them, the temperature should be held at 60 to 65 degrees. Avoid over-watering.

WARM CHRISTMAS WISHES

To All Our Customers & Friends

SHEFFIELD RADIO - TV



We're wrapping it up!
 Our holiday greeting that is, with A-1 hopes of a season filled with happiness and warmth to all our friends, and our gratitude to patrons we've served.

S.S.ISLAND GARAGE LTD.



Greetings

We're dashing off to wish one and all a joy-filled holiday.

GULF ISLAND WINDOW CLEANERS



warm wishes

FOR A

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Daphne & Art Topping
 Bev Sage & Liz Sneyd
 Carolyn & Norman Mouat & the girls -
 Brenda, Barbara, Susan, Karen and Kathy

YOUR IMPERIAL  AGENT



MODEL N-DAY CAROLERS (above), are photographed singing at the Tower of London, along with the famous Beef-eaters; photo, by the British Travel Association.

Holiday Is Favorite Theme for Writers

Whenever the talk turns to Christmas books and stories, somebody's sure to mention Charles Dickens.

His "Christmas Carol," published in 1843, is synonymous with holiday conviviality, and its underlying theme stresses the spiritual truths and blessings of the Nativity.

"God bless us, every one," cried Tiny Tim Cratchit, and the cry still echoes.

While Dickens may be a word for Christmas, many another author has written of this religious festival and merry feast.

Among the best known examples may be scenes from children's literature.

Louisa May Alcott's "Little

Women," published 1868, may seem old-fashioned in some ways, but girls today still rejoice in the story of Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy.

These fictional heroines come to life for their readers, and never more so than in the Christmas-season story that opens the book, when the March family gave up a festive breakfast for a poor family.

While they breakfasted on bread and milk, the girls felt they truly feasted, for they knew the joy of sharing.



Yule Lives In Legend And Lore

Twinkling on trees, glowing from windows, glittering everywhere, Christmas lights reflect, today, the candles of an earlier time.

A candle in the window can light the Christ Child on his way, says Irish legend.

Nativity scenes in homes and churches depict the animals of the Manger—and on Christmas Eve, the cattle, the sheep and all the animals present at the Nativity are given the gift of speech.

Blossoming on the holiday scene, greens and flowers spread their beauty and fragrance, reminding all of the living wonder of Christmas.

In legend, all flowers bloom at midnight on Christmas Eve, just as they did more than 2,000 years ago.

The legend and lore of Christmas expresses the simple faith that lies at the heart of this happy, holy time.

Some of the most delightful of legends are told in carols.

From France comes the "Carol of the Birds." Its words recount how the birds flew to Bethlehem to behold the Christ Child. Each bird, as it flew, sang a special song of praise and rejoicing.

There's a "Carol of the Flowers," too. Summoned to

the presence of the newborn King, every flower blossomed, and each blossom was a symbol of the Little One's virtues.

Seafaring peoples, in their own way, related nature's

wonders to the miracle of the Nativity, through carols.

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing" tells of ships crossing the sea on Christmas morn, bearing Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Merry Christmas to All

Serving up a tray of cheer and happiness to you and yours. We appreciate your patronage. Thanks.

The Management and Staff at Harbour House

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Our very best holiday wishes to you and your family in this gay and festive season!

John Taylor—ELECTRICIAN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Coming your way ... the nicest Christmas ever.

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Merry Christmas

We're wishing that you'll enjoy warmth and peace at your hearthside this Christmas. It's our way of saying thank you for a truly fine relationship.

From Phil, Yvette & Staff At

VALCOURT BUILDING SUPPLIES

Gulf Islands Driftwood

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SANTA CLAUS!

CHRISTMAS SHIP PASSES 21st. BIRTHDAY

Santa Claus was late on Saturday night at Ganges. But only a few children had a watch.

Parents were impatient and square dancers longing to use the same Mahon Hall were long-suffering.

Santa Claus, his pirates and the children were delighted to meet and happy to come together after so long a wait.

Some of the young receptionists had been in the hall for more than three hours.

They were greeted, listened to and presented with a present and candy. They were asking for nothing more.

It was a chapter of errors. There had been confusion over his time of arrival. One report had said 5 pm and another announced six o'clock. Official time of arrival was 7.30 and actual time of arrival was 9 pm.

Ship had been held up an hour or so earlier waiting to rendezvous with the Victoria Santa Ship.

Saturday was a special occasion for the Bellingham ship. It was the 21st birthday.

To mark the birthday television crews were aboard a sister ship and took shots of the progress through the Canadian and United States Islands

There was an unusually large contingent of adults after it

be aboard. He never got closer than New York.

Television personality ab (Turn to Page Twenty-four)



had been rumoured that Walter Cronkite was planning to



Who runs when a pirate shows up? Not these fellows, for sure.

FIRST MOVE TOWARDS CHANGE

Request for the withdrawal of the Outer Islands Zoning By-law has been made by Director-elect J. M. Campbell, of Saturna.

Elected on December 11 and declared elected on December 14, Mr. Campbell was already in communication with the board when it met on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

His letter asked for the withdrawal of the present zoning by-law and a direction to the staff that changes to the by-law be drafted.

At the presentation of the by-law to a public hearing last month Mr. Campbell criticized specific aspects of the proposed by-law and asked for its withdrawal for reconsideration. The by-law was finally ad-

opted within a short period of the hearing and he expressed regret that it should be adopted with such alacrity.

The regional board approved a resolution to offer Campbell any needed assistance until January 19, when the directors will meet again.

Director Joan Purchase, whose seat on the board was won by Campbell with a majority of five votes, expressed opposition to the resolution, but it was passed over her objections.

Miss Purchase expressed satisfaction with the present by-law.

KILLER

Killer whale was in Fulford Harbour to get warm last week.

Capt. Les Mollet reported that he saw the lone killer whale in the harbour.

HOLD UP BY-LAW HE ASKS

Director-elect J.M. Campbell has called on Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Campbell to refrain from signing the Outer Islands zoning by-law.

"I have just won election to the Capital Regional Board on some very specific issues," wrote Campbell to Campbell.

"In view of the outcome of the election and my stand on the by-law, it would seem in appropriate for the by-law to be proceeded with in its present form," the minister was told.

ALL VOTES ARE IN COUNT

Percentages don't add up, complained John Bennett, when the first election results appeared. Like many islanders, he added the yeas and the nays in the various referendum votes and calculated the percentage.

Election official at the Capital Regional District, Bob Grivel explained.

The total ballots cast included spoils and rejects. If a voter goes to the polls, his vote is included in the total even if he spoils it by marking two crosses or some other irregularity.

To get the percentage of the vote favoring a referendum, the total yes votes and the total no votes are added to the rejected ballots and then the percentage of affirmative votes is calculated.

A money referendum must gain a 60% majority in order to pass.

Dad appears just as eager as this boy who is earnestly listening to Santa Claus in the Mahon Hall on Saturday. Everybody is listening. It's Santa's birthday.

PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

For British Columbians, this past Centennial Year has been a most exciting one. The 100th Anniversary of our joining the Confederation of Canada

HAD THAT CHIMNEY SWEPT?

Get that chimney swept, urges Salt Spring Island Fire Chief Dave Smith.

Fire Chief Smith reported three chimney fires in a row last week. Fires are higher as the mercury falls lower, he warned.

"Now is the time to get the chimney swept!"

HOW COME NO PAPER?

Nothing to read for three weeks? How come?

DRIFTWOOD is going to the dogs these days, but the publishers aren't. For three weeks the staff... or most of it... will be in England. "O to be in England, now December's here!" No poet ever said it or thought it. It is the only time of the year that we can get away and get away with it and a man might as well freeze to death in London as Ganges.

We shall see whether England has changed in the past 15 years and have a quick look round before coming back to work for another 15 years read for another quick holiday somewhere.

Teachers' Pay Hike of 7.6 %

— AWARD IS MADE

Teachers of the Gulf Islands will enjoy a pay increase amounting to 7.6% next year.

Award was made by the arbitration board in Victoria last week.

Teachers had asked for over 8% and the school board had asked for an increase not exceeding the provincial government's figure of 6.5%.

The province has already warned school districts that it will not share in the cost of wages increases beyond the pegged 6.5%. The remaining cost must be borne entirely by the community.

Average salary paid to island teachers is now \$1,100, stated Trustee George Heinekey on Friday.

He expressed concern that the provincial government refuses to share in any increase beyond 6.5%, yet its own legislation requires districts to meet demands beyond this figure.

Mr. Heinekey was particularly critical of the isolation pay enjoyed by island teachers. Every island teacher is paid an isolation pay of \$75 per year.

Top paid teachers in the area will be paid better than the head of the RCMP in British Columbia.

has been marked by great accomplishments. We have also been privileged to have visitors from many different countries, who have assisted us in our celebrations.

Now we are enjoying the year's happiest and most blessed celebration of all -- the festival of Christmas.

The magic of this Season strengthens family ties and renews old friendships, and as we exchange warm personal remembrances, let us reflect on our many blessings. We have much for which to be thankful in this great Province of ours, so let us give thanks, and may peace and good will prevail among all peoples the world over.

My family and I wish each and everyone a happy Christmas and a joyous and healthful New Year.

NO CHARGE FOR 'WORK WANTED'

There will be no charge in future for classified advertisements in DRIFTWOOD seeking employment.

These advertisements will be inserted free of charge in order to encourage more people to find work.

Classified advertisements in other categories will be inserted at the usual charge.

Job-seekers with a certificate from the provincial government should indicate this when looking for work.

BENS' LUCKY DOLLAR CLOSED

SAT - DEC. 25
SUND. - DEC. 26
MOND. - DEC. 27
SAT - JAN. 1st

WEDDING IN NORTH VANCOUVER



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. Kyler on the way to their reception at Canyon Gardens, after their early December wedding at St. Agnes Anglican Church, North Vancouver. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kyler, Ganges and his bride is the former Christina Anne MacLeod, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. MacLeod, North Vancouver.

GOAT GIVES
One of Santa's most unusual stand-ins is the "Jul-Bock," a goat, once the Danish gift-giver.

They spent a honeymoon at Harrison and are now residing in North Vancouver.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - Vancouver gas lamps went into operation for the first time, November 26, 1887.

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.


Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and feeling.

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON



To All Our Friends

Jack & Jean Silvey



Warm Wishes at Christmas

Our greetings... heartfelt happiness all through the season.

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GREETINGS

Christmas is a warm holiday when families share in festive preparations... here's hoping yours is happiest ever.



Jim Merston and All The Staff
At

Bank of Montreal
Ganges Branch



To Our Old Friends & Our New Friends
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
&
MERRY NEW YEAR
Sincerely, Nels and Beth
**Nels Degnen
BULLDOZING**



Warm Christmas Wishes from the Management and Staff of the



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Nellie and Frank

to be frank



By Richards

Man with a typewriter should never write by hand. When DRIFTWOOD store was ordering pens it fell upon my shoulders to send the order for imprinted pens. We now have a gross of pens all neatly marked "DRIFTWOOD Pens". Take a pen and write a letter!

The other night I had a beautiful dream: the school district had bought a new school bus and the high school students were back to a Christian schedule of instruction and I could lie in until 7.30 some mornings.

I'm getting a guilty conscience. Two weeks ago it was Safe Driving Week and I can't remember whether I safe drove that week.

In Ganges Post Office a waste paper box is clearly labelled "Waste Paper Only". It was clearly marked because so ma-

ny people were dumping mail in with the garbage. I get mail like that every day and I'm all for the garbage-mail-waste-paper-box.

Salt Spring Island has the lowest rate in the country for level-crossing accidents.

I'm going to be a teacher. It's getting close to the point where I can't afford not to be one!

A charming Salt Spring Islander came home from a brief holiday in Vancouver annoyed at having been able to find no gloves of the color and size she was looking for, while on the mainland. First shopping trip to Ganges, she found the very article which was missing from every large store in the mainland city.

Returning to a familiar place brings back memories, some of them fond and others.

In 1948 I sailed from Southampton on the de Grasse, a ship that should have been left on the bottom of the Harbour. A British Customs official was taking all documents relating to British residence, including ration books and other rubbish. A woman in front of us was carrying a small child and leading two others. She was obviously setting out to meet her husband. The Customs official was the type of man who should never have been allowed to meet the public. He spoke to no one civilly. When the documentation was concluded, he threw the woman's papers on the table in front of her. When she asked for them to be placed in her already full hand he replied, "There they are... pick 'em up!" British government officials will always be identified by utter discourtesy in my mind. I hope they've changed!

READY FOR YULE
"Christmas tree" is the actual name of a plant that grows in New Zealand.

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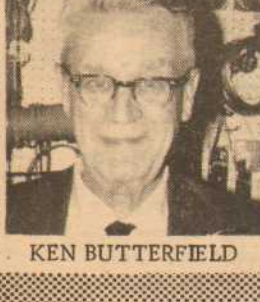
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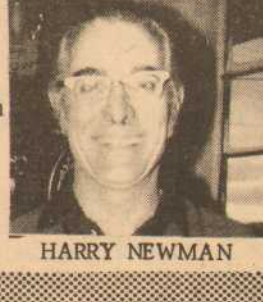
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COULD WE SOME TIME?

Christmas comes alive, asserts a repetitive advertiser on television. We wondered where it had gone but it's not everyone who realizes that Christmas had, in fact, died.

It's such a long time between Christmases, you don't really have time to notice what they do with it between Decembers.

One school of thought assumed that it was neatly tucked away in some church like a Cardinal's vestments, to be brought out at the appropriate time.

Many had expected to find it in the stockrooms of the larger stores, though it was surprising to realize that it had died there.

But most listeners are delighted to learn that it has come to life again. It's a long time between Christmases and apart from holidays and the odd thing there wouldn't be much room for it all the time and besides, the tree could catch fire if you had it there all the time.

But most people feel it shouldn't be left to die like that. There should be some place it could go in the summer so we'd know it was still going on even if we didn't have time to look at it much.

But everyone knew it had to come really.

When you look around you. With a new war in India and an old war in Viet Nam and a new bit of an old war in the Middle East. All these things remind you that Christmas has been dead, after all.

And look at Ireland. In church one minute and and throwing bombs the next! Christmas decoration all round the church and blood all round the homes. That's christianity? That's Christmas?

They might as well put it back until next Christmas. Then it'll be nice and clean when we take it out. And we can carry on hating and fighting again. Or could we keep it out...and keep it up?

Letters to the Editor

GRATEFUL

Editor, Driftwood,
Just a note for your paper "A big thank you" to our son Henry and all his brothers and sister, Mary Isabelle (Wilson) for the lovely 35th wedding anniversary party they gave us at The Galiano Lodge, Dec. 4th. Thank you kids!

Over 100 guests, not including my eight grandchildren; there were friends we hadn't seen in years.

Also a big thank you to the owner of the Lodge for use of it. Hope to see you all New Year's Eve Galiano Lodge Party.

A big thank you for all the lovely gifts we received, thank you one and each of you all.

There certainly can't be no grass can grow under our road

NOCTURNE

Before I go to sleep at night
I fill my mind with lovely words,
And in my dreams I hear them still
Like rippling songs of happy birds.

-Mary Garland Coleman.

foreman's feet; he was out there soon after snow started to fall two shifts going, sanding and salting our roads.

As I look out my window this morning I see ice on Whalers Bay. It must have been real cold last night; at midnight it was 26 degrees when I looked before I went to bed.

-Bridie Head,
P. O. Box 21, Galiano.
Dec. 9, 1971.

LIBERALS NAME THEIR DELEGATES

Federal Liberal Association recently elected delegates to the national consultative council of the Liberal Party.

The delegates are Michael Coleman (as president), Anton Krutz of Parksville, Dr. Joe Boulding, Doug Greer, and Stuart Wright, all of Nanaimo. Doug Stewart of Duncan, and Lady Marjorie MacKenzie of Cobble Hill.

The consultative council was established by the Liberal Policy Convention of 1970.

CHANGING FACES AT TABLE

Whole picture of the Capital Regional District has changed.

Chairman of the board is Hugh Curtis, Mayor of Saanich. Radioman Curtis fought the election with radio-hotliner Bud Mesher and won.

Mayor Courtney Haddock, of Victoria, will relinquish his seat to Mayor-elect Peter Pollen (not "Peter Pollen Ford").

Warm friend of the Gulf Islands, possibly because he is closest of all mayors, is North Saanich Mayor J. B. Cumming. His seat has been taken by a former Alderman Trevor Davis. These changed faces will take their places at the board table in January to consider with Director-elect Jim Campbell, of the Outer Islands, the planning needs of the islands.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus is coming
He's coming down the road.
And he looks very happy
With a very heavy load.

Now why would he be so happy
On a cold day like this.
Cause there's a special day
coming,
And it's called Christmas.

So have a Merry Christmas,
And through all the future
years,
So people will be joyful,
And have many Christmas
cheers.
Merry Christmas,
-Terry Blandford.

CENTENNIAL MEMO - David Thompson, the great mapmaker of the west, died a pauper in Montreal in 1857.



Church Services

ANGLICAN

Dec. 24	St. George	Ganges	Midnight Communion	11:30 pm
Dec. 25	St. Mary	Fulford	Holy Communion	10:00 am
" "	St. Mark	Central	" "	11:00 am
Dec. 26	St. Mark	Central	" "	8:30 am
" "	St. Mary	Fulford	Matins with Carols	11:00 am
" "	St. George	Ganges	Carols & Readings	2:30 pm
" "	St. Mary			
" "	Magdalene	Mayne	Evensong	2:30 pm
Dec. 26	St. Margaret	Galiano	Holy Communion	11:15 am
Jan. 2	St. Mary	Fulford	Holy Communion	9:00 am
" "	St. Mark	Central	" "	11:00 am
Jan. 2	St. Margaret	Galiano	Evensong	7:30 pm
Jan. 6	St. George	Ganges	" "	10:30 am
Jan. 9	St. Nicholas	Vesuvius	" "	9:00 am
" "	St. George	Ganges	" "	11:00 am
" "	St. Mary	Fulford	Evensong	2:30 pm
" "	St. Mary			
" "	Magdalene	Mayne	Evensong	2:30 pm
Jan. 16	St. George	Ganges	Holy Communion	8:30 am
" "	St. Mark	Central	Morning Prayer	11:00 am
" "	St. Mary	Fulford	Evensong	2:30 pm

UNITED

Rev. Fred Anderson, Box 461, Ganges, 537-2439				
Dec. 24		Ganges	Christmas Eve for families	7:00 pm
Dec. 26		"	Worship Service (Child care provided)	11:00 am
" "		Bufoyone	Worship Service	2:30 pm
Jan. 2		Ganges	Communion Service (Child care provided)	11:00 am
Jan. 9		"	Worship Service (Child care provided)	11:00 am
Jan. 16		"	Worship Service (Child care provided)	11:00 am

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Dec. 24	Our Lady of Grace,	Ganges	Carols	11:30 pm
" "	" "	" "	Midnight Mass	12:00 pm
Dec. 25	" "	" "	Christmas Mass	9:00 am
" "	St. Paul's	Fulford	" "	11:00 am
Dec. 26	Our Lady of Grace,	Ganges	Holy Mass	9:00 am
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COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHAPEL

Rev. M. V. Gilpin Box 276, 537-5330				
Dec. 26		Ganges	Christmas Service	7:30 pm
Jan. 2		"	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
" "		"	Evening Service	7:30 pm
Jan. 9		"	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
" "		"	Evening Service	7:30 pm
Jan. 16		"	Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	10:30 am
" "		"	Evening Service	7:30 pm



Greetings

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

**Goodie &
Isabel**

BEES GET BUSY
On Christmas Eve, bees
hum holiday carols and melo-
dies, says legend.

SATURNA ISLAND FIRE TRUCK



Photo by J. B. MacDonald

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM ?

Where do islanders all come from? The voters list prepared for the December 11 elections gives some indication.

The statistics also show the relationship between the resident property owners and absent owners of land on the islands.

Of the land on Salt Spring Island, 50% is owned by residents. There are 19% of the land owners living in metropolitan Vancouver and 10% in metropolitan Victoria.

Four per cent live in the Uni-

ted States and 17% are in other areas.

Figures for the Outer Islands are vastly different.

Resident property owners on the Outer Islands account for 15% of property. There 52% of the total domiciled in metropolitan Vancouver and seven per cent in Victoria area. United States holds a slightly higher proportion, with five per cent and 21% are scattered in other communities.

Statistics from the December 11 election indicated that less than 10% of voters on the Outer Islands attended the polls. This could be nearer 70% in view of the fact that 85% of eligible voters are away and gone.

CHILDREN

Children's faces are to me
Brighter than a blossoming tree
Sweeter far than birds in spring
Children's voices when they
sing.
Stars nor flowers can make me
glad
Like a laughing lass or lad.
Though I love all nature sends
Children are my closer friends.
-Mary Garland Coleman.

Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

A French story of the 13th century relates how a huge tree was discovered in a forest, its branches lit with candles.

Some branches rose straight up, while others were turned down. Atop the tree was a child, with a halo around his head.

The story explains that the tree is mankind. Its candles represent people good or bad, and the child is the Christ Child.



Season's Greetings

TO ALL OUR
NEW FRIENDS
on
Salt Spring Island

Frank & Jean
Cunningham

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GREEN IS SAD

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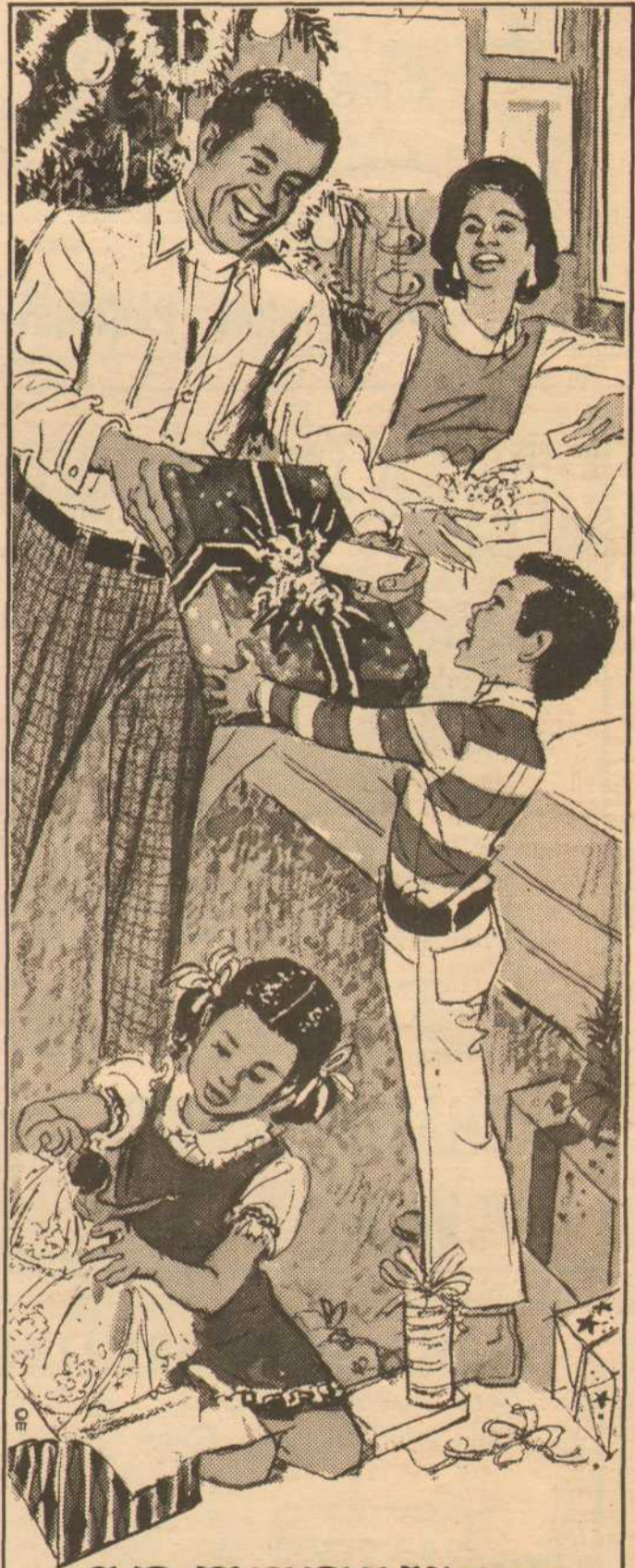
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GREETINGS

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FIRST ISSUE OF 1972 WILL APPEAR JANUARY 20

DRIFTWOOD staff will be off on a holiday from Christmas until mid-January.

BY BEA HAMILTON
One never knows just how exciting a Christmas tree can be until it is placed out on a front verandah or patio and I think

a little bird did that, and it happened like this...
The lights were in place and the star looked lovely, so to encourage the tree to imbibe

the tree lights, the fun was growing a-pace. The smaller birds bomb-dived at the towhees when they were feeding at the table and then made for



our tree last Christmas was the wildest on Salt Spring Island. To start off with, the tree wasn't very big and it had grown beautifully to about five feet then branched off in wild confusion with one extra long branch pointing in the general direction of South Pender Island as if calling attention to George Pearson's CARE Christmas Tree with its hundreds of lights. My tree was clearly a delinquent, a drop out, and from the start, a sort of Scrooge character and its pine needles fairly bristled with sounds like "humbug!" (Must have been listening in to Alf Howell at rehearsal). Anyway, my tree was going to be a Christmas tree whether it liked it or not. Humbug indeed! We wrestled, the tree and I; it had a long bare top, like an Annie Laurie neck, then some irregular branches, plus the one mentioned. This proved to be too thin and weak to hold the star at the top so amidst shudders and protests from the tree, I bent the skinny thing double and jammed on the star while its straggly branches thrashed about me in defiance. We stood the tree up (and don't take that literally). Tied to the verandah post, the tree immediately listed to port; straightened it, gave another hitch to the rope and turned back a minute - sure enough, there it was leaning to starboard. It leaned to the four corners of the earth, then it decided to stand as straight as it could - which was a poor try at best. That tree never did lose its rakish standing. That lighted star was always favoring another angle and it was a matter of constant adjustment. "I'll make it get into the spirit of Christmas yet," I told myself. You just can't have a tree that doesn't believe in Christmas. But I never did manage to teach it anything -

some of the Christmas feeling, I left the lights on late. Suddenly, out of the dark, a small lost bird flew across the verandah and went into the arms of the tree, nestling against its small trunk. This must have got to the heart of the tree for it seemed to stiffen up and lifted its sagging branches, the star flowed more brightly and well, it looked as if the old "humbug" idea had vanished!

Snow fell that night and mounds formed on the branches until they looked like miniature domes of a Cathedral. And you know, that tree must have sent out invitations to every little bird in this vicinity! They came, the juncos, the towhees and the song sparrows, as well as passing strangers and a few finches. The juncos were numerous and they flitted through the tree, finding shelter under the heavily laden boughs and finding a perch usually just over a colored light, red seemingly their preference.

"There never was such a friendly tree," the juncos seemed to chirp, in their sweet little voices, and these birds should know for they can be found in every country (cold countries, even Siberia) and they like the cool climates. No wonder they are called snow-birds. The junco has a pretty little song but it is better in the chorus line than doing solo. In fact, the junco boys can almost rival our Salt Spring Island Barbershop Quartette when they get together. They have one thing in common despite size, they are all good, each in their own degree. But out there in the frost and snow lit up in vivid color by

the protection of the tree, scaring themselves silly by the flutter made. It was a real game and at times the party was wild. The larger towhee was the only bird to act like a domestic hen; it scratches for its food, using one foot after the other and is so vigorous that food (seeds and crumbs) fly all over the verandah and the opportunity is not lost on the smaller birds who catch the food on the fly. So despite various scraps amongst birds, they were quite helpful to each other without knowing it. Or did they? The spirit of Christmas, you know!

Now the little Christmas tree that had started out so hopelessly, flowed with life and color. And when the little song sparrow burst into song out of sheer joy, the tree quivered with delight.

That little song sparrow is a wonder; he bathes in the coldest, stormiest weather and thoroughly enjoys soaking in the water. He sings at the most extraordinary times, say, three o'clock in the morning. There is nothing like waking and hearing this lovely little song

(Turn to Page Fifteen)

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Department of Education recently indicated major changes in program requirements for graduation from secondary school. The information has just been made available to the schools and will only affect next year's grade 11 class. Later in the year, when students are planning next year's courses, parents will be invited to the school to have all of the changes explained in detail. In this way the parents can work with their children in planning their programs for grades 11 and 12.

During winter months transport of pupils can be very difficult. In many cases very little time is available to inform parents of bus children that there has been a bus breakdown or that snowy conditions will prevent the bus from travelling. To help overcome this problem lists have been compiled with names and telephone numbers of all the pupils riding each bus. Obviously, everyone on the list must co-operate if this method of informing people is to be effective.

Parents are reminded that on days buses don't run, school is still in session. Whenever schools are to be closed, parents will be informed by an announcement over Victoria radio stations CJVI and CKDA.

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CHRISTMAS BIRDS

(From Page Fourteen)

ringing out, usually in the spring, but even in winter, many a time this bird has been heard. It seems the sparrow just has to sing out his praise and joy of living or burst. An intelligent bird (mostly they vary). I had a little pet female song sparrow that used to come into my room to see what I was doing and she stayed here several years, winter and summer. One night, just before dusk, I heard her tapping urgently on my window where I was busy typing. I knew she must be hungry as birds try to get to bed before dark and there wasn't much daylight left. I hurried some food out and sure enough, the quail had been along and cleaned up the table. Little Tweet (my bird) was so tame she started feeding at the far end of the two foot table as I placed the food. Then after rapidly stuffing herself, she took off for the cedar tree at the back and so got safely to her perch before dark. Every little and big bird knows that a full crop keeps the system warm overnight and never mind how cold, so long as they are well fed, they won't freeze to death.

So if a bird comes tapping at your window, feed her, but you knew that anyway.

And with every light on our tree this year, we send out the message of Peace, Good will towards men (how come women were not mentioned?) and a very Merry Christmas to all!



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In this century, hymns and carols of the Nativity have been composed by Peter Warlock ("Bethlehem Down") and Gustav Holst ("Mid-Winter")—among others.

Often, hymns and carols have been set to the music of classic composers.

One example is, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," by Nahum Tate. Music for this came from Handel's opera, "Siroe," as adapted by Richard Storrs Willis.

NOVEMBER HEAVILY OVERCAST

November was already looking ahead to the winter and the mercury fell to a low of 31 deg on the fifth. Highest temperature of the month was recorded on the 21st, when it was 52 deg.

Figures are those compiled by the Dominion Weather Observer at Ganges, H.J. Carlin. November this year saw a greater overcast than usual, although rainfall was average. It was overcast on 21 days during the month, says Mr. Carlin.

Precipitation amounted to 5.38 ins. Maximum mean temperature was 47.1 and minimum mean was 39.7 deg.

Following compilations show the weather for the same month in previous years: 1970: high, 66, low, 24; precipitation 5.71 including five inches of snow; 1969, high, 53; low, 30; precipitation, 1.95 ins., far below average; 1968, high, 59; low 31; precipitation, 6.55 ins.

BEDTIME BATH

Every parent knows the bliss Of evening metamorphosis - From grubby imp with-tousted head, To little angel in the bed.
-Grace A. Wright



Religious Cards Take Lead In Popularity

"Sorry, we don't have any more Christmas cards, only some religious ones."

These words, supposedly spoken by a saleswoman to a last-minute shopper for greeting cards a good many years ago, wouldn't be meaningful now.

During recent Yule seasons, greetings with a religious message have led the way in popularity. The wryly-humorous idea that anyone looking for cards wants some that show only the convivial side of Christmas was never very funny, and now it definitely isn't true.

Early cards pictured dancers and skaters, holly and mistletoe, robins and other birds, beautiful women and charming children and flowers by the score.

Such themes still appear, but they take second place to religious messages—especially, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

UNDER THE PALM

Some say the traditional Christmas tree was once a palm with 12 parts, each part representing one of the 12 apostles.

WITNESSES TO VICTORIA FOR CONVENTION

David Andrist, presiding minister of the Salt Spring Is. and congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, reports that 13 residents travelled to Victoria for the Victoria visit of District Supervisor, D. G. Clegg. They were part of the 1,542 persons in attendance.

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With knife and Fork Through the Gulf Islands

BY GEORGE LIDLIFTER

There's a shop on Granville Street in Vancouver, slap in the madding crowd, that sells half a dozen types of home-cured bacon. There's Ayrshire and Wiltshire and a string of

others, smoked and plain, cut from the back, side or double loin; the latter with twin wings which practically enable it to fly into the frying pan.

Walking into that shop is like stepping back 50 years in time. Further out in the suburbs, the

mid-forties, I was suddenly afflicted with big city malaise: it's a syndrome the mental health crowd are beginning to recognize in cooped-up apartment dwellers. If you're attacked by it, the prescription usually calls for a whiff of the

ent from wielding the mop on the axminster. Within an hour or so we got the hang of it and set off on the first leg.

The weather was appalling. It was the early part of summer and the twisted gnome in the weather office still hadn't

thinnish chap who was wearing shiny black boots with smooth soles and turned out to be a Salvation Army Captain called "Boomer".

The boots were fine for beating the drum on tarmac,

BRINGING HOME THE BACON

supermarkets tart up their adulterated muck in cellophane, but here the real articles dangle from hooks along the iron rail-whole hams, naked and unshamed. Apart from farmhouses, there can't be more than a dozen such shops left in the whole English-speaking world.

Every time I pass by this one I get a nostalgic twinge, during which the rich dark-orange coloured skins of the nearest two hams dissolve into the likenesses of two men we encountered by a lake in Northern British Columbia, 75 miles from nowhere. For the rest of my life these two gentlemen will forever be associated in my mind with slabs of bacon.

It happened half a dozen years ago when, in my spry

wide open spaces.

If you head North from Vancouver for about 550 miles, you get to a wilderness area surrounding a rectangle of lakes known as Bowron Lake Park. Here you can paddle a canoe in a roughly 90-mile circuit of some of the finest scenery in the world. If you know how, that is.

At the time we were smitten by the idea, we didn't. However, a quick trip to the library turned up a book on canoeing. By arranging the chesterfield cushions in the middle of the floor and using a mop handle, I found I could go through a reasonable facsimile of the recommended motions.

Having thus graduated as a canoeist on the axminster, I qualified the Lady Elizabeth and two of the children in short order. The hand that stirs the batter is a natural for the J-stroke. We were then ready to start.

At this point, the Austrian half threw up his hands and said he'd have nothing further to do with such displays of masochism. If the English half persisted in this middle-aged lunacy, he'd have to go along, but he reserved the right to complain. Whereupon he lapsed into Viennese sulks.

At first I'd planned on going alone, with two rented canoes. However, by this time we had heard some horrific stories involving grizzly bears, waterfalls and rapids, so we tagged onto a party of Youth Hostellers led by a youth who claimed to have experience. This turned out to mean that he'd once sat in a folding boat on the Rhine, but he was a pleasant chap.

The Lady Elizabeth handled the provisioning like a teller in a blood bank. As a former nurse, she was used to metered injections. Everything was worked out in terms of calories per head per day. To save weight, all the food was freeze-dried, our utensils of aluminum.

This was a consideration as there were a number of tricky portages, of which the first proved to be the worst - a slog of seven miles of forest trail, in which the mud was at points so deep that our son, aged nine got stuck up to his knees and it took three of us to pull him out against the suction of his boots.

Carrying a 50-pound pack over that lot, and then doubling back lightly for the canoe, tends to take the stuffing out of you.

When we got the canoes into the water, it wasn't too differ-

made up his mind which way to jump. It rained a great deal. In the intervals the mosquitos were bothersome. Excuse me, the Austrian half has just interrupted to say he's not prepared to tolerate these ridiculous understatement; the brutes were, after all, also feeding on his pastry-fed flesh.

He wishes it to be known that the mosquitos weren't bothersome, they were so big that they needed a tricycle undercarriage to support their bloodsucking equipment as they landed. This they did frequently. And they simply loved the guaranteed mosquito repellent we sprayed over our exposed limbs. They kept coming back for seconds, usually with meat attached and a swig from the nearest artery to wash it down. However, don't get the wrong idea; it was an experience I wouldn't have missed for worlds.

There were seven youths in the party, the Lady Elizabeth, myself and two small boys. Also my daughter Janet who, at the age of 13, already showed promise of outdoing both Machiavelli and Lucretia Borgia.

One of the youths was overweight, and still puffed furiously at cigarettes cupped between his hands, though his headmaster was some 600 miles away. He also claimed to see wolves behind every tree.

At the outset, the Lady Elizabeth made a firm statement. As the only women in the party she said, her future role in this venture was pretty clear. She was going to be stuck with the cooking, and she wasn't having any. We'd all take our turn. Was that clear? It was, and we all heartily agreed. She then did the cooking.

Which brings us to the bacon. About halfway round the circuit, pooped but exhilarated, we were camping at the head of the Caribou River, whose white water descent had brought a couple of Americans to grief the week before. They hadn't exactly drowned, but would have found gills useful. Under the circumstances, we thought we'd better have a good night's rest before tackling it.

We were crouched over a smouldering campfire when two apparitions stumbled into camp. At least one did; the other was being piggy-backed. It transpired that they'd lost their way higher up the trail.

The subsequent doubling backwards and forwards had taken its toll, especially of the

but not much use in the bush. (Turn to Page Twenty-three)

Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
To All Our Relatives -
Friends & Neighbours
Evelyn, & Ronnie Lee
Fulford

A VERY
Merry Christmas
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
to our relatives &
friends on Salt Spring
Maggie Lee &
Hudson Lee

Wishing all our friends and neighbors
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
& **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
George and Hazel Truefitt

Merry Christmas
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
Betty Drummond

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
To All My Friends & Neighbors
MRS. ALICE BENNETT

Winnie & Charlie Watmaugh
Wish all their friends on Salt Spring Island.
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A VERY
Happy Christmas
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
ON SALT SPRING
Doug and Bessie Dane

Merry Christmas
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Margaret Weston

To All Our Relations On Salt Spring Island,
Our Warmest Greetings For Christmas and
Best Wishes For A Happy 1972
Ken & Clair Butterfield

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FOR A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON
to all those who have helped us -- "Inasmuch as you have
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On behalf of many helpless children we extend our thanks!
Gertrude Adams: Alice Thompson

Merry
Christmas
to You and Yours
Tommy and Irma Douglas

Season's Greetings
TO OUR
MANY FRIENDS
(and sincerest thanks for the
many kind letters and cards)
Dora & Phil Sawford

To All Our Friends
On Salt Spring &
Mayne Island
WE SEND A HEARTY
SEASON'S GREETING
The Bartles

Merry
Christmas
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
Rita, Ken, Lorraine &
Loretta Dods

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CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY
NEW YEAR
To all our Friends
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& GWEN

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BUCKLEY
Wish all their
friends
a
Merry
Christmas

MERRY
Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Liz, Jon, Stephanie
Sneyd



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OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Nanaimo B.C. 12th Aug 1884

Dear Brother Mercer
 It has been a source of gratification to find you allied with our people in your settlement, in the conflict for the suppression of the liquor traffic. It is necessary for me to return the Quarterly report for correction you will observe that your first total is 26 - the second total should be deducted from the first and the number remaining will be your actual

came membership forms printed in Cleveland, Ohio, by W. Morgan and Co., lithographers, with the ornate artwork characteristic of the period. There are notices of dues to the Grand Lodge and copies of minutes and notes.

The records are very much part of the history of Salt Spring Island.

To ALL Our Many Friends & Relatives on the Island
 A VERY 
Merry Christmas
 and a
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 Laurie and Isabella Mout

Dear Friends on Salt Spring Island
 Thank you for the Christmas cards & letters received -
 As Tiny Tim observed
 God Bless Us Everyone!
 Beatrice Saunders 

They Were Good Templars Those Days

They were Good Templars in those days. And they were good days when the Good Templars Lodge was founded on



HOLIDAY GREETINGS
 to all my Friends & Neighbours including the Doctors & Staff of Lady Minto Hospital
 With All Good Wishes
 Margaret Westcott


Christmas Greetings
 and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
 To All Our Friends & Neighbors
 Johnny & Ellen Bennett

Wishing Friends and Neighbors
 A VERY **Merry Christmas**
 and **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
 MRS. W.A. REED

To my Relatives & All my Friends I wish them all
SEASON'S GREETINGS
 MRS. A. JAMESKI

Salt Spring Island. That was in 1886 and there are no charter members around to recall it. But there is the son of a charter member to look back on the early times of the island. W. M. Mout is the son of the Thomas Mout who was the charter treasurer of the lodge.

Hope of Salt Spring No. 7 was the island group of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

On February 1, 1886, a meeting was called in the school house at the Central Settlement for the purpose of organizing a Lodge of Good Templars.

Charter members were Adeline Anderson, Thomas Baker, J. P. Booth, Elizabeth Booth, Anna Broadwell, Mary Broadwell, Joel Bradwell, Daniel Fredison, Armstead Buckner, Ernest Harrison, John Harrison, William Harrison, Joe Malcolm T. W. Mout, Jane Mout, John Vidler, Arthur Walter and Henry Robinson.

Other members appeared later.

The minute book is maintained in flourishing handwriting and records the normal transactions of a community association.

Costs were not high in today's terms. The approval of the lodge was required for payment of bills of 75¢ and as high as \$1.25.

There is also record of dispute among the membership and regular changes of officers. Two years went by without incident. Members were initiated and members withdrew.

The death blow to Good Templars on Salt Spring Island was struck in 1888.

On September 1, 1888 a notice of motion was announced: "In view of the want of harmony displayed at several meetings of this lodge displacing the fraternal feeling that should prevail I move that the lodge be dissolved and its charter surrendered to the proper authorities." Signing the resolution was Arthur Walter.

Acting Chief Templar Arthur Walter opened the Lodge on September 11, 1888 and presented his motion. It was accepted by a two-thirds majority and the charter was duly surrendered.

Minutes book was found among his possessions many years later by W. M. Mout. He has the records of the temperance association as well as a number of odd papers.

With the collection of mementoes of a forgotten Lodge

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM TOMMY DOUGLAS


Christmas is a time for joy and fellowship. It is the season of the year when we gather with our loved ones around the festive board, decorate the Christmas tree and watch our children eagerly opening their presents from Santa Claus. Most of all, it is an occasion for remembering old friends and past associations - forgetting our differences and recalling only the good times we have had together.

In a broader sense Christmas reminds us of the Babe of Bethlehem and the Star of Hope that shone to lead men to a better way of life. In a world troubled by war and rumours of war we seem a long way from the promised era of "Peace on earth and goodwill among men". But at this Yuletide season we are challenged once again to make that dream come true.

The essence of Christmas is our faith that a finer world is coming to birth and our conviction that in spite of all "man's inhumanity to man", mankind is groping toward the light. Two hundred years ago a Scottish poet expressed this faith in simple terms -

"It's coming yet for a' that
 That man to man the world
 o'er
 Shall brother be for a'that."

Season's Greetings
 To All My Friends -
 Mrs Bill Evans 

We would like to extend to all our good friends on Salt Spring -
BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
 and good health and prosperity for the New Year
 Norman and Gwen Hind-Smith and Family 


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

 **WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS**
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 Wilf & Mona Warren

Dear Friends and Neighbours
SEASON'S GREETINGS
 & **BEST WISHES FOR A NEW YEAR** -
 to brag about and happily remember
 Jim and Annie Spencer 

 **BEST WISHES FOR A**
Merry Christmas
 & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 Les and Mary Mollet & Mrs. A.J. Mollet

TO ALL MY FRIENDS ON SALT SPRING ISLAND
Merry Christmas
 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
 Mary Corbett

 **SANDY McLEOD, EDNA and TED AIRD**
 Extend To All Their Friends
WARMEST GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS
 AND HAPPINESS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
 To All Our
 Relatives, Friends & Neighbours
 From The Knights - Ron & Kaye 

New Lion's Club At Mayne

Newly formed Mayne Island Lions Club gained its charter on Saturday night, Dec. 11 when District Governor Al Smith made the formal presentation.

The new island service club gathered at Mayne Island Inn for the ceremony.

Visitors from various district Lions Clubs took part, with a heavy attendance from Salt Spring Island. The Salt Spring Lions Club acted as sponsors of the new group.

Heading the Lions on Mayne is Fred Greenslade. His fellow officers are first vice-president Gordon Ducklow; second vice-president, Jerry Metcalf; secretary, Dick Pugh; treasurer, Bob Sauerberg; directors, Bill Ferguson and Harry Lane; Lion Tamer, Ken Halvorson; tail twister, Ron Mitchell.

Taking part in the formalities from Salt Spring Island were Zone Chairman Tom Portlock and a former zone chairman, Hart Bradley.

The new service club has over 30 members.

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MR & MRS TOM HEAD CELEBRATE

35th Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday night Dec. 4, their five children gave Mr. and Mrs. Tom Head a party at Galiano Lodge to mark their 35th wedding anniversary.

George and Henry and the only girl, Mary (Mrs. Pat Wilson) are on Galiano. Son Charlie and wife Sylvia came from Mayne Island, and son Tom, and wife and family, came from Nanaimo.

A gigantic cake was cut by the happy couple.

There were more than 100 people there, some staying just a short while, but most of them staying on to listen to the many

musicians who brought guitars, dulcetone, 12-string guitar, and accordions, and the many who sang throughout the evening for the enjoyment of all.

The couple were married in Chemainus and following a short honeymoon, came to live on Galiano, the place of Mrs. Head's birth. They have lived on Galiano ever since, except for just a few years in Sidney.

Mrs. Head is a member of the Georgeson family of which there are six generations on the islands. Four were represented that night, Archie Georgeson, Mrs. Head, Mrs. Head's daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Pat Wilson and little Janice Wilson, eldest of six of the Pat Wilson family.

Mr. Head is the only surviving member of his family, who came to Galiano from England to the Canadian prairies and

thence to Galiano. He is a veteran of the First World War and although he usually keeps in good health, has lately been suffering from a heavy bout of 'flu.

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Merry Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
To All Our Friends & Customers
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NORTH GALIANO

SATURNA

BY PAPAJOHN

Yesterday's threatened snow storm did not materialize, the election is over but Louisa Gal Money and Grammarie, as returning officers, wish that the furnace repair men had picked another day as our Hall is not a very cozy place without heat.

Our Candlelight Dinner will be on Tuesday December 21. Tickets have been on sale until Friday Dec. 17. Seein' as the Ladies are cooking this turkey dinner it will as always be very special and you won't need to bring your soda bicarb to this meal!

This is going to sound a wee bit Irish but here goes. At 4.30 or the afternoon of Christmas Eve there will be a Christmas Carol Service in our kirk. I would like to ask all my fellow islanders to come out to this joyous service and by so doing show our Island Padre that we appreciate his work here and at the same time spend a pleasant half hour bellowing out our traditional Christmas songs.

Jim Money may be the only person who owned a pig that chased cars. This fellow was the last of the barbecue piglets and in the last few weeks would get out and when it saw a car coming would uncurl its tail and give chase. It was amusing to everyone but Louisa Gal and fey Francis Vollbrecht who had to get him back in the pig yard.

Every villain meets his doom some day and the old loading ramp on our wharf that had a penchant for car mufflers was at last dismantled last week. One good thing about the old muffler wrecker it worked whether the power was on or off which is something our new wharf can't do.

The sad news this week has a slightly humorous side to it. Granma Devina Vincent has the mumps. Delightful Devina is more disgusted than mad. Jingly Janice Crooks has the measles and she is disgusted, those red spots are more itchy than decorative. Our good neighbor Ferge Blane has to stay off his feet for a few weeks and that is something Ferge is going to have a hard time doing. It would be worse, Ferge if you couldn't bend your elbow.

Now that the elections are over it might be time to say that anyone who has the courage to run for an elective office and put their personal viewpoints up for a harsh inspection by the public, win or lose, is entitled to a vote of respect from everyone.

A last reminder. Most of the people on Saturna are NOT sending Christmas cards to fellow islanders but are putting a donation in an envelope for their favorite charity and there is a receptacle in the Post Office for this purpose. Jaunty Jean Morgan, our postmistress, has set up a table and made it very convenient to everyone.

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ELEPHANTS AND SMOG IN MOUNTAINS OF INDIA

Agra, India, Dec. 3, 1971.
Dear friends on S.S.I.,

The days get fuller and fuller with such interesting things to do and see that it is hard to make time even to send a post card.

I last wrote to you from Kabul - From there we had a most interesting drive through the Kabul Gorge. Then we were three hours at the boarder crossing into Pakistan. We enjoyed the wait sampling curried rice made by some nomads.

It was getting dark as we went through the Khybar Pass. The road was crowded with gaily painted trucks which passed us by inches on the winding mountain road. We just had an overnight stop at Peshawar, then went on to Lahore.

We stayed at Falette's Hotel a relic from the British. Very civilized, with pre-war English puddings! Everything was closed for two days. We couldn't even get breakfast until 9.20 am because all the staff had gone to the Mosque.

We were rewarded though because the crowds were all in their bright colored holiday clothes.

We visited the old Fort built by Akbar the Great, then the Shalimar gardens.

I don't know how Paul our young driver got our huge bus through the crowds of motor rickshaws, bicycles, and everything.

Our next stop was Amritsar in India where we went through the Sikh Temple.

It was beautiful and of all the mosques and churches I have seen I felt this had the most religious atmosphere. I hope the new temple the Sikhs are building in New Westminster will be as lovely.

Now we had to pack warm clothing into our overnight bags to go up into Kashmir.

Our suitcases were left behind at Amritsar to have less weight on the bus. The main roads each side of the border are closed as they are being used by the military, so it was quite difficult to find the way and we had to go a long way round to get into Indian Kashmir.

We had an exciting time climbing to Batote and the next day it was a bit too exciting. Our bus was really much too long for the bridges - often we only had 1/2" to spare. There were large signs up "weak bridge ahead" and we had to go over it. Once we all got out and walked over to make the bus lighter.

I had been here during the war and was looking forward to seeing the big peaks and I knew there would be no flowers or leaves on the trees but I didn't expect smog!

Six of us had a dear little houseboat with four servants to look after us. I have never been so spoiled and organized in my life. We were told when to get up, when to eat, what to do, etc. It was highly amusing though.

With great difficulty I managed to contact P.K. Bhattacharjee's brother at Gulmerg where he is the station officer of the High Altitude Research Lab.

There are no direct phones to Gulmerg. He did get my message and then had great difficulty finding my houseboat. They had supper with us and then invited four of us to go back with them to Gulmerg. Unfortunately we had a flat and the jack wouldn't work, so they stayed the night on our house boat and we all went up to lunch next day. It was lovely getting above the smog and seeing the glorious snowy mountains.

Although it was very cold at night it was lovely during the day. We would take a shikari and float over Dol Lake to some beautiful old gardens for a picnic lunch. It is a bit like Venice where people live and travel by water.

To have a little longer some of us flew out to new Delhi. In a way we were rather glad to get out of the bottleneck of Kashmir because of the very

tense political situation. We had a lovely view of the big peaks from the air.

We were soon peeling off our clothes as it was gloriously hot in Delhi. The next day we had a tour of the city.

In the evening some went to a dance recital by Sonal Man Singh. If ever she comes to Vancouver you must go and see her - she is quite perfect.

NOW IN NEPAL
DORIS ANDERSON
WRITES OF WAR
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The following night we saw Son and Lumiere at the Red Fort which was very well done.

After Delhi we drove through the state of Rajasthan. We saw wild peacocks, monkeys, vultures, and camels. We stopped to take photos of buffaloes working on an irrigation set up and also of a colorful line of women working on the roads. All roads are made by hand to help employment.

We had a lunch stop at Aluber where we rode elephants up to the old palace. We went over the palace and saw the mosaics and inlaid mirrorwork and latticed galleries carved out of marble; then on our elephants again and back to our bus.

Our hotel at Jaipen had been a palace. It had a lovely garden with green parrots flying about the trees. Jaipen is an interesting old city with another old palace to visit.

On the road once more, this time we had our picnic lunch at Fatehpur Sibie built in the 16th century by Akbar the Great. We saw the board where he conducted a game like draughts using his loveliest slave girls as the pieces.

Our hotel at Agna was the best we have stayed in with a lovely swimming pool. We went sightseeing in the morning seeing the little Taj and the Red Fort but the highlight, of course, was the lovely Taj Mahal.

I am writing this letter waiting for our bus to take us again to see it by moonlight, but the air raid sirens have just been screaming away and now the lights have all been put out. I

am writing by the light of my flashlight. I hope it is only a practice.

I will end my letter now leaving you in suspense as I did once before.

-Doris Anderson.

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By FRANK RICHARDS
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MEMORIES OF A GLUTTON ON A DIET OF SWILL

ination to eat two day's rations in one.

This enthusiasm for eating a merry Christmas continued from the family hearth right through into the forces. When the Royal Air Force took its men and equipment to France, it also took its recipes for Christmas dinner.

It was at Bethinville that I first learned of the mysteries of eating extra rations in active service. Not that there was any action.

The airfield was shivering in the zero breezes and most of the aircraft were grounded from being ill-equipped to meet with extreme temperatures. The day before Christmas I watched a fitter replace piston rings on an aircraft engine, holding the ring between his wrists because he had lost the use of his fingers carrying out the work in an unheated tent while the mercury was long below the freezing level.

The same day we had been interviewed by two French soldiers who wanted to look at the British aircraft. I translated their request to the adjutant and translated back his refusal.

It was Britain for the British as far as Bristol Blenheims were concerned.

While I explained as tactfully as I could that the permission was denied I examined with interest their armoured motor-cycle and sidecar. It was a big-twin Gnome Rhone, a name familiar to First War aviators. The sidecar weighed a ton with its protective steel and massive machine gun.

The driver was a Marechal de Logis, which appeared to be a senior N.C.O. I didn't want to ask him in case he might figure I should know without asking.

When the interview was over and we were out of earshot of the orderly room tent I expressed my admiration of their motor-cycle. They were non-committal. I suggested that it would be a magnificent gesture of cordiality if they permitted me to ride it. The Marechal explained that the French government was very strict. Their policy was France for the French. All same like the British, he pointed out. Other troops were not allowed in British aircraft and other troops were not allowed to drive French motor-cycles. It was all the same thinking.

I was not a senior officer. I explained needlessly. My hairy uniform indicated the humility of my rank. But if the French military were to permit

me to drive their motor-cycle we might find an air-craft far away from any senior officer.

Liaison between the two nations was never better. I drove away with a roar while even the adjutant came out to watch. We hared away from the headquarters area, and found a dispersed aircraft. The two soldiers learned off the intricacies of the Blenheim, contrary to the directions of London or Paris and I could return home, possibly the only AC2 to have driven a Gnome-Rhone.

While we sat on the cold ground and exchanged notes on the war and senior officers, the adjutant appeared in his Renault.

"What are you doing here?" he asked suspiciously.

"Guarding the aircraft, sir," I assured him.

That night we spent in the company of two French soldiers with long thirsts and well-versed in the principles of British aircraft.

Next day there was no work for the flights not on maintenance duty. It was that kind of war.

The cookhouse couldn't cook a turkey so the local bakery had rented out the ovens for the job.

It is a tradition in the services that the officers serve the men on Christmas day. That Christmas Day the squadron's officers did overtime.

For months we had alternated between garbage and swill. If we had garbage for two meals we had swill for the third and vice-versa. Those of us who could afford it ate our meals in the local cafe.

This dinner was edible. That was the real thing. And being edible and being seconds offered we ate plate after plate.

Turkey, potatoes, vegetables, bread, plum pudding. The whole shooting match.

Reluctantly we left the table it was agony.

I have never been so utterly stuffed. Every muscle and ev-

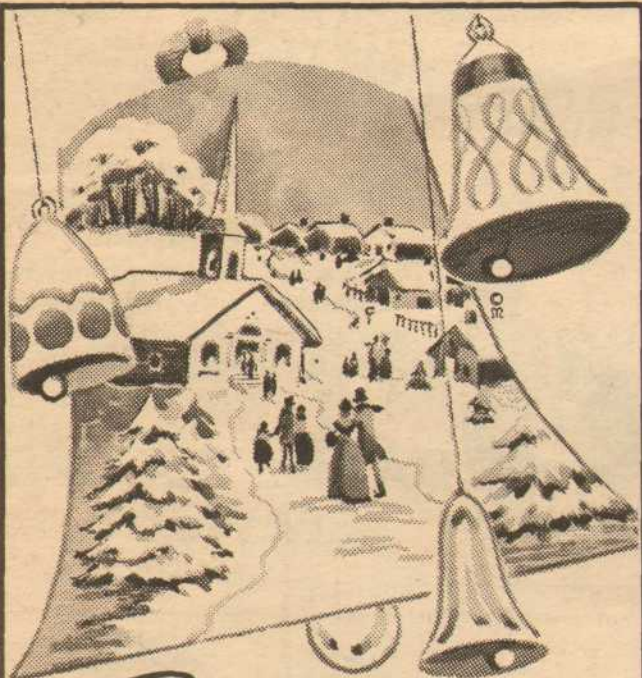
ery tendon around the belly was painfully stretched. Slowly we left the church hall which was the squadron dining hall and slowly we walked to the Cafe au Centre. We were broke and ordered the humble blanc-citron, a few ounces of wine with a mix of syrup. Slowly we drank our wine and each of us had to give in. The few ounces was the last straw. I didn't dare take another sip for fear of inflicting an injury on myself. I was full, desperately full. Full as never before or since.

Memories of Christmas? That memory will live as long as I live. I can still enjoy that pain 32 years later!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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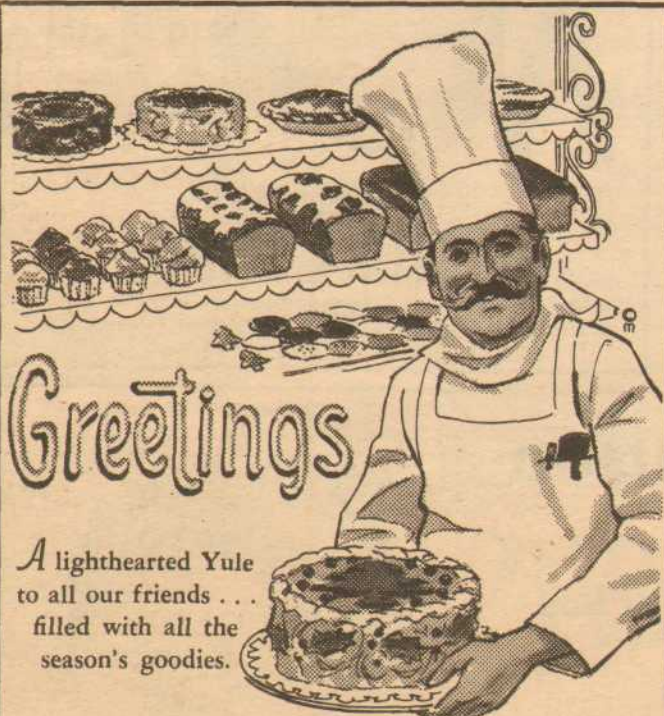
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So while we string the tinsel trimmings, place bright baubles on the tree.

May we show more care and kindness for all folk that we may see.

May all hearts be gay and happy, filled with joy and Yule tide cheer

As we extend our annual wishes - Merry Christmas! Happy New Year.

- Celia V. Reynolds.

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will be at work in B. C. Tel's system during Christmas Day, with 1,083 of them in the major toll centre in Vancouver. More than 500 other telephone people will report for duty during the day to assure that facilities are maintained.

B. C. Tel also issued a reminder to subscribers that calls to most trans-Pacific points can be booked in advance, though all circuit time for calls to Australia has now been reserved for the period from 12 noon to 1 a.m. December 25, Vancouver time.

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AUTUMN

Autumn leaves are falling. All is sad and drear. Winter is approaching. The dying of the year. My foolish heart won't listen. It sings a lilting song To celebrate the springtime. It's got the year all wrong! -Mary Garland Coleman.

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Alcoholic Quiz

Stories told in the corner of a pub... old wives' tales
swapped at a party... facts gleaned from magazine articles.
These are among the many ways to learn to rationalize
about alcohol and impairment. Over the years, each of us
builds up a little "fact file" in our mind with material gath-
ered from many such sources.

But just how many of them are true?
"Misinformation is one of the greatest problems we have
to face in our educational campaigns," says Phil Farmer,
Executive Director of the Canada Safety Council.
Just how well do your facts stand up?

Why not try this little quiz?

True False

1. In low concentrations, alcohol acts as a stimulant.
2. The skills involved in driving a motor vehicle are among the first to be affected by alcohol.
3. Eating food before drinking can delay the effects of alcohol.
4. Equal amounts of alcohol in different drinks can have different amounts of "kick".
5. Coffee will help sober an intoxicated person.
6. Persons with poor eyesight, hardening of the arteries, heart disease, diabetes and other similar illnesses are affected more by alcohol than a healthy person.
7. Exercise will help sober an intoxicated person.
8. Time in the only thing that will make an intoxicated person sober.
9. Combining alcohol and some commonly used drugs results in significantly more impairment than using either by itself.
10. A person can be arrested for being impaired even though a breathalyzer test would indicate he has not reached the legal limit. (.08)
11. Your automobile insurance is automatically invalid if you have an accident while you are incapable of proper driving because of the use of alcohol or drugs.
12. The impaired driver is one of the leading causes of fatal automobile accidents.

Answers: See page: Twenty Four

Next time you invite some people for a party, or drop in to the pub with the boys after work, keep these facts in mind.

When we're serving or buying, sometimes we tend to be a little too generous and forget that our first responsibility should be for the safety of our friends. Even as a guest, we have a responsibility not to become intoxicated to the point of embarrassing our host. And above all, each of us should keep uppermost in our minds our responsibilities as a driver.

As a social drinker you must remember that you must get yourself home safely. If you are driving you have responsibilities to yourself and others -- including any passenger in your car and others on the road. Taking these things into consideration, You ARE Your Brother's Keeper.

Greetings
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BRINGING HOME THE BACON.....George Lidlifter

(From Page Sixteen)

After some hours of attempting the skaters' waltz, his feet not unnaturally, began to hurt. That's when his pal did a Captain Oates and tried to piggy-back him into camp.

The pal was a beefy motor-cycle cop on the Vancouver Police Force called Bernie Smith, whose fund of humour had that day been sorely tried. It was quite a feat, dive-bombed by mosquitos, and clutching as well a sack of rations consisting of a huge slab of bacon and about 25 pounds of raw potatoes. It weighed a ton and must have been back-breaking to a man normally

carrying nothing weightier than a book of traffic tickets. It was, he insisted, proper trail grub. He cast a sceptical look at our freeze-dried pap. Boomer, recovering his voice, blessed the Lord for deliverance. He continued blessing everything within sight, including the mosquitos, for the rest of the trip.

This odd but charming couple pitched their tent expertly in such a way that by morning the rising river had them floating in their sleeping bags. It took four days to get them dried out. By this time they had joined our lot, and the bacon and spuds were absorbed into common stores. It was like a merger of Joe Louis with Frank Sinatra.

That, incidentally, was when I was hit by my moment of truth. There's a lot of glib talk about being over the hill or round the bend. Does one actually recognize the precise moment it happens? I did. It occurred when a youth was despatched to invite the odd couple to join our party, they quite evidently being even greener than we were. Sergeant Smith thanked the youth and said they'd be delighted to accept, subject to approval by the "senior" member of the party. I looked around and waited. Then it struck me: I was the senior member. It jolted me. Farewell lissom youth: someone out there is oiling your wheelchair.

For the rest of the trip the Lady Elizabeth coped with a situation only an Englishwoman could have taken in her stride.

At one point on Lanezi Lake, we were overtaken by a storm that whipped up 10-foot waves within a matter of minutes. We only just made it to shore where, providentially, we found an empty cabin. Fourteen of us huddled into an area about ten foot by twelve.

We slept like sardines, in various stages of undress beyond

the point of caring. During the night those around the potbelied stove were roasted, while those near the door turned indigo with cold. And, since you ask, the door was open because, closed, it made the Black Hole of Calcutta smell like Yardley's sample room.

With the dawn we untwisted our tangle of limbs, and the Lady Elizabeth made breakfast for 14 on the ten-inch surface of the stove. To the best of my recollection, it consisted of bacon, potato hash, toast, oatmeal, powdered milk, sardines, jam, rye crisp and coffee strong enough to pickle Satan. A hundred dollars at the Waldorf couldn't have bought ten percent of the satisfaction of that meal.

Sergeant Smith, a staunch Catholic, had his own unique formula for putting down his share of the bacon on a Friday (this was before the Church relaxed its ban on meat). He threw his bacon in with the sardines, crossed himself, and said: "I hereby pronounce you fish". That got him off the hook.

The rest of the trip, says the English half, was relatively uneventful. We did, by way of diversion, lose our son temporarily when his canoe overturned - quite gracefully I thought - in the rapids, and he was swept downstream. It took us an hour to find him, breaking trail through brush on the river bank and treading gingerly over fresh grizzly bear patties. Having worn a lifejacket, he'd reached shore about half a mile down river. I gave him a swig of Johnny Walker, and he seemed as good as new.

That was the last time - ap-

THE LIGHT OF LOVE
I stood alone in a narrow street
Where the houses were old and crowded.
Twas winter, and the rooftops
all in snow
Were shrouded.

While standing in the desolation there
Somehow I thought, no love or beauty
Could one find in such a dismal spot.

Yet ere I turned to move away
Behold I saw a light
And in a room, a mother kissed her
Little ones good night.

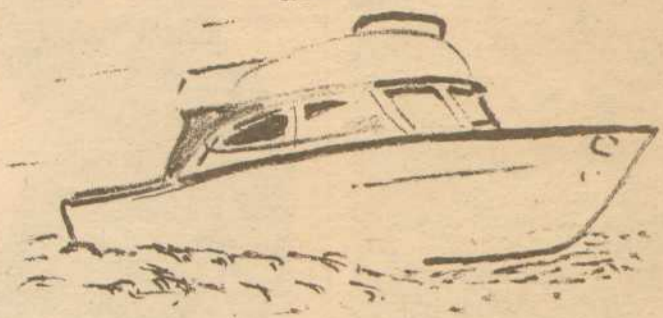
In fancy I saw a manger, in another
Narrow street
Where a mother held her baby
With Joseph at her feet.

Then all the desolation vanished
From my sight
For where there's love, there's beauty,
And always a shining light.
-Margaret Thornley.

art from a minor skirmish with Mount Rainier - that the Lady Elizabeth agreed to face the outdoors. Canada, she maintains, is a man's country. And the men can divide it per capita and keep it. Anything scrubbier than a patch of un-

mowed dandelions in Hyde Park, and she'll divorce me. And if there's one thing I've learned from life, it's this: never, never argue with the cook. At which the Austrian half came to life and said Amen.

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NEWSMEN MARK 21 YEARS

(From Page Nine)

board the tender was Charles Kuralt, but Salt Spring Islanders didn't see him. Mr. Kuralt didn't come ashore.

Santa Claus was Tripo Costello, who has posed as the children's saintly visitor each Christmas for years. Costello plays his part well and scrupulously.

Santa listens to the words of every youngster. He responds to every youngster among the islands.

Skipper of the Discovery is Capt. Don Wight. Capt. Wight was among the original project and has been associated with it, including a few years' absence, for most of the 21 years.

The Christmas Ship had been around the San Juan Islands during the day and was making its second visit on the Canadian side.

The Victoria-based Santa Ship also toured the Canadian and United States islands at the week end. Santa Ship called in at Vesuvius after completing its tour of the Gulf Islands on Sunday evening. The two ships cross each other's paths once during the week end and each year they meet at sea to exchange notes and greetings.

Each is the project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in its own community.

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Richard Toynbee of the Salt Spring Island Heart Unit checking on the selection of free heart literature displayed during the Mens Groups conference held recently in Vancouver.

ing the Heart Delegates Conference held recently in Vancouver.

On Thursday evening a fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwagly caused damage estimated at \$500. Fire started from the electric stove.

Volunteer firemen were called out to the fire.

Answer to Quiz on Page Twenty Two

1. false; 2. true; 3. true;
4. false; 5. false; 6. true;
7. false; 8. true; 9. true;
10. true; 11. true; 12. true.

FULFORD TIDE TABLES

DECEMBER 1971			JAN. 1972						
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24	0215	4.5	7	0150	5.6				
	1015	12.1		0950	11.7				
	1720	6.0		1720	5.8				
FR	2220	7.5	FR	2250	7.4				
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		1025		12.0		1010	11.5		
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SA	26	0050	8.1	9	0120	8.2			
		0355	7.7		0310	8.2			
		1050	11.8		1020	11.3			
SU	1840	3.1	SU	1830	4.2				
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